

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
First Legislative Day

The Senators-elect of the General Assembly of Georgia for the years 2017 - 2018 met pursuant to law in regular session in the Senate Chamber at 10:12 a.m. this day, and were called to order by Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle, President of the Senate.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

The President introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Johnny Hunt of Woodstock, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Robert S. Kaufmann.

The following communication from the Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State, certifying the Senators-elect in the General Election of 2016 was received and read by the Secretary:

**THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

**OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

I, Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that the attached two (2) pages constitute a true and correct list of State Senators in the General Assembly of Georgia in the 2016 General Election held on November 8, 2016; all as the same appear of file and record in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

(Seal)

/s/ Brian P. Kemp  
Secretary of State

**Seat**

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4

**Elected Official**

BEN WATSON  
LESTER JACKSON  
WILLIAM LIGON JR  
JACK HILL

District 5	CURT THOMPSON
District 6	HUNTER HILL
District 7	TYLER HARPER
District 8	ELLIS BLACK
District 9	P. K. MARTIN
District 10	EMANUEL JONES
District 11	DEAN BURKE
District 12	FREDDIE POWELL SIMS
District 13	GREG KIRK
District 14	BRUCE THOMPSON
District 15	ED HARBISON
District 16	MARTY HARBIN
District 17	RICHARD JEFFARES
District 18	JOHN F. KENNEDY
District 19	BLAKE TILLERY
District 20	LARRY WALKER
District 21	BRANDON BEACH
District 22	HAROLD V. JONES II
District 23	JESSE STONE
District 24	LEE ANDERSON
District 25	BURT JONES
District 26	DAVID LUCAS SR
District 27	MICHAEL WILLIAMS
District 28	MATT BRASS
District 29	JOSH MCKOON
District 30	MICHAEL DUGAN
District 31	BILL HEATH
District 32	JUDSON HILL
District 33	MICHAEL RHETT
District 34	VALENCIA SEAY
District 35	DONZELLA JAMES
District 36	NAN ORROCK
District 37	LINDSEY TIPPINS
District 38	HORACENA TATE
District 39	VINCENT FORT
District 40	FRAN MILLAR
District 41	STEVE HENSON
District 42	ELENA PARENT
District 43	TONYA P. ANDERSON
District 44	GAIL DAVENPORT
District 45	RENEE UNTERMAN
District 46	BILL COWSERT
District 47	FRANK GINN

District 48	DAVID SHAFER
District 49	CECIL T. BUTCH MILLER
District 50	JOHN K WILKINSON
District 51	STEVE GOOCH
District 52	CHUCK HUFSTETLER
District 53	JEFF MULLIS
District 54	CHARLIE BETHEL
District 55	GLORIA BUTLER
District 56	JOHN ALBERS

The President introduced Judge Charlie Bethel, who administered the oaths of office to all Senators-elect as confirmed by the following communication:

Court of Appeals of Georgia  
47 Trinity Avenue SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. David A. Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

I, Charles J. Bethel, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, do hereby certify by my signature below that I have this date, January 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in the Senate Chamber, Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, administered the following Oath of Office to the Senators-Elect of the Georgia State Senate for the 2017 - 2018 term:

"I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this state and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state, or due any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, of any other state, or any foreign state, which by law I am prohibited from holding; that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God."

SIGNED: Charles J. Bethel, Judge  
Court of Appeals of Georgia

DATED: January 9, 2017

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

***2017 - 2018 Committee Assignments***

***January 9, 2017***

<b><i>Senator</i></b>	<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Committee Role</i></b>
<b>Albers, John</b>	Appropriations	
	Finance	Secretary
	Public Safety	Vice-Chairman
	State and Local Governmental Operations	Chairman
<b>Anderson, Lee</b>	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Vice-Chairman
	Economic Development and Tourism	
	Public Safety	
	Science and Technology	Vice-Chairman
<b>Anderson, Tonya</b>	Public Safety	
	Retirement	Secretary
	Special Judiciary	
	Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security	
<b>Beach, Brandon</b>	Economic Development and Tourism	
	Higher Education	
	Science and Technology	
	Transportation	Chairman
<b>Black, Ellis</b>	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Secretary
	Appropriations	
	Education and Youth	
	Retirement	Chairman
<b>Brass, Matt</b>	Economic Development and Tourism	Vice-Chairman
	Education and Youth	
	Natural Resources and the Environment	
	Reapportionment and Redistricting	
	State and Local Governmental Operations	Secretary
<b>Burke, Dean</b>	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	
	Appropriations	
	Ethics	Chairman
	Health and Human Services	Vice-Chairman

**Butler, Gloria**

Ethics	Secretary
Health and Human Services	
Rules	
State and Local Governmental Operations	
Transportation	
Urban Affairs	Secretary

**Cowsert, Bill**

Appropriations	
Finance	Ex-Officio
Health and Human Services	
Judiciary	Vice-Chairman
Reapportionment and Redistricting	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	
Rules	Ex-Officio
Transportation	Ex-Officio

**Davenport, Gail**

Appropriations	
Special Judiciary	Secretary
State Institutions and Property	
Urban Affairs	
Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security	

**Dugan, Mike**

Economic Development and Tourism	Chairman
Public Safety	Secretary
Transportation	Secretary
Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security	Secretary

**Fort, Vincent**

Appropriations  
 Government Oversight  
 Interstate Cooperation  
 Judiciary  
 Reapportionment and Redistricting  
 Special Judiciary  
 Urban Affairs

**Ginn, Frank**

Appropriations	
Natural Resources and the Environment	Chairman
Regulated Industries and Utilities	Vice-Chairman
Transportation	

**Gooch, Steve**

Appropriations	Secretary
Finance	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	
Rules	Ex-Officio
Transportation	Vice-Chairman

**Harbin, Marty**

Government Oversight	Vice-Chairman
Insurance and Labor	
Natural Resources and the Environment	
Reapportionment and Redistricting	
State and Local Governmental Operations	

**Harbison, Ed**

Banking and Financial Institutions	
Ethics	
Insurance and Labor	
Interstate Cooperation	
Reapportionment and Redistricting	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	Ex-Officio
State Institutions and Property	Chairman
Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security	Vice-Chairman

**Harper, Tyler**

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	
Appropriations	
Natural Resources and the Environment	Secretary
Public Safety	Chairman
Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security	Ex-Officio

**Heath, Bill**

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	
Finance	
Government Oversight	Chairman
Natural Resources and the Environment	
Transportation	Ex-Officio

**Henson, Steve**

Health and Human Services	Ex-Officio
Natural Resources and the Environment	
Reapportionment and Redistricting	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	
Rules	
State Institutions and Property	
Urban Affairs	Vice-Chairman

**Hill, Hunter**

Appropriations	
Finance	Vice-Chairman
Judiciary	
Public Safety	Ex-Officio
Reapportionment and Redistricting	
Retirement	Ex-Officio
Rules	Ex-Officio
Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security	Chairman

**Hill, Jack**

Appropriations	Chairman
Finance	Ex-Officio
Natural Resources and the Environment	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	
Rules	Vice-Chairman

**Hill, Judson**

Appropriations
Finance
Health and Human Services
Rules

**Hufstetler, Chuck**

Appropriations	Ex-Officio
Finance	Chairman
Health and Human Services	
Higher Education	
Retirement	Vice-Chairman

**Jackson, Lester**

Finance	
Health and Human Services	
Higher Education	
Urban Affairs	Chairman

**James, Donzella**

Economic Development and Tourism	
Education and Youth	
Interstate Cooperation	Chairman
Special Judiciary	

**Jeffares, Rick**

Appropriations	
Ethics	
Natural Resources and the Environment	Vice-Chairman
Regulated Industries and Utilities	Chairman
State Institutions and Property	Secretary

**Jones II, Harold V.**

Economic Development and Tourism  
 Judiciary  
 Public Safety  
 Special Judiciary

**Jones, Burt**

Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Higher Education  
 Insurance and Labor  
 Transportation

Chairman

**Jones, Emanuel**

Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Economic Development and Tourism  
 Interstate Cooperation  
 Special Judiciary  
 Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security

Secretary  
 Secretary  
 Vice-Chairman

**Kennedy, John F.**

Appropriations  
 Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Judiciary  
 Regulated Industries and Utilities  
 Rules

Vice-Chairman  
  
 Ex-Officio

**Kirk, Greg**

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
 Health and Human Services  
 Insurance and Labor  
 Judiciary

**Ligon, Jr., William**

Appropriations  
 Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Ethics  
 Health and Human Services  
 Judiciary  
 Reapportionment and Redistricting

Chairman  
 Vice-Chairman  
  
 Vice-Chairman

**Lucas, Sr., David**

Economic Development and Tourism  
 Retirement  
 Regulated Industries and Utilities  
 Transportation  
 Urban Affairs



**Martin, P.K.**

Higher Education	Vice-Chairman
Insurance and Labor	Secretary
State and Local Governmental Operations	Vice-Chairman
Transportation	

**McKoon, Josh**

Economic Development and Tourism	
Ethics	
Insurance and Labor	
Judiciary	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	Secretary

**Millar, Fran**

Education and Youth	
Health and Human Services	Secretary
Higher Education	Chairman
Rules	Secretary

**Miller, Butch**

Appropriations  
 Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Ethics  
 Regulated Industries and Utilities  
 Rules

**Mullis, Jeff**

Appropriations	
Economic Development and Tourism	
Regulated Industries and Utilities	
Rules	Chairman

**Orrock, Nan**

Appropriations  
 Finance  
 Health and Human Services  
 Higher Education  
 Urban Affairs

**Parent, Elena**

Education and Youth	
Government Oversight	Secretary
Judiciary	
Special Judiciary	

**Rhett, Michael A.**

Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Economic Development and Tourism  
 Retirement  
 Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security

**Seay, Valencia**

Appropriations  
 Government Oversight  
 Public Safety  
 Science and Technology  
 Transportation Ex-Officio

**Shafer, David**

Appropriations  
 Banking and Financial Institutions Ex-Officio  
 Finance  
 Government Oversight Ex-Officio  
 Health and Human Services  
 Insurance and Labor Vice-Chairman  
 Reapportionment and Redistricting  
 Regulated Industries and Utilities Ex-Officio  
 Rules Ex-Officio

**Sims, Freddie Powell**

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
 Appropriations  
 Education and Youth Secretary  
 Interstate Cooperation Vice-Chairman  
 Natural Resources and the Environment

**Stone, Jesse**

Appropriations  
 Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Education and Youth  
 Ethics  
 Judiciary Chairman

**Tate, Horacena**

Appropriations  
 Education and Youth  
 Reapportionment and Redistricting Secretary  
 Rules  
 State and Local Governmental Operations  
 Urban Affairs

**Thompson, Bruce**

Banking and Financial Institutions  
 Finance  
 Higher Education  
 Science and Technology  
 Chairman

**Thompson, Curt**

Appropriations  
 Ethics  
 Judiciary  
 Rules  
 Special Judiciary  
 Chairman

**Tillery, Blake**

Economic Development and Tourism  
 Higher Education  
 Judiciary  
 State Institutions and Property  
 Secretary  
 Secretary  
 Vice-Chairman

**Tippins, Lindsey**

Appropriations  
 Education and Youth  
 Natural Resources and the Environment  
 Transportation  
 Chairman

**Unterman, Renee**

Appropriations  
 Finance  
 Health and Human Services  
 Insurance and Labor  
 Regulated Industries and Utilities  
 Rules  
 Vice-Chairman  
 Ex-Officio  
 Chairman  
 Ex-Officio

**Walker, Larry**

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
 Health and Human Services  
 Insurance and Labor  
 Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security

**Watson, Ben**

Appropriations  
 Ethics  
 Health and Human Services  
 Reapportionment and Redistricting  
 Transportation  
 Chairman

**Wilkinson, John**

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Chairman
Appropriations	
Education and Youth	Vice-Chairman
Natural Resources and the Environment	
Rules	Ex-Officio

**Williams, Michael**

Appropriations	
Banking and Financial Institutions	Secretary
Ethics	
Finance	
Public Safety	

The following communications from His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, were received by the Secretary:

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2016

The Honorable David Ralston  
Speaker of the Georgia House  
of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Speaker Ralston:

I have vetoed House Bill 757 which passed the General Assembly during the 2016 Regular Session.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit this bill to you together with the reason for such veto. HB 757 and corresponding reason for the veto is attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

**2016 Session of the Georgia General Assembly****General Legislation - Veto Message****Veto Number 1**

The decision surrounding H.B. 757 has generated more intense feelings than most legislation, perhaps because it has highlighted the concerns of many in our religious communities regarding the actions of federal courts, especially the United States Supreme Court in its 5-4 opinion last summer which legalized same sex marriage. (*Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2584, 192 L. Ed. 2d 609 (2015)).

H.B. 757 enumerates certain actions that religious leaders, faith based organizations and people of faith shall not be required to take or perform. These include solemnizing a marriage, attending such marriages, hiring church personnel or renting church property when such acts would be contrary to their sincerely held religious beliefs. While most people would agree that government should not force such actions, there has not been a single instance of such taking place in Georgia. If there has been any case of this type in our state it has not been called to my attention. The examples being cited by the proponents of this bill have occurred in other states that have very different laws than Georgia.

One example that is used is the photographer in New Mexico who refused to photograph a same sex marriage (*Elane Photography, LLC v. Willock*, 2013-NMSC-040, 309 P.3d 53). That state has a Religious Freedom Restoration Act, but it was not applicable. It was the New Mexico Human Rights Act that determined the results in that case. Georgia does not have a Human Rights Act.

The second case that is cited is that of the bakery in Colorado that refused to bake a wedding cake for a same sex couple. There the court ruling was based on Colorado's Public Accommodation Act which prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation (*Craig v. Masterpiece Cakeshop, Inc.*, 2015 COA 115). Georgia does not have a Public Accommodation Act.

Therefore, as I have examined the protections this bill seeks to provide to religious organizations and people of faith I can find no examples that any of the things this bill seeks to protect us against have ever occurred in Georgia. It is also apparent that the cases being cited from other states occurred because those states had passed statutes that specifically protected their citizens from adverse actions based on their sexual orientation. Georgia has no such statutes.

H.B. 757 appeared in several forms during the recent session of the Georgia General Assembly. I had no objection to the "Pastor Protection Act" that was passed by the House of Representatives. The other versions of the bill, however, contained language

that could give rise to state sanctioned discrimination. I did have problems with that and made my concerns known as did many other individuals and organizations, including some within the faith based community.

I appreciate the efforts of the General Assembly to address these concerns and my actions today in no way disparage their motivations on those who support this bill, their efforts to purge this bill of any possibility that it will allow or encourage discrimination illustrates how difficult it is to legislate on something that is best left to the broad protections of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

That may be why our Founding Fathers did not attempt to list in detail the circumstances that religious liberty embraced. Instead, they adopted what the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia referred to as “negative protection.” That is, rather than telling government what it can do regarding religion, they told government what it could not do, namely, “establish a religion or interfere with the free exercise thereof.” (*Employment Div., Dep’t of Human Res. of Oregon v. Smith*, 494 U.S. 872, 110 S. Ct. 1595, 108 L. Ed. 2d 876 (1990)). They had previously proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence that Man’s Creator had endowed all men “with certain unalienable rights,” including “Liberty” which embraces religious liberty. They made it clear that those liberties were given by God and not by man’s government. Therefore, it was unnecessary to enumerate in statute or constitution what those liberties included.

In light of our history, I find it ironic that today some in the religious community feel it necessary to ask government to confer upon them certain rights and protections. If indeed our religious liberty is conferred by God and not by man-made government, we should need the “hands off” admonition of the First Amendment to our Constitution. When legislative bodies attempt to do otherwise, the inclusions and omissions in their statutes can lead to discrimination, even though it may be unintentional. That is too great a risk to take.

Some of those in the religious community who support this bill have resorted to insults that question my moral convictions and my character. Some within the business community who oppose this bill have resorted to threats of withdrawing jobs from our state.

I do not respond well to insults or threats. The people of Georgia deserve a leader who will make sound judgments based on solid reasons that are not inflamed by emotion. That is what I intend to do.

As I stated before – I do not think we have to discriminate against anyone to protect the faith based community in Georgia of which I and my family are and have been a part of for all of our lives.

Our actions on H.B. 757 are not just about protecting the faith based community or providing a business friendly climate for job growth in Georgia.

This is about the character of our State and the character of its people.

Georgia is a welcoming State filled with warm, friendly and loving people. Our cities and countryside are populated with people who worship God in a myriad of ways and in very diverse settings.

Our people work side by side without regard to the color of our skin, or the religion we adhere to. We are working to make life better for our families and our communities.

That is the character of Georgia. I intend to do my part to keep it that way.

For that reason, I hereby veto H.B. 757.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

May 3, 2016

The Honorable David Ralston  
Speaker of the Georgia House  
of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Speaker Ralston:

I have vetoed House Bills 59, 216, 219, 370, 659, 726, 779, 859, 916, 959, and 1060 which passed the General Assembly during the 2016 Regular Session.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reasons for such vetoes. These bills and corresponding reason for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

May 3, 2016

The Honorable Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable David Shafer  
President Pro Tempore  
321 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle and Senator Shafer:

I have vetoed Senate Bills 243, 329, 355, and 383 which passed the General Assembly during the 2016 Regular Session.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. These bills and corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

**2016 Session of the Georgia General Assembly**

**General Legislation – Veto Messages**

**Veto Number 1**

**HB 757** House Bill 757 was vetoed on March 28, 2016. Please refer to the veto letter and message issued on that date.

**Veto Number 2**

**HB 59** House Bill 59 creates a blanket waiver of sovereign immunity, with limited exceptions, as to claims seeking a declaratory judgment or injunctive relief against the state and local governments. This sweeping waiver of sovereign immunity would allow unprecedented judicial intervention into daily management decisions entrusted to the



executive branch of government. While the concept of sovereign immunity is relatively simple on its face, it is complex in application and it is likely that HB 59 would have unforeseen ramifications that would impede government operations. While the purported purpose of HB 59 was to legislatively address a recent judicial decision, the waiver of sovereign immunity contained therein is not sufficiently limited. As I have not been persuaded of the need for this comprehensive waiver of sovereign immunity, **I VETO HB 59.**

### **Veto Number 3**

**HB 216** House Bill 216 expands the eligibility for workers' compensation benefits to firefighters diagnosed with cancer, allowing such benefits for any firefighter in Georgia if a medical expert can prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the cancer was caused from exposure to any risk factor while performing work related duties. Firefighters play an integral role in keeping Georgians safe, their unselfish everyday sacrifice does not go unnoticed by this office and they will continue to have my support. However, while the authors' intent of this bill is respected, I am concerned that codifying an exception for one occupation at this relatively low standard of proof with no time limitation on diagnosis or restriction on eligible types of cancer is a broad solution for a problem not yet abundantly demonstrated in Georgia. The Association County Commissioners of Georgia have also expressed concern that the shift in this burden of proof may potentially lead to tremendous uncertainty in projecting the future financial liability for workers' compensation. Similarly, the Georgia Municipal Association is concerned that HB 216 makes no distinction between paid and volunteer firefighters. Paid employees are automatically granted workers' compensation coverage, while cities and counties must affirmatively vote to include volunteer firefighters in their coverage. Finally, since I took office, I am unaware of any firefighter that has filed a workers' compensation claim for a cancer diagnosis. Signing this bill into law has the potential to exhaust our State Board of Workers' Compensation and our state judicial system with litigation at the expense of our cities and counties. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 216.**

### **Veto Number 4**

**HB 219** House Bill 219 would allow pools located at country clubs, subdivisions, condominiums and townhome associations, which are for 75 persons or less, to opt out of state inspections and regulations. These are pools frequented by children and families who will no longer swim with the security that the pool and grounds have been inspected by a certified public health professional for compliance with health and safety standards to the same level they are currently being evaluated today. Just as Georgians enjoy the protections provided by public health inspections of restaurants where they eat, they expect an equivalent safeguard with respect to the pools where they swim. This bill would add language to the code that further complicates an already complex law, which has the possibility of resulting in increased rates of injury and disease outbreak in patrons

of the affected pools. Therefore, in the interest of providing the necessary safety that Georgians deserve, **I VETO HB 219.**

#### **Veto Number 5**

**HB 370** House Bill 370 would waive all fines, fees, and penalties in association with the failure to file, filing late, or filing incomplete campaign contribution disclosure reports and personal financial disclosure statements by locally elected officials and candidates from January 1, 2010 – January 10, 2014. This retroactive measure amounts to amnesty for individuals who failed to follow correct procedure for the filing of these documents. Moreover, it places an undue burden on the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission for the distribution of notice, promulgation of forms, and collection of new documents for those local officials or candidates to refile if they had previously failed to file, filed late, or filed incomplete documents during the 2010- 2014 timeframe. Finally, it has the potential to allow for a refund of fines, fees, and penalties that have already been paid by violators. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 370.**

#### **Veto Number 6**

**HB 659** House Bill 659 at its core requires greater public transparency of financial information on both the local system and individual school levels. By doing so, parents, students, teachers, and members of the community will become more knowledgeable and engaged in the strategic planning process and daily operation of our state's schools. Because of this, I will include the fiscal transparency measures of House Bill 659 in my 2017 legislative agenda, in addition to the recommendations from the Education Reform Commission.

However, language in House Bill 659 also authorizes the Georgia Department of Education to conduct a pilot program wherein local school systems may spend and report federal, state, and local funds in a consolidated manner. I strongly believe that the majority of decisions should remain in the hands of those closest to our state's students, and I have made it a priority to promote this type of flexibility. But with increased flexibility, must come increased transparency. While I support the consolidated spending of funds, which is currently allowed by law, I cannot support legislation that would allow districts to not disclose how such funds are spent. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 659.**

#### **Veto Number 7**

**HB 726** House Bill 726 would have a significant impact to the taxable base for cigars, loose tobacco and smokeless tobacco. Given its impact on the upcoming budget and the limited public benefit this legislation would provide, **I VETO HB 726.**

### **Veto Number 8**

**HB 779** House Bill 779 involves the use of unmanned aircraft technology or "drones" which raises a unique concern requiring careful research. I am appreciative of the author of HB 779, the House study committee, and the Georgia Technology Research Institute for their tireless work on this matter and for realizing the impact this aircraft has on the future of our state. I also understand the importance of continuing to study the use of drones and encourage our universities and technical colleges to offer classes and instruction on this new scientific technology and I encourage state agencies to utilize drone technology where it can provide cost savings and improve safety for Georgians—all while following proper FAA regulations. However, I believe that Georgia should first allow the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to complete their efforts in creating federal rules and regulations for the use of drones. Signing this bill prior to the release of the FAA guidelines would create a layer of state regulation that may be vitiated by future FAA action and would also grow state government by creating a wholly new quasi-legislative body to produce future rules and regulations. Such layers of potentially inconsistent rules could create a climate contrary to what the business community, the science and technology community, and legislative leaders sought to create by drafting this legislation. In addition, I would urge local governments to refrain from enacting ordinances that would regulate drone activity until the FAA has acted as well. In the interim, I plan by executive order, to establish a commission to propose state-level guidelines until the new FAA regulations are released. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 779.**

### **Veto Number 9**

**HB 859** House Bill 859 seeks to amend O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1, which relates to the carrying of weapons within school safety zones. It would add an exception to the prohibition of carrying or possessing a weapon in such school zones, to “any licensed holder when he or she is in any building or on real property owned or leased to any public technical school, vocational school, college or university or other public institution of postsecondary education,” except for “buildings or property used for athletic sporting events or student housing, including, but not limited to fraternity and sorority houses...”

Some supporters of HB 859 contend that this legislation is justified under the provisions of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution which provides in part that “the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Identical words are contained in Article I, Section, I, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia. It would be incorrect to conclude, however, that certain restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms are unconstitutional.

In the 2008 case of District of Columbia v. Heller, United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, writing the opinion of the Court, reviews the history of the Second

Amendment and sets forth the most complete explanation of the Amendment ever embodied in a Supreme Court opinion. While the subject matter of HB 859 was not before the Court in the Heller case, the opinion clearly establishes that “Like most rights, the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited. From Blackstone through the 19<sup>th</sup> century cases, commentators and courts routinely explained that the right was not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose.” Justice Scalia further states that “nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on...laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings...”

Georgia, like most jurisdictions, has set forth statutory provisions defining what constitutes those “sensitive places” and has imposed specific rules relating to the presence of weapons in those places. Indeed, the Georgia Code section which HB 859 seeks to amend is called the “Georgia Firearms and Weapons Act.”

Since the right to keep and bear arms in sensitive places such as those enumerated in HB 859 is not guaranteed by the Second Amendment nor the Georgia Constitution, the inquiry should then focus on whether or not those places deserve to continue to be shielded from weapons as they are and have been for generations in our state.

Perhaps the most enlightening evidence of the historical significance of prohibiting weapons on a college campus is found in the minutes of October 4, 1824, Board of Visitors of the newly created University of Virginia. Present for that meeting were Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, along with four other members.

In that meeting of the Board of Visitors, detailed rules were set forth for the operation of the University which would open several months later. Under the rules relating to the conduct of students, it provided that “No student shall, within the precincts of the University, introduce, keep or use any spirituous or venomous liquors, keep or use weapons or arms of any kind...”

The approval of these specific prohibitions relating to “campus carry” by the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, and the principal author of the United States Constitution should not only dispel any vestige of Constitutional privilege but should illustrate that having college campuses free of weapons has great historical precedent.

That college campuses should be a “gun free zone” is a concept that has deep roots in Georgia as well. In the 2014 session of the Georgia General Assembly, HB 60 was passed and I signed it into law. That bill greatly expanded the areas where licensed gun owners could take their weapons. At that time, campus carry was considered but not adopted.

While there have been alarming incidents of criminal conduct on college campuses in which students have been victimized during the past two years, do those acts justify such a radical departure from the classification of colleges as “sensitive areas” where weapons are not allowed? The presumed justification is the need for students to provide their own self protection against such criminal conduct. However, since students who are under 21 years of age would be ineligible to avail themselves of such protection under the terms of HB 859, it is safe to assume that a significant portion of the student body would be unarmed.

As for the buildings and places referred to in this legislation, I will simply call “colleges.” In order to carry a weapon onto a college, there is no requirement that the armed individual actually be a student, only that they possess a license to carry a weapon. Since most, if not all, of our colleges are open campuses, this bill will allow any licensed gun owner to bring a concealed weapon onto the campus and neither police nor other law enforcement personnel will be allowed to even ask the individual to produce evidence of his license.

If the intent of HB 859 is to increase safety of students on college campuses, it is highly questionable that such would be the result. However, I understand the concerns of the authors of this legislation and the parents and students who want it to become law. They apparently believe that the colleges are not providing adequate security on their campuses and that civilian police are not doing so on the sidewalks, streets and parking lots students use as they go to and come from classes.

I have today issued an Executive Order directed to the Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia and the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, requesting that they submit a report to me, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House by August 1, 2016, as to the security measures that each college within their respective systems has in place. I hereby call on the leaders of the municipalities and counties in which these colleges are located, along with their law enforcement agencies to review and improve, if necessary, their security measures in areas surrounding these colleges. Since each of these municipalities and counties receive significant revenue by virtue of the location of these colleges in their jurisdictions, I believe it is appropriate that they be afforded extra protections.

Since much of the motivation for HB 859 is the commission of crimes involving the use of firearms on college campuses, I suggest to the General Assembly that it consider making the unauthorized possession and/or use of a firearm on a college campus an act that carries an increased penalty or an enhanced sentence for the underlying crime.

From the early days of our nation and state, colleges have been treated as sanctuaries of learning where firearms have not been allowed. To depart from such time honored protections should require overwhelming justification. I do not find that such justification exists. Therefore, **I VETO HB 859.**

**Veto Number 10**

**HB 916** I support efforts to focus Medicaid provider audits on incorrect payment amounts, fraud, and abuse rather than identifying routine clerical errors. This bill, however, would modify the reimbursement policies of every department, agency, board, commission, or authority of state government. This is unnecessary and may interfere with the efficient processing of payments and sound fiscal management practices. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 916.**

**Veto Number 11**

**HB 959** House Bill 959 is a comprehensive piece of legislation that, in its original form, sought to eliminate duplicative testing requirements for dually enrolled, AP, and IB students, encourage inter-agency cooperation, and clean-up other portions of Title 20, which I support. However, during the legislative process, language was added to the bill that mirrored the language found in Senate Bill 329, which I have vetoed for the reasons stated in my message for that bill. As research has demonstrated time and again, high school students with rigorous course loads are more likely to succeed in college, and considering the rich tradition of the HOPE Scholarship as a merit-based program, **I VETO HB 959.**

**Veto Number 12**

**HB 1060** House Bill 1060 is a bill that relates to the carrying and possession of firearms and other matters pertaining to firearms in general. It was presented as a housekeeping bill to clarify certain provisions that were contained in HB 60 that passed the General Assembly in 2014 and which became law upon my signature. While I do not have serious concerns about most of the bill, I do have serious concerns about the change of policy contained in Section 4 relating to the carrying of a weapon or long gun into a place of worship.

Prior to the effective date of the provisions contained in HB 60 of 2014, carrying a weapon or long gun into a place of worship was a criminal act. HB 60 added a proviso that said it would remain a criminal act “unless the governing body or authority of the place of worship permits the carrying of weapons or long guns by license holders...”

At the time HB 60 was being considered, I made it clear that I would not approve the bill if it required every house of worship to post a sign saying that weapons were not permitted. I was assured by the supporters of HB 60 that such would not be required and that only those houses of worship that affirmatively permitted weapons by the actions of its governing body or authority would be affected. In other words, unless a house of worship posted information indicating its permission to allow weapons inside, it would retain its status as an “unauthorized location” for weapons.

Section 4 of HB 1060 breaches the compromise contained in HB 60. If it were to become law, a house of worship would no longer be considered an unauthorized location for weapons, and any license holder could carry a weapon or long gun into a place of worship without penalty unless they refused to leave “upon personal notification by such place of worship that he or she is carrying a weapon or long gun in a place of worship which does not permit the carrying of a weapon or long gun.” This provision also completely reverses the process so that now it will be the places of worship that do not want weapons on their premises that must affirmatively establish such a policy, rather than the other way around.

Section 4 of HB 1060 is an encroachment on the peace and tranquility of those who attend houses of worship because they can no longer have the time-honored assurance that they are in a protected place that is free of weapons and long guns. In fact, quite the opposite would be true. Even the posting of a sign saying “No Weapons Allowed” would do no good. Therefore, only when the carrier of the weapon or long gun is personally notified that he or she is violating the policies of the place of worship will any action be taken. Surely religious leaders and their congregants would be shocked to know that weapons and long guns can be freely and legally brought into their houses of worship and that they can do nothing about it until they personally notify the armed individual that such is not permitted by the governing body of the place of worship.

This provision calls into question basic precepts about the Rule of Law. It would negate the age old principals that “everyone is presumed to know the law” and that “ignorance of the law is no excuse.” If that same approach were used in other settings, the speeding motorist could contend that he should not be guilty of speeding, although signs were posted on the roadway advising him of the limits, because no one personally notified him of those limits.

This section of HB 1060 should be especially objectionable to licensed weapon holders, since it is they who would be protected for not knowing that a place of worship did not permit weapons. It is the reputation of such licensed weapon holders as law abiding citizens who respect and adhere to the rules of society that convinced many to accept the expansive provisions of HB 60 in 2014. With this one section of HB 1060, that reputation will be severely damaged. Surely, such a respected group of citizens who go through the processes of background checks, fingerprinting and other requirements to obtain a license to carry a weapon do not want or need to be tapped on the shoulder in a place or worship and reminded that their pistol or long gun is not allowed. Those who pride themselves on being law abiding citizens do not need ignorance of the law to be an excuse for their actions. For these reasons, **I VETO HB 1060.**

**Veto Number 13**

**SB 243** Senate Bill 243 would permit full-time attorney positions in the Office of Legislative Counsel to become a member of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (GJRS). Attorneys in this office affected by this legislation currently have access to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, which serves nearly all other state employees. GJRS membership, on the other hand, is generally limited to elected or appointed judicial officials, such as Superior Court Judges, District Attorneys, State Court Judges, Solicitors-General of the State Courts and Juvenile Court Judges. Though I support the legislation's goal of improving the recruitment and retention of qualified staff, the issue is not unique to the Office of Legislative Counsel. For these reasons, **I VETO SB 243.**

**Veto Number 14**

**SB 329** Senate Bill 329 adjusts the established coursework rigor requirements of the HOPE Scholarship, and allows the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to identify strategic workforce needs for the purpose of updating technical college certificate program requirements.

Since its establishment in 1993, the HOPE Scholarship program has provided Georgia's highest achieving students the means to receive a postsecondary credential, regardless of their family's financial situation. Through HOPE, the state recognizes and rewards students based on individual merit, and merit alone. Shortly after taking office, I was given the choice between reform and the bankruptcy of the HOPE program. It was clear to me then, as it is still clear to me now, the direction our revered HOPE program should take. Not only did these reforms we put in place in 2011 place our Lottery, HOPE, and Pre-K programs back on a solid financial footing, but we also were able to reaffirm our commitment to our college completion, access and achievement goals. Research has demonstrated time and again that high school students with rigorous course loads are more likely to succeed in college. The academic rigor requirements put in place, which required our Georgia high school students to take advanced math, science, Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Dual Enrollment courses and foreign language courses, will be phased in with full implementation of four credits in each category in 2017.

What concerns me about Senate Bill 329, which would allow students who achieve their high school diploma by obtaining a technical college diploma or two technical college certificates to become eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, is that these students will likely not meet the rigor requirements put into place by our reform efforts. By not requiring such students to satisfy the same coursework rigor requirements as students on other pathways to high school graduation, we could unintentionally increase the likelihood that a group of students are unprepared for degree-level coursework, and are therefore more likely to lose the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship in the future.



Under current law, students eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Grant, including those targeted by Senate Bill 329 who achieve a high school diploma by obtaining a technical college diploma or two technical college certificates, may become eligible for the HOPE Scholarship by completing 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours with a 3.0 GPA at their postsecondary institution. This means that we are not blocking any student from achieving their highest academic potential in current law, rather, we are ensuring that each student finds success in whichever pathway they choose to follow. For these reasons, **I VETO SB 329.**

**Veto Number 15**

**SB 355** Senate Bill 355 allows federal, state and locally-mandated assessments to be optional for certain students. At present, local school districts have the flexibility to determine opt-out procedures for its students who cannot take the assessments in addition to those who choose not to take such assessments. As there is no need for state-level intervention in addition to the regulations already set in place on a local level, **I VETO SB 355.**

**Veto Number 16**

**SB 383** Senate Bill 383 would allow for an agritourism facility to receive a GDOT permit that would treat an on-premises advertising sign similar to a permitted outdoor advertising sign (e.g. a billboard). However, an on-premises sign at an agritourism facility would be exempt from a five year waiting period required for new permitted outdoor advertisements. With this legislation, an agritourism facility could have a viewing zone on GDOT right-of-way clear cut so that their sign would be viewable to passing motorists. It is concerning that this legislation is so narrowly focused on the needs of one specific industry. Moreover, I do not believe it is in the public interest to clear cut right of way for the benefit of a specific industry when property owners of those facilities could make alternative advertising decisions. For these reasons, **I VETO SB 383.**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

May 3, 2016

The Honorable Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable David Ralston  
Speaker of the Georgia House  
of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I have line-item vetoed the appropriations below and identified language to disregard for the following sections in House Bill 751:

**Vetoed:**

Section 51, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 141, line 4328; and

**Non-Binding Information Language to Disregard:**

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 51, line 1630;

Section 25, pertaining to the Employees' Retirement System, page 61, line 1948;

Section 25, pertaining to the Employees' Retirement System, page 61, line 1949;

Section 31, pertaining to the Department of Juvenile Justice, page 82, line 2648;

Section 41, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, page 107, line 3471;

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 137, line 4282;

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 137, line 4288; and

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 139, line 4309.

The messages for each item referenced are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

**HB 751 – FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

**Line-Item Vetoes by the Governor**

**Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 141, Line 4328:**

This language authorizes the appropriation of \$138,840 in debt service to finance projects and facilities for the Department of Community Affairs, specifically for the construction of a seawall on Hutchinson Island in Savannah, through the issuance of \$600,000 in five

year taxable bonds. Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph I (c) requires that general obligation debt may only be issued to “acquire, construct, develop, extend, enlarge, or improve land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment, or facilities of the state.” In this instance, the state does not have ownership of the land identified for the seawall, and thus is prohibited from using general obligation debt to finance this project. Therefore, I veto this language (page 141, line 4328) in the provisions relative to Section 50 State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of \$138,840.

#### Intent Language Considered Non-Binding

#### **Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 51, line 1630:**

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$100,000 for the National Infantry Museum by only reducing funding by \$400,000. Program funding should be used to promote tourism in accordance with the highest priorities of the state. Therefore, the Department is authorized to utilize the remaining \$100,000 in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

#### **Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 51, line 1633:**

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$100,000 for the Georgia Historical Society. Program funding should be used to promote tourism in accordance with the highest priorities of the state. Therefore, the Department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

#### **Section 25, pertaining to the Employees’ Retirement System, page 61, line 1948:**

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$455,000 to provide retirement benefits to appellate court judges upon reaching the age of 60. Legislation providing authorization for this benefit did not pass during the 2016 legislative session. Therefore, the Department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

#### **Section 25, pertaining to the Employees’ Retirement System, page 61, line 1949:**

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$50,000 to provide for an increase in the employer’s share for the Judicial Retirement System. The Department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

#### **Section 41, pertaining to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, page 107, line 3471:**

The General Assembly seeks to appropriate \$25,000 for the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia to assist in the operations of the DeKalb County

Charter Review Commission in the Teaching program. Local legislation creating the review commission did not pass during the 2016 legislative session. Therefore, the Department is authorized to operate the program in accordance with the purpose of the program and the general law powers of the Department.

**Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 137, line 4282:**

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Community Supervision to “begin moving towards a ten year replacement cycle” in the conference report that reduced the bond amounts. This language is inconsistent with the state’s purchase and use of motor vehicle policy under O.C.G.A. Section 45-12-73. The policy creates a framework for agencies to utilize to ensure the safety and insurability of the state’s motor vehicles. The policy further outlines the framework for agencies to determine the replacement schedule of motor vehicles, depending upon their use and type of vehicle. The effect of changing the framework to a 10 year cycle of replacement potentially impacts the safety and operations of the vehicles, particularly those whose recommended replacement is based primarily on mileage. Therefore, the department is authorized to continue to plan on replacement cycles consistent with the state policy and to utilize the bond appropriations for the number of vehicles available for the amount of funds appropriated.

**Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 137, line, 4288:**

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Corrections to “begin moving towards a ten year replacement cycle” in the conference report that reduced the bond amounts. This language is inconsistent with the state’s purchase and use of motor vehicle policy under O.C.G.A. Section 45-12-73. The policy creates a framework for agencies to utilize to ensure the safety and insurability of the state’s motor vehicles. The policy further outlines the framework for agencies to determine the replacement schedule of motor vehicles, depending upon their use and type of vehicle. The effect of changing the framework to a 10 year cycle of replacement potentially impacts the safety and operations of the vehicles, particularly those whose recommended replacement is based primarily on mileage. Therefore, the department is authorized to continue to plan on replacement cycles consistent with the state policy and to utilize the bond appropriations for the number of vehicles available for the amount of funds appropriated.

**Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 139, line 4309:**

The General Assembly seeks to instruct the Department of Juvenile Justice to “begin moving towards a ten year replacement cycle” in the conference report that reduced the bond amounts. This language is inconsistent with the state’s purchase and use of motor vehicle policy under O.C.G.A. Section 45-12-73. The policy creates a framework for agencies to utilize to ensure the safety and insurability of the state’s motor vehicles. The policy further outlines the framework for agencies to determine the replacement schedule

of motor vehicles, depending upon their use and type of vehicle. The effect of changing the framework to a 10 year cycle of replacement potentially impacts the safety and operations of the vehicles, particularly those whose recommended replacement is based primarily on mileage. Therefore, the department is authorized to continue to plan on replacement cycles consistent with the state policy and to utilize the bond appropriations for the number of vehicles available for the amount of funds appropriated.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

121-E State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**Committees:**

Insurance and Labor  
Reapportionment and Redistricting  
Appropriations  
Judiciary  
Judiciary Non-Civil

Senator Charlie Bethel  
District 54

November 10, 2016

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Governor of Georgia  
The State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

*via hand delivery*

Governor,

I write to inform you of my resignation from the Georgia Senate effective November 10, 2016. Owing to your gracious decision to appoint me to the Georgia Court of Appeals, I will not be able to serve the term for which I was elected on November 8, 2016. This move will necessitate a Special Election. Accordingly, I have chosen to resign now in hopes that a successor can be elected in time to take office when the legislative session begins.

Service in the General Assembly of Georgia has been a distinct honor and I thank you for the kindness you and your staff have consistently shown me. I look forward to serving the people of our shared state in a new capacity. If you need anything further from me in this regard or if I can otherwise be of service to you, I trust you will give me the opportunity.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charlie J. Bethel

Senator Bill Cowsert  
District 46  
236 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**Committees:**

Appropriations  
Health and Human Services  
Judiciary  
Reapportionment and Redistricting  
Regulated Industries and Utilities  
Finance  
Rules

The State Senate  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334  
Majority Leader

November 17, 2016

The Honorable David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary Cook:

I hereby certify that the list below is the new Majority Leadership elected to serve during the 2017-18 term for the Republican Caucus. The election was held November 10, 2016.

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore (nominee)  
Senator Bill Cowsert, Majority Leader  
Senator John F. Kennedy, Majority Caucus Chair  
Senator Hunter Hill, Majority Caucus Vice Chair  
Senator Steve Gooch, Majority Whip  
Senator John Wilkinson, Majority Caucus Secretary

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill Cowsert  
State Senate District 46

Senator Steve Henson  
District 41  
121-B State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**Committees:**

Urban Affairs  
Administrative Affairs  
Government Oversight  
Health and Human Services  
Natural Resources and the Environment  
Reapportionment and Redistricting  
Regulated Industries and Utilities  
Rules

**Democratic Leader**

The State Senate  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

November 22, 2016

The Honorable David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
352 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Notification of the 2017-2018 Senate Democratic Party Leadership Election Outcome

Dear Secretary Cook:

Please be advised, in accordance with the 2016 Senate Democratic Bylaws, on Thursday, November 10, 2016, the Senate Democratic Caucus met and held their caucus leadership elections for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session which yield the following outcome:

Senate Democratic Caucus Leader:	Sen. Steve Henson, 41st
Senate Democratic Caucus Chair:	Sen. Horacena Tate, 38th
Senate Democratic Caucus Whip:	Sen. Vincent Fort, 39th
Senate Democratic Caucus Vice Chair:	Sen. Valencia Seay, 34th
Senate Democratic Caucus Vice Chair for Campaigns and Fundraising:	Sen. Gloria Butler, 55th
Senate Democratic Caucus Secretary:	Sen. Nan Orrock, 36th

Please contact my office at 404.656.0085 if any further information is needed.

Thank you,

/s/ Stephen B. Henson  
Senate District 41

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 2, 2017

Mrs. Jennifer Sanders  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Jennifer:

Pursuant to **Senate Rule 2-1.1**, I hereby appoint the following members to serve on the **Georgia State Senate Committee on Assignments**. These appointments are effective immediately and shall run concurrent to their Senate term.

Senator David Shafer President Pro-Tempore District 48	Senator Bill Cowsert Majority Leader District 46	Senator Renee Unterman Chair Appointee District 45
Sen. John Wilkinson Chair Appointee District 50	Sen. Steve Gooch- <i>Ex-officio</i> Majority Whip District 51	Sen. John Kennedy- <i>Ex-officio</i> Majority Caucus Chairman District 18

Please call on me or Taylor Schindler if you have any questions regarding this appointment. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, H	Mullis
Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, Ju	Parent
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson, L	Seay



Brass	James	Shafer
Burke	Jeffares	Sims
Butler	Jones, B	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, E	Tate
Davenport	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, C
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Tippins
Gooch	Lucas	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Walker
Harbison	McKoon	Watson
Harper	Millar	Wilkinson
Heath	Miller	Williams, M
Henson		

The President announced the next order of business was the election of the President Pro Tempore.

Senator Hill of the 4th nominated Senator Shafer of the 48th as President Pro Tempore.

Senator Hill of the 6th seconded the nomination.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the entire body for Senator David Shafer; the consent was granted.

There was no objection and Senator Shafer of the 48th was elected President Pro Tempore.

The President appointed as a Committee of Escort on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, and Hill of the 4th.

The President asked the Sergeant at Arms and the Committee of Escort to escort Senator Shafer of the 48th to the Well of the Senate, where he addressed the Senate briefly.

The President announced the next order of business was the election of the Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Shafer of the 48th nominated the Honorable David Cook as Secretary of the Senate. Senator Henson of the 41st seconded the nomination.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed and that the Assistant Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the entire body for Honorable David Cook.

The consent was granted, and the Honorable David Cook was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

The President administered the following oath of office to David Cook, Secretary of the Senate:

"I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will discharge my duties faithfully and to the best of my skill and knowledge. So help me God."

The President announced the next order of business was the election of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

Senator Gooch of the 51st nominated John Long as Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. Senator Tate of the 38th seconded the nomination.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the entire body for John Long as Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. The consent was granted, and John Long was declared duly elected Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross SR 1 and SR 4, which were on today's Senate Calendar.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected.

On the motion a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Black	N Jackson, L	Y Shafer
Y Brass	N James	N Sims
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Stone
N Butler	Y Jones, B	N Tate
Y Cowsert	N Jones, E	Y Thompson, B
N Davenport	N Jones, H	N Thompson, C
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Tillery
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tippins
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Unterman
Y Gooch	N Lucas	Vacant
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker

N Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the motion, the yeas were 37, nays 18; the motion prevailed, and SR 1 and SR 4 were engrossed.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 1. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION adopting the Rules of the Senate; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	N Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	N Seay
Y Black	N Jackson, L	Y Shafer
Y Brass	N James	N Sims
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Stone
N Butler	Y Jones, B	N Tate
Y Cowsert	N Jones, E	Y Thompson, B
N Davenport	N Jones, H	N Thompson, C
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Tillery
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tippins
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Unterman
Y Gooch	N Lucas	Vacant
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 37, nays 18, and the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 2. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has convened; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 3. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as a Committee of Notification on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Hill of the 4th, Miller of the 49th, and Shafer of the 48th.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 4. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION relative to officials, employees, and committees in the Senate; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Rhett
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Shafer
Y Brass	Y James	Y Sims
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Stone
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Tate
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Thompson, B
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, C
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Tillery
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tippins
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Unterman
Y Gooch	N Lucas	Vacant

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On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 53, nays 1, and the resolution was adopted.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

January 9, 2017

I inadvertently voted no on SR 4. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote yes.

/s/ David E. Lucas Sr.  
District 26

January 9, 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SR 4. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

/s/ Ben Watson  
District 1

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the House:

HR 4. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017  
Second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:08 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 7. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed as a Committee of Escort on the part of the House the following members:

Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Dubnik of the 29th, Barr of the 103rd, Rogers of the 10th, Dickey of the 140th, Nimmer of the 178th, and Carter of the 175th.

HR 8. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

HR 9. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 3. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 13. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an ad valorem tax for the purpose of paying for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Jackson of the 2nd                      Jones of the 10th                      Sims of the 12th

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Martin of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Mullis
Anderson, L	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, H	Parent

Beach	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Black	Hill, Ju	Seay
Brass	Hufstetler	Shafer
Burke	James	Stone
Butler	Jeffares	Thompson, B
Cowsert	Jones, H	Thompson, C
Dugan	Kennedy	Tillery
Fort	Kirk	Tippins
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Gooch	Martin	Walker
Harbin	McKoon	Watson
Harbison	Millar	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	

Not answering were Senators:

Davenport	Jackson (Excused)	Jones, B. (Excused)
Jones, E. (Excused)	Lucas	Sims (Excused)
Tate	Williams (Excused)	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Davenport of the 44th Lucas of the 26th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Michael Lewis of Marietta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Millar of the 40th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Peter F. Burns.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 9. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION commending Clayton State University and recognizing January 10, 2017, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Davenport of the 44th recognized and honored Clayton State University. President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes, Jr. addressed the Senate briefly.



The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 8. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the organizations and their staff members of the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and celebrating their day at the Capitol on January 12, 2017; and for other purposes.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 7. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor; inviting the Justices of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The President appointed as a Committee of Escort on the part of the Senate the following Senators: Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, Gooch of the 51st, Fort of the 39th, Kennedy of the 18th and Miller of the 49th.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 8. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; inviting each other Justice of the Supreme Court and each Judge of the Court of Appeals to be present at the joint session; and for other purposes.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

HR 9. By Representative Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION

Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

## PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Tuesday, January 10, 2017, through Thursday, February 2, 2017, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Tuesday, January 10 .....	convene for legislative day 2
Wednesday, January 11 .....	convene for legislative day 3
Thursday, January 12 .....	convene for legislative day 4
Monday, January 23 .....	convene for legislative day 5
Tuesday, January 24 .....	convene for legislative day 6
Wednesday, January 25 .....	convene for legislative day 7
Thursday, January 26 .....	convene for legislative day 8
Monday, January 30 .....	convene for legislative day 9
Tuesday, January 31 .....	convene for legislative day 10
Wednesday, February 1 .....	convene for legislative day 11
Thursday, February 2 .....	convene for legislative day 12

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after the latest legislative day specified above, the schedule for meetings of the 2017 regular session may be as provided by another resolution of the General Assembly adopted subsequent to the adoption of this resolution.

## PART II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by

joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate, respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and adjournments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution.

On the adoption of the resolution, there was no objection, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that HR 7, HR 8, and HR 9 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and the resolutions were immediately transmitted.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017  
Third Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:08 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 1. By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Harper of the 7th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise the definition of domestic terrorism to more inclusively capture situational violations commonly used by persons who desire to commit acts of terror; to revise the offenses of a terroristic threat and a terroristic act; to amend Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center, so as to revise the definition of homeland security activity to enable the center's work in the state's effective prevention or discovery of, response to, and recovery from domestic terrorism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 10. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Cowser of the 46th, Dugan of the 30th, Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 15. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Henson of the 41st, Harper of the 7th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so as to add to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a weapons carry license without the payment of certain fees; to provide conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 13 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Fort of the 39th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Henson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Henson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Mullis
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Parent
Beach	Hill, Ju	Rhett
Black	Hufstetler	Seay
Brass	Jackson, L	Shafer

Burke	James	Sims
Butler	Jeffares	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, E	Thompson, B
Davenport	Jones, H	Thompson, C
Dugan	Kennedy	Tillery
Fort	Kirk	Tippins
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Gooch	Martin	Walker
Harbin	McKoon	Watson
Harbison	Millar	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Henson (Excused)	Jones, B. (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)
Tate		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Bob Googe of Athens, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Steven M. Walsh.

The President introduced Senator-elect Chuck Payne who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 5. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 6th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brigadier General Michael Edward McGuinn III on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 10. By Senators Hill of the 4th and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 23, 2017, as Effingham County Day at the capitol; saluting the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

SR 11. By Senators Heath of the 31st and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 12, 2017, as Sportsmen's and Coastal Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 12. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Watson of the 1st, McKoon of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joe E. Burgess; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that, upon the dissolution of the Joint Session, the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 2017.

The President announced the motion prevailed at 10:53 a.m.

The hour for convening the Joint Session of the Senate and House having arrived, the President, accompanied by the Secretary and Senators, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the Joint Session, called for the purpose of hearing a message by His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, was called to order by the Speaker of the House. HR 7 authorizing the Joint Session of the Senate and House was read by the Clerk of the House.

His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, addressed the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives as follows:

Lt. Gov. Cagle, Speaker Ralston, President Pro Tem Shafer, Speaker Pro Tem Jones, members of the General Assembly, constitutional officers, members of the judiciary, members of the consular corps, my fellow Georgians:

In 1944, Georgia's own Johnny Mercer wrote the lyrics for a song titled "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate The Positive." The most memorable lines from that song are: "You've got to accentuate the positive/ Eliminate the negative/ Latch on to the affirmative/ Don't mess with Mister In-Between."

That was great advice for our nation as World War II was drawing to a close and it is great advice for us today. For the past six years, I have reported to you on the State of the State and I do so again today.

That first year, 2011, I was just entering office as your governor. Our state was still in the grip of the Great Recession. Businesses were going bankrupt, homes were being foreclosed upon, jobs were being lost, our unemployment rate was 10.4 percent. Our rainy day fund was dangerously low at roughly \$116 million – hardly enough to operate state government for two days.

Some states that were facing similar circumstances resorted to raising taxes on their citizens. With your support, Georgia did not do that. Instead, without knowing it, we followed Johnny Mercer's advice from other verses of his song which said: "You've got

to spread joy up to the maximum/ Bring gloom down to the minimum/ Have faith or pandemonium's liable to walk upon the scene.”

The result: that 10.4 percent unemployment rate has dropped to 5.3 percent. Our Rainy Day Fund has increased to approximately \$2.033 billion. With prudent budgeting, we have maintained a AAA bond rating. We have set new records in trade, film production and tourism.

We have laid the groundwork to improve our transportation infrastructure dramatically over the next 10 years. We have made our communities safer and offered hope to those with addiction or behavioral disabilities through our accountability courts. We have reduced the rate of recidivism and saved the taxpayers of Georgia millions of dollars, a great example of eliminating the negative. New private sector jobs have reached more than 575,000 and for four consecutive years, Georgia has been named the best state for business.

Why did this happen? Because we had faith and we accentuated the positive.

So, this year, the budget and the legislation I bring to you will continue to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative.

The budget for FY2018 is based on projected revenue growth of 3.6 percent over the amended FY2017 budget. It will allow us to sustain the important programs that are currently in place as well as address new areas that require attention.

In September of this past year, we had a prime opportunity to accentuate the positive by announcing a 20 percent pay raise for state-level law enforcement. These brave men and women don a badge and vest each day as they go to face uncertainty on their shifts in service of their fellow citizens. They protect our lives and property, and it is only fitting that they should be paid a competitive salary.

I am told that in the month following this announcement, Georgia State Patrol had more trooper applications than in the entire previous year. That's a good example of latching onto the affirmative.

I received a letter from the wife of a state trooper who told me just how much that announcement meant to her and her loved ones. She told me that her husband worked three jobs to make ends meet for their family, and because of that, he wasn't able to go to their children's ball games. Now that the raises have taken effect, no longer does he have to miss those special moments with his children that can never be recaptured.

The second component of that law enforcement improvement announcement was an expansion of training on deescalating violence, community policing and alternatives to



deadly force as well as providing access to local law enforcement for Crisis Intervention Training, which provides instruction on how to safely handle situations involving those with mental impairment.

Selfless public service and dedication are not confined to any one agency of state government. They are replete in our state workforce, including the Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS).

Like the story of Michelle Dorris, who is with us today. She is a DFCS case manager in South Georgia who was recently assigned to a home with an ailing infant. Upon further examination, Ms. Dorris found the child to be in distress and immediately arranged a medical visit. The appointment was 35 miles away and when it became clear that transportation was an issue, Ms. Dorris offered to drive the family to the doctor's office. On the way to the appointment, the infant began to aspirate and stopped breathing. Ms. Dorris stopped the car, tended to the child, cleared her airway and began performing CPR until paramedics arrived on the scene.

The infant then thrived in the hospital, and later in a foster home, with the appropriate care and nutrition. I am happy to say that she has no lasting physical issues from her difficult beginning in life, and even more importantly, she still has life because of the actions of Ms. Dorris and her fellow DFCS colleagues.

Ms. Dorris, we owe your team our thanks and recognition. Would you please stand?

This is the type of meaningful impact caseworkers have on those they serve. These are the types of challenges that they face. In light of that fact, my budget proposal includes, on average, a 19 percent pay raise for DFCS caseworkers so that we can both ensure a competitive salary for those who fill these vital roles and so that we can recruit and retain the best possible candidates to look after the safety of our youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

That same desire to attract and retain quality public servants extends throughout the state workforce, which is why I recommended and this legislative body approved a 3 percent allocation for a merit, recruitment and retention pay increase for state employees last year. My FY2018 budget proposal also accentuates this positive with another increase of a 2 percent allocation.

With these improvements, we aim to serve Georgia's citizens more efficiently and effectively. Our efforts to eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive do not stop there, however. We will soon complete the three-year plan to bring Georgia's physician reimbursement rates in line with Medicare rates. I would point out that we are not mandated to do so, but have chosen to take these steps because we want the best quality of health care for our citizens. Without adequate funding for our physicians, we will not be able to maintain the proper quality of providers in our Medicaid program.

In keeping with the desire to meet the health care needs of Georgians, I will work with the members of this legislature to enhance Medicaid and State Health Benefit Plan coverage for treatments of those diagnosed with autism up to the age of 21. I want to thank Senate Chairman Renee Unterman, House Chairman Sharon Cooper and House Subcommittee Chairman Katie Dempsey for working with us to ensure that we move forward in the proper manner on this issue as we take a deliberate and meaningful approach to this matter that touches so many hearts.

I'd also like to thank Chairman Stephanie Blank and her fellow members of the Child Welfare Reform Council who have so ably advocated for an expansion of behavioral and mental health coverage for children between birth and the age of four. Currently, community behavioral health services are offered only to Medicaid and PeachCare members age four and up. Because of their diligent work in educating us on the importance of early examination and treatment, my budget proposal includes roughly \$2.5 million dollars, dedicated to covering the full child population of Medicaid and PeachCare for children with behavioral and mental health issues.

Stephanie Blank is with us today, and we want to thank you and the members of the Child Welfare Reform Council for your good work. Will you please stand?

I am also asking that this legislature remove barriers to mental health services for our veterans. There are approximately 61,288 active military personnel, 27,233 reservists and 752,000 veterans currently in Georgia. They have given of themselves to protect us. It is only fitting that we should protect them in kind.

Nearly one in four active duty military members show signs of some mental health condition. In light of this, the budget proposal I will submit to you includes funding to train existing employees on services provided by the state and federal governments to better serve our veterans. I have also allocated for a Women Veterans Coordinator position who will work with female veterans that have suffered military sexual trauma, offering counseling and assistance with veteran's claims and appeals.

These measures will complement the \$3 million in bonds included in the current fiscal year budget for a sub-acute rehabilitation facility which will provide behavioral health services to veterans who have traumatic brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder. An additional \$3 million in bonds is included in my budget proposal for next fiscal year to fully fund the construction cost of this facility.

During this session, you will have yet another opportunity to accentuate the positive in regards to the hospital Medicaid financing program, more commonly known as the hospital provider fee. Three years ago, the General Assembly granted the Department of Community Health Board the authority to continue to collect this fee. As you may know, this authority will sunset this year unless this body takes action. If we fail to act, we will not be eliminating the negative, we will be inviting it.

The Medicaid program for our state in the next fiscal year's budget will cost over \$10.5 billion. That translates into more than \$1,020 in tax per person in Georgia. One of the funding sources for our Medicaid program comes from the fee paid for by hospitals, amounting to roughly \$311 million annually. That is money the state uses to leverage over \$600 million from the federal government. This authority will expire unless you reauthorize the DCH board to collect it. If that authority is not renewed, the more than \$900 million dollars now available to us for the Medicaid program will have to be made up elsewhere in our allocations. Therefore, I encourage you to reauthorize the authority expeditiously so that we do not have to take away from other portions of the budget.

While we are on the subject of federal mandates, I want to take a moment to caution against taking giant leaps on healthcare policy until we know what Congress and the incoming administration will do. We are very fortunate that former Georgia state senator and Congressman Tom Price is nominated to become the Health and Human Services secretary. Hopefully very soon, the authority to make decisions regarding our state Medicaid program and how to design it in such a way that best fits the needs of our citizens will be returned to Georgia.

While these and other issues in the healthcare arena are determined by federal policy, there are those issues that we have influence over on the state level. One such area of vital concern is an ongoing epidemic that ravages the hearts and minds of not only individuals, but also the communities that they touch. It is an epidemic that hides in plain sight and ensnares its victims without regard to age, ethnicity, socio-economic status, neighborhood or station in life. I am referring to the opioid addiction epidemic.

To address this painful reality with which communities of all nature must now contend, last month I signed an executive order directing the Department of Public Health to issue a standing order to allow naloxone, an emergency drug used to reverse opioid overdoses, to be dispensed over-the-counter by pharmacists across the state. I also requested that the Georgia Board of Pharmacy approve an emergency rule removing naloxone from the dangerous drug list and reclassifying it as a Schedule V exempt drug. They quickly fulfilled this request, and because of that action, lives have already been saved.

During this session, I ask that we not only codify into law the provisions of my executive order, but that we also strengthen our prescription drug monitoring program and ensure healthcare providers of all types are more educated on the dangers of these powerful drugs.

Yet another area where we have endeavored to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative is education. Our graduation rate, for example, has gone from 67.4 percent in 2011 to 79.2 percent today – a significant improvement that shows we're headed in the right direction. I do not need to tell you how much we owe to the educators that have made such progress possible. Those who are on the frontlines of this field, who mold

young minds every day in the classroom and who answer such a challenging calling are the “everyday heroes” that a successful society requires.

As the husband and son of former educators, I know the impact such champions of knowledge have on the lives they reach, but I think it would be better for you to hear from an actual teacher. Please direct your attention to this video featuring Rep. Amy Carter, who will tell us just what it means to be an educator. Thank you, Rep. Carter, for chairing our Teacher Advisory Committee and for your continued leadership on education matters.

That is the quality of a person who chooses to spend a career imparting knowledge to the next generation. That is what an architect of our future looks like. That is an example of the generous and selfless character that we find in so many classrooms across our state.

In recognition of the crucial roles that they play and the difficult challenges they face in the course of their work, my budget proposal for this upcoming fiscal year includes a 2 percent salary increase built into the pay scale for all authorized state teacher positions. This is in addition to the three percent merit pay increase included in this current fiscal year’s budget.

As our educators accentuate the positives in our children and eliminate the negatives, we should latch onto the affirmative and reward them for that invaluable service. As we do so, we should also seek to eliminate whatever systemic negatives are preventing students and teachers alike from realizing their full potential.

Currently, the greatest negative in the education landscape of Georgia is the number of children trapped in failing schools. Two years ago, there were 127 chronically failing schools with roughly 68,000 enrolled students. Now that we have the data from the last school year, we find that there were 153 schools that had a failing score for three consecutive years. Those 153 chronically underperforming schools served almost 89,000 students last school year – over 20,000 more students than we spoke of last fall. Almost 70 percent of the chronically failing schools – 106 to be exact – serve elementary students.

It should be abundantly clear to everyone, including those in the education community who so staunchly support the status quo, that this is unacceptable. If this pattern of escalation in the number of failing schools does not change, its devastating effects on our state will grow with each passing school year.

Since the vast majority of those chronically failing schools serve elementary-aged children, our proposals for addressing this issue will place an emphasis on elementary schools. If we can reverse this alarming trend early on, if we can eliminate this negative that directly or indirectly impacts all of us, then our reading comprehension scores, math skills, graduation rates and the quality of our workforce will all improve considerably.

To that end, my office is working closely with Lt. Gov. Cagle, Speaker Ralston, House Chairman Brooks Coleman, Rep. Kevin Tanner, Senate Chairman Lindsey Tippins, Sen. Freddie Powell Sims and others to craft legislation that will be presented to you this session. I want to thank them for their efforts to remove this negative so that our children's futures will be brighter, our state's economic prospects more sure and our global reputation all the more notable.

For those who will contend that the real issue is lack of resources, let me remind them that we have increased K-12 spending by 2.017 billion million dollars over the last four years, which includes my fiscal year FY18 proposal. That translates into roughly 50 percent of all new growth in state revenue being dedicated to K-12 public education.

It is not enough to pour more and more money on a problem in hopes that it will go away. By addressing this negative, the students of today will be prepared for the jobs of tomorrow – jobs that are already on their way to our communities.

In 2013, the U.S. Army announced that it would build a new cyber command headquarters alongside the National Security Agency facilities at Fort Gordon in Augusta. Less than two months ago, military officials broke ground on those future headquarters that will cost \$2 billion.

I am pleased to have as my guests in the gallery, Major General John B. Morrison Jr., and Command Sergeant Major Carlos Simmons of the Army Cyber Center of Excellence. We also have Col. Thomas E. Toler, Commander of the National Security Agency-Georgia, and Deputy Commander Brian Goodman.

Gentlemen, we thank you for your service. Will you please stand?

Fort Gordon is already home to the Cyber Center of Excellence, a training facility for cyberspace operations. And soon, we will begin construction on another tool in our arsenal for security and economic development in the form of the Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center.

My proposed budget includes \$50 million for this state-owned facility, designed to promote modernization in cybersecurity technology for both private and public industries. In conjunction with the Department of Defense and the NSA, this invaluable resource will put Georgia at the pinnacle of efforts to enhance American cybersecurity in the public and private arenas with a resource unlike any other in the country. This will solidify Georgia's reputation as the Silicon Valley of the South.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other partners involved in this endeavor: the Georgia National Guard, Department of Defense, Georgia Technology Authority, our Technical College and University systems, the Department of Economic Development, Georgia Bureau of Investigation and numerous private sector entities.

We will work together to ensure that this facility is an effective education and training center from which all manner of state, local and private organizations can benefit. This initiative will be housed within our Georgia Technology Authority and will, in part, serve as an incubator for startup companies, adding yet another tool for the Department of Economic Development to attract businesses to Georgia. We will also focus on research and development, tapping into the assets of our research universities and other institutions of higher learning.

Finally, we will create a cybercrime lab run by GBI as we work with all state agencies and local governments to ensure that our citizens, employers and their digital information are protected.

This is a statewide initiative, one that will bring together all manner of public and private organizations to further our defense capabilities in a digital age. It will involve financial institutions, public utilities, healthcare providers, banking systems, software development companies, manufacturers and any other entity with a cyber infrastructure. According to a recent white paper on this subject, roughly 90 percent of businesses are vulnerable to at least one security breach, making a cyberattack in effect inevitable. Georgia currently has over 290,000 establishments across 42 major industries, and all are vested in cybersecurity in some way or can be considered cyber businesses in one form or another.

With the Cyber Innovation and Training Center joining our already impressive array of cyber and technological facilities, Georgia will truly be at the forefront of an issue that we see more and more on the front pages of our newspapers and the nightly news reports.

As we enter this new year of 2017 and this session of the Georgia General Assembly, I invite you to join with me as we continue to follow Johnny Mercer's advice from 72 years ago and accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative and not waste time and resources messing with Mr. In-Between!

Senator Shafer of the 48th moved that the Joint Session be hereby dissolved.

The motion prevailed, and the President of the Senate announced the Joint Session dissolved.

Pursuant to the provisions of a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 2017.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, January 12, 2017  
Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:10 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication from His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, was received by the Secretary:

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
Governor

January 11, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
Georgia State Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my selection of the Honorable Mike Dugan, the Honorable P.K. Martin, the Honorable Butch Miller, and the Honorable Larry Walker as my Floor Leaders in the Georgia State Senate during the 2017 Session of the Georgia General Assembly. Please afford them all due rights and compensation in accordance with these positions, effective immediately.

If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 2. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36, Chapter 1 of Title 43, and Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, general provisions regarding professions and businesses, and state government, respectively, so as to enhance accountability and notice requirements for agency rule making so as to reduce regulatory burdens on businesses; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 14. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Sims of the 12th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposititon, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 16. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.



SR 19. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Unterman of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Hannah Testa for her involvement in and commitment to environmental sustainability and recognizing February 15th of this year as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 20. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Unterman of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION designating February 15th of each year as "Plastic Pollution Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Senator Williams of the 27th moved that SR 19 and SR 20 be withdrawn from the consideration of the Senate.

On the motion, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and SR 19 and SR 20 were withdrawn from consideration of the Senate.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

1/12/17

Hon. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please remove my name as a cosponsor of SR 19 and SR 20.

/s/ Jeff Mullis, 53rd

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senators Beach of the 21st and Gooch of the 51st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Beach and Gooch were excused.

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senators James of the 35th and Tate of the 38th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators James and Tate were excused.

Senator Davenport of the 44th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, Ja	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ju	Parent
Black	Hufstetler	Rhett
Brass	Jackson, L	Seay
Burke	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, C
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Tippins
Harbin	Martin	Unterman
Harbison	McKoon	Walker
Harper	Millar	Watson
Heath	Miller	Wilkinson
Henson	Mullis	Williams, M
Hill, H		

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Beach (Excused)	Gooch (Excused)
James (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)	Tate (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Jones of the 25th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Benny Tate of Milner, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Shafer of the 48th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Indran B. Indrkrishnan.

Senator Kirk of the 13th recognized Joe E. Burgess, commended by SR 12, adopted previously. Mr. Burgess addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

- SR 13. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dallas Gay on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 14. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Rural Health Association and recognizing March 1, 2017, as Rural Health Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 15. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Garrett Taylor for his achievement as Eagle Scout recipient; and for other purposes.

- SR 16. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ian Allen for his achievement as Eagle Scout recipient; and for other purposes.

- SR 17. By Senator Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending DeAnna Johnson, Miss Georgia USA 2017; and for other purposes.

- SR 18. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 12, 2017, as Addiction Recovery Awareness Day to show that ongoing recovery from substance use disorder is real and people do get better; and for other purposes.

- SR 21. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Williams of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Val Perry on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 22. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Society of CPAs and recognizing January 25, 2017, as CPA Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the House:

HB 31. By Representatives Prince of the 127th and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide payment for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 31. By Representatives Prince of the 127th and Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide payment for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday January 12, 2017  
Fourth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 13                      Stone of the 23rd

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an ad valorem tax for the purpose of paying for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Rhett
E Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Seay
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Shafer
Y Brass	Y James	Sims
Y Burke	Jeffares	Y Stone
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	E Tate
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Thompson, B
Y Davenport	Jones, H	Y Thompson, C
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Tillery
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tippins
N Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Unterman
E Gooch	Y Lucas	Vacant
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y McKoon  
Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 46, nays 1.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Stone of the 23rd moved that SB 13 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and SB 13 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 9 until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 23, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, January 23, 2017  
Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:13 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

## **THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

### **OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

#### **I, Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that**

the attached 1 page lists the result as shown on the consolidated returns from the Special Election Runoff for State Senator, District 54, held on the 10th day of January 2017; all as the same appear on file and record in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 17th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

(Seal)

**/s/ Brian P. Kemp**  
**Secretary of State**

Georgia Secretary of State  
Election Report  
**Special Runoff Election Official Results**  
**January 10, 2017**

<u>State Contest</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Vote%</u>
State Senator, District 54	GORDON	CHUCK PAYNE (R)	309	71.20%
		DEBBY PEPPERS	125	28.80%
<b>Votes For Seat in County:</b>			<b>434</b>	
	MURRAY	CHUCK PAYNE (R)	768	68.02%
		DEBBY PEPPERS	361	31.98%
<b>Votes For Seat in County:</b>			<b>1,129</b>	
	PICKENS	CHUCK PAYNE (R)	151	74.75%
		DEBBY PEPPERS	51	25.25%
<b>Votes For Seat in County:</b>			<b>202</b>	
	WHITFIELD	CHUCK PAYNE (R)	3,201	63.94%
		DEBBY PEPPERS	1,805	36.06%
<b>Votes For Seat in County:</b>			<b>5,006</b>	
Total:		CHUCK PAYNE (R)	4,429	65.41%
		DEBBY PEPPERS	2,342	34.59%
<b>Total Voters For Seat:</b>			<b>6,771</b>	

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE SENATOR

SENATOR CHUCK PAYNE  
SENATE DISTRICT 54

I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this state and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state, or due any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, of any other state, or any foreign state, which by law I am prohibited from holding; that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God.

This 17th day of January, 2017

/s/ Charles F. Payne, Jr.  
STATE SENATOR



Court of Appeals of Georgia  
47 Trinity Avenue SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mr. David A. Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

I, Charles J. Bethel, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, do hereby certify by my signature below that I have this date, January 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the City of Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia, administered the following Oath of Office to Senator-Elect Charles F. Payne, Jr.:

"I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this state and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state, or due any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, of any other state, or any foreign state, which by law I am prohibited from holding; that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state; that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

So help me God."

SIGNED: Charles J. Bethel, Judge  
Court of Appeals of Georgia

DATED: January 17, 2017

Senator Payne of the 54th was seated in the Senate without objection.

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 20, 2017

Mrs. Jennifer Sanders  
Legislative Fiscal Officer  
434 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Jennifer:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.2, I hereby appoint the following members to serve on the **Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs**. These appointments are effective immediately and shall run concurrent to their Senate term.

Senator Lindsey Tippins  
303-A CLOB  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Senator Renee Unterman  
121-F State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Senator John Wilkinson  
421-A State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Please call on me or Taylor Schindler if you have any questions regarding this appointment. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 4. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies' cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 12. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Seay of the 34th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for criteria; to require professional liability insurance by licensed dental hygienists performing under general supervision; to provide for definitions; to provide for intent; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 17. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to provide that governing authorities of counties and municipalities in which the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is lawful may authorize sales of such alcoholic beverages during a certain time on Sundays; to change the time on Sunday during which farm wineries may sell certain wine for consumption on the premises; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- SB 18. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-5-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to security police force within the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to provide that any member of the security police force, upon his or her retirement or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty, shall be entitled to retain his or her weapon and badge under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

- SB 19. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5A of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of the State Treasurer, so as to require the state treasurer to collect certain data and maintain and publish a data base that includes searchable information related to all expenditures made by state entities to vendors; to require state entities to submit certain information related to expenditures made to vendors; to require the state treasurer to provide an opportunity for public comment and to publish annual usage statistics of such data base; to authorize the state treasurer to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the foregoing provisions; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

- SB 20. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the dates for conducting certain special elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SB 21. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wild animals for which a license or permit is required, so as to exempt the African pygmy hedgehog from wild

animal license and permit requirements if certain conditions are met; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 22. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to campaign contributions, so as to provide for definitions; to provide that any business entity whose contracts with state or local agencies, in the aggregate, annually total more than \$50,000.00, and any affiliated entities or affiliated persons of such business entity, are prohibited from making any contributions to any candidate, or his or her campaign committee, for the office responsible for awarding such contracts or any declared candidate, or his or her campaign committee, for such office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 23. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that no member of the General Assembly who serves on a conference committee shall be eligible for employment in state government, other than as an elected official, for a period of 24 months immediately following such member's service on such conference committee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 24. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to provide that certain nursery schools, playschools, kindergarten programs, and other educational programs are exempt from licensure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 25. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to create the Georgia Health Care Transparency Initiative; to provide for definitions; to provide for a purpose; to provide for a Georgia Health Care Initiative Board; to provide for the board's membership and duties; to provide for the Commissioner's duties; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for submission of data and its uses; to provide for data confidentiality; to provide for penalties; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 26. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 4 of Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools and bidding for government works projects, respectively, so as to impose requirements on certain contracts and purchases by local boards of education; to require that professional services contracts exceeding \$50,000.00 be competitively bid; to require that the guaranteed maximum price submitted by a construction manager at risk to a local board of education not be changed after execution of a contract; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 27. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to acquisition of property for transportation purposes, so as to provide for attorney's fees and expenses of trial in appeals to condemnation compensation award amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 28. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jackson of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum wage, so as to revise certain provisions regarding the minimum wage law; to provide for an increase in the

minimum wage; to provide for annual minimum wage increases to match the rising cost of living; to provide a credit toward the minimum wage for employers of tipped workers; to eliminate various eligibility exemptions from the minimum wage; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 29. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require testing of drinking water in child care learning centers and schools for lead contamination; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice and reporting of test results and remediation plans; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 30. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for planning and implementation grants; to provide for applications for grants; to require the development of community school plans; to provide for requirements for grant recipients; to delineate the purposes for which grant funds may be used; to provide for reports; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 31. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide that at least two members of the board shall also be members of the state health benefit plan; to provide that two members shall be members of certain retirement systems; to provide for duties of the Board of Community Health; to create the State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council; to

provide for membership; to provide for duties of the commissioner of community health; to provide for duties of the council; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 32. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise the dates for primaries and elections and runoffs resulting therefrom; to revise times for qualifying for office; to revise the time for calling certain special elections; to provide definitions; to provide that electors who are eligible to vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, as amended, shall vote by instant run-off ballot; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 33. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to absentee voting, so as to change the time periods for advance voting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 34. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to remove certain requirements regarding proof of voter identity at the polls; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.



- SB 35. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to provide for election day voter registration and voting; to provide for procedures and methods; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SB 36. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for automatic voter registration in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SB 37. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th, Seay of the 34th, Thompson of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to absentee voting, so as to change the time periods for advance voting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SB 38. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-8-35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definition of employment applicable to the "Employment Security Law," so as to change certain provisions of such definition in order to provide that services performed by an individual for wages shall be deemed to be employment unless the Department of Labor makes a contrary determination based upon evidence submitted of certain factors demonstrating that such individual has been and will continue to be free from control or direction over the performance of such services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SR 24. By Senators McKoon of the 29th and Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION amending the Rules of the Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 25. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to limit authority of the General Assembly to impose taxes on income; to provide for a phasing out of taxes on income; to provide for the ability of the General Assembly to impose an income tax under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 34. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for state-wide grand juries; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of state-wide grand juries; to require the General Assembly to provide by law for procedures for the summoning and empaneling of state-wide grand juries; to provide for a presiding judge; to provide that the Attorney General or his or her designee shall act as the legal adviser and prosecutor for such state-wide grand juries; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 35. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for a budget session and a general law session for the General Assembly each year; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SR 36. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide a fixed sum for funding the Georgia

Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President, the Senate has received the names of appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission that require Senate confirmation from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Assignments.

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jeffares of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jeffares was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, Ja	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ju	Parent
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Rhett
Beach	Jackson, L	Seay
Black	James	Shafer
Brass	Jones, B	Sims
Burke	Jones, E	Stone
Butler	Jones, H	Tate
Cowsert	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kirk	Thompson, C
Dugan	Ligon	Tillery
Fort	Lucas	Tippins
Ginn	Martin	Unterman
Harbison	McKoon	Walker
Harper	Millar	Watson
Heath	Miller	Wilkinson
Henson	Mullis	Williams, M
Hill, H		

Not answering were Senators:

Gooch	Harbin	Jeffares (Excused)
Payne		

Senator Payne of the 54th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Tim Owens of Chickamauga, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Matthew T. Keadey.

Senator Tillery of the 19th recognized DeAnna Johnson, Miss Georgia USA 2017, commended by SR 17, adopted previously. DeAnna Johnson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Stone of the 23rd moved to suspend Senate Rules in order to read a committee report. There was no objection and the Rules were suspended.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 31      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 23.    By Senators Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Henson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Prince Rogers Nelson; and for other purposes.

SR 26.    By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Charles David Polk; and for other purposes.

SR 27. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chief William "Kent" Lawrence on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 28. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia residents who have Type 1 Diabetes and whose families continually educate and advocate and recognizing March 16, 2017, Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 29. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Richard L. Gammage; and for other purposes.

SR 30. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Minister Jonathan "J.D." Collins; and for other purposes.

SR 31. By Senator Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the accomplishments of Springfield Central High School's basketball program; and for other purposes.

SR 32. By Senator Thompson of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Cartersville High School football team on their second consecutive undefeated season and for winning the GHSA 2016 AAAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 33. By Senator Harbin of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Fayette Chamber of Commerce on its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Senator Martin of the 9th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday January 23, 2017  
Fifth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 31 Stone of the 23rd

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide payment for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman

Y Harbin  
Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
N Heath  
Y Henson

Y Martin  
Y McKoon  
Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Walker  
Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Stone of the 23rd moved that HB 31 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 31 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 24      Do Not Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 5.      By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Millar of the 40th, Tippins of the 37th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, so as to establish the percentage of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year which must equal the net proceeds to be transferred to the state treasury for credit to the Lottery for Education Account; to provide for exceptions; to provide for verification of certain information by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.



- SB 7. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jackson of the 2nd, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the authorization of appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to provide for certain restrictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 8. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Kirk of the 13th, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; to provide for procedures for dispute resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; to provide for payment of emergency services; to provide for an out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 39. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Beach of the 21st, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, so as to increase the penalty provisions relating to pimping and pandering; to amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, so as to require registration on the State Sexual Offender Registry when an individual is convicted for the second time for pandering; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 40. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination, hospitalization, and treatment of involuntary patients, so as to provide for authorization of emergency medical services personnel to transport certain mentally ill patients under certain circumstances; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 41. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the licensure of durable medical equipment suppliers; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure; to provide for discipline and revocation; to provide for inspections; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 42. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide a standard by which state, county, and local law enforcement agencies authorize the engagement of vehicular pursuits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 43. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Fort of the 39th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, so as to revise the criminal penalty for operating a vehicle without adequately securing load; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 44. By Senator Burke of the 11th:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 4th                      Thompson of the 5th

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Stone of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stone was excused.

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 24th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tippins of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tippins was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Fort of the 39th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Fort was excused.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Mullis
Anderson, T	Hill, H	Parent
Beach	Hill, Ju	Payne
Black	Hufstetler	Rhett
Brass	Jackson, L	Seay
Burke	James	Shafer
Butler	Jeffares	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, B	Tate
Davenport	Jones, E	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kennedy	Tillery
Ginn	Kirk	Unterman
Gooch	Ligon	Walker

Harbin	Martin	Watson
Harbison	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harper	Millar	Williams, M
Heath	Miller	

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, L. (Excused)	Fort (Excused)	Hill, Ja. (Excused)
Jones, H.	Lucas	Orrock (Excused)
Stone (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)	Tippins (Excused)

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators:    Tippins of the 37th                  Jones II of the 22nd                  Fort of the 39th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Henson of the 41st introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Vandy Simmons of Stone Mountain, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Thompson of the 14th recognized the Cartersville High School football team on their second consecutive undefeated season and for winning the GHSA 2016 AAAA State Championship, commended by SR 32, adopted previously. Head Coach Joey King addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harbin of the 16th recognized the Fayette Chamber of Commerce on its 50th anniversary, commended by SR 33, adopted previously. President Carlotta Ungaro addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Miller of the 49th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. James L. Smith.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 37.    By Senator Black of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 4-H Clubs of Georgia and Mr. James Hancock, Mr. Arch D. Smith, and the 2016-2017 4-H Leadership Team and recognizing February 8, 2017, as 4-H Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 38. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Walter B. Simmons on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 39. By Senator Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Josh Reddick for his outstanding accomplishments in the sport of baseball; and for other purposes.

SR 40. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 26, 2017, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 41. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Tippins of the 37th, Brass of the 28th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the REACH Georgia program coordinators, mentors, academic coaches, and supporters for their dedicated service to the lives of our REACH Scholars and recognizing January 25, 2017, as REACH Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 42. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chief Ken Ball on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 43. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bishop Eddie Lee Long; and for other purposes.

SR 44. By Senators Albers of the 56th and Beach of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION commending the longtime service and leadership of Director Gary D. George to the City of Alpharetta; and for other purposes.

SR 45. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the John Milledge Academy Trojans football team for winning the 2016 Georgia Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 46. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2017, as Jackson-Butts County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 47. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Roosevelt Jackson; and for other purposes.

SR 48. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant Warren Dunlap on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 49. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2017, as Dr. R. L. White Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 50. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2017, as Columbus Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 51. By Senators Martin of the 9th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Mark Pizzo; and for other purposes.

SR 52. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Lunar New Year Celebration; and for other purposes.

SR 53. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sheriff Billy Carlisle on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 54. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jim Miner on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 55. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Commissioner James Swafford on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 56. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Doug Sherrill on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 57. By Senators Gooch of the 51st and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing State Representative Stephen Allison for his outstanding public service; and for other purpose.

SR 58. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating the life and memory of Mr. James Camp "Bimbo" Brewer; and for other purposes.

SR 59. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Williams of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sergeant Patrick Michael Sondron; and for other purposes.

SR 60. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Thompson of the 14th, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st and Anderson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Science Teachers Association; and for other purposes.

SR 61. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Williams of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Daryl Wayne Smallwood; and for other purposes.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 24, 2017

The Honorable Chuck Payne  
Senator, District 54  
305-A CLOB  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Senator Payne,

Below are your committee assignments for the upcoming session.

**Committee:**

- 1. Public Safety**
- 2. State and Local Governmental Operations**
- 3. Finance**
- 4. State Institutions and Property**

Congratulations on your committee assignments. We look forward to working with you and having a productive session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

/s/ David Shafer  
Senator David Shafer  
President Pro-Tempore

/s/ Bill Cowsert  
Senator Bill Cowsert  
Majority Leader

/s/ Steve Gooch  
Senator Steve Gooch  
Majority Whip

/s/ John F. Kennedy  
Senator John Kennedy  
Majority Caucus Chairman

/s/ John Wilkinson  
Senator John Wilkinson  
Caucus Secretary

/s/ Renee Unterman  
Senator Renee Unterman  
District 45



The following communications were received by the Secretary:



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353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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Secretary of the Senate

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
**FROM:** DAVID COOK  
**DATE:** JANUARY 24, 2017  
**RE:** JUDICIAL QUALIFICATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2017, have been made by the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Supreme Court of Georgia. These appointments have been referred to the Committee on Assignments. They are attached for you review. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations on the appointments to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

**THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-19, the Honorable Edward Tolley of Clarke County, Georgia, is appointed Chairman of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

The Honorable Edward Tolley  
P.O. Box 1927  
Athens, Georgia 30603-1927

This 5th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 17, 2017

The Georgia State Senate  
c/o Secretary David Cook  
Office of the Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Judicial Qualifications Commission

Secretary Cook:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21, I have made the following appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

Mr. Lester B. Johnson, III – Appointment from the nominees provided by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia

Attached is the official nominating letter that was sent to Mr. Johnson on January 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 13, 2017

The Georgia State Senate  
c/o Secretary David Cook  
Office of the Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Judicial Qualifications Commission

Secretary Cook:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21, I have made the following appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

Mr. Brian Tam – Citizen Appointment

Attached is the official nominating letter that was sent to Mr. Tam on December 29, 2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle

*House of Representatives*

**DAVID RALSTON**  
**SPEAKER**

**332 STATE CAPITOL**  
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January 17, 2017

Mr. Richard Lee Hyde  
Balch & Bingham, LLP  
30 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd, NW, Ste. 700  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Mr. Hyde:

Pursuant to OCGA 15-1-19(c), I am hereby appointing you to the Judicial Qualifications Commission as a citizen member. Your term is effective January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

I thank you for your willingness to serve and for your many years of distinguished and ongoing service to the citizens of Georgia.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ David Ralston  
David Ralston, Speaker  
Georgia House of Representatives

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January 12, 2017

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor/President of Georgia Senate  
c/o Irene Munn, Legislative Counsel  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle,

I write at the request of Justice David E. Nahmias to provide you with a copy of the order issued by the Court appointing the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, Judge of the State Court of Fulton County, and the Honorable Tillman E. Self, III, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, as members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (c) (1).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-656-6429 if you have any questions about this order. The Court appreciates your interest in these appointments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tee Barnes  
Therese S. Barnes, Clerk

**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Atlanta January 12, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.  
The following order was passed:

It is ordered that the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, Judge of the State Court of Fulton County, and the Honorable Tillman E. Self, III, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, who were appointed by this Court as members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission in previous years pursuant to Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph VI (1) of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, for terms ending January 5, 2019 and April 10, 2017, respectively, are hereby appointed by this Court as members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (c) (1), effective this date for terms ending June 30, 2017. The Clerk of this Court shall submit a certified copy of this order to the Senate forthwith, pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (f).

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**  
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from  
The minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto  
Affixed the day and year last above written.

/s/ Therese S. Barnes, Clerk

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:05 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 6. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Regional Transit Council; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for a report and proposal by the council; to provide for assignment of the council to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes; to provide for compensation and expenses; to provide for contingent automatic repeal; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 45. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Stone of the 23rd, Parent of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit the use of a device to film under or through a person's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 46. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Thompson of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

- SB 47. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for visiting sports teams' physicians; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 48. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th, Tippins of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to freeze the cost of certain hunting licenses that are renewed before expiration; to provide for prospective application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

- SB 49. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Harper of the 7th, Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-125.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for carrying and possession of firearms, so as to change provisions relating to the definition of a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

- SB 50. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to provide definitions; to provide that direct primary care agreements are not insurance; to exempt such agreements from regulation as insurance; to provide for discontinuance of services under certain circumstances; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

- SB 52. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to mental health and authorizing a licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts, Act No. 546, approved April 21, 2014 (Ga L. 2014, p. 347), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 10, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4), so as to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 53. By Senator Seay of the 34th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to handicapped persons, so as to provide for the installation and maintenance of adult changing stations in certain commercial public facilities for persons with disabilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for the powers and duties of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for limitations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for exemptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for federal law compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 54. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to create a new class of motor vehicles to be known as autonomous vehicles; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements to operate an autonomous vehicle; to provide for



the operation of autonomous vehicles on public highways for testing purposes; to provide for indemnity to vehicle manufacturers in certain instances; to provide for the regulation of autonomous vehicles; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 55. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mental health, so as to provide for a psychiatric advance directive; to provide for a competent adult to express his or her mental health care treatment preferences and desires directly through instructions written in advance and indirectly through appointing an agent to make mental health care decisions on behalf of that person; to amend Code Section 16-5-5 and Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to assisted suicide and notification of licensing board regarding violation and health, respectively, so as to include cross-references to the psychiatric advance directive and provide for consistent terminology; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 56. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for physician profiling programs; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide profiling program standards; to establish criteria for programs that evaluate a physician's cost of care; to provide for certain disclosures to patients; to provide that the Commissioner shall contract with an independent oversight entity; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 57. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that the costs of special primaries or special elections to fill vacancies in public offices shall be paid by this state in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 58. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal Code Section 48-13-50.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an excise tax on hotel and motel room rentals, so as to repeal such provision; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 59. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Jones of the 10th, Lucas of the 26th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for requirements for direct recording electronic voting systems used in this state; to provide for voter verified paper audit trails; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 60. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to sex discrimination in employment and enact the "Georgia Equal Pay Act" to prohibit differential pay because of the sex of the employee; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 61. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to enact the "Georgia Family Planning Initiative"; to provide for definitions; to authorize public and private funding; to provide for distribution of funds for family planning services; to provide for priority of patients and cost of services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 62. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preparation, printing, publicizing, and distributing of summary of general amendments to Constitution of Georgia, so as to change the procedure for preparation of said summary; to amend Article 6 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board, so as to change the makeup of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SB 63. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for the creation of a program to compensate in part for the wage loss sustained by any individual who is unable to work due to such individual's own sickness or injury, the sickness or injury of a family member, or the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a new child; to create the Family Medical Leave Fund; to provide for contributions to such fund; to provide for filing determination and payment of claims; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the Department of Labor; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

- SB 64. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to enact the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; to allow states to join together to establish an interstate compact to elect the president by national popular vote; to provide for the implementation of such compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SR 6. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, McKoon of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that legislative and congressional reapportionment be done by an independent bipartisan commission instead of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

- SR 7. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide procedures and standards for legislative and congressional reapportionment; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

- SR 71. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require that summaries of proposed constitutional amendments which have been adopted by the General Assembly and will be submitted to the voters for ratification be drafted by an independent body appointed by the deans of the University of Georgia School of Law and the Georgia State University College of Law and by the Supreme Court of Georgia; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- SR 73. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Lucas of the 26th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create the Family Medical Leave Fund; to authorize the dedication of certain revenues to be deposited into such fund; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Jones of the 10th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senators Lucas of the 26th, Tate of the 38th, and Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Lucas, Tate and Parent were excused.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Millar of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Millar was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Davenport of the 44th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Davenport was excused.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th asked unanimous consent that Senator Mullis of the 53rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Mullis was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Payne
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Rhett
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Seay
Beach	Hill, Ju	Shafer
Black	Hufstetler	Sims
Brass	Jackson, L	Stone
Burke	James	Thompson, B
Butler	Jeffares	Thompson, C
Cowsert	Jones, H	Tillery
Dugan	Kennedy	Tippins
Ginn	Kirk	Unterman
Gooch	Ligon	Walker
Harbin	Martin	Watson
Harbison	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams, M
Heath	Orrock	

Not answering were Senators:

Davenport (Excused)	Fort	Jones, B. (Excused)
Jones, E. (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)	Millar (Excused)
Mullis (Excused)	Parent (Excused)	Tate (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Hill of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Cory Hallett of Mableton, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Benjamin Lefkove.

Senator Dugan of the 30th recognized the REACH Georgia program coordinators, mentors, academic coaches, and supporters for their dedicated service to the lives of our REACH Scholars and recognized January 25, 2017, as REACH Georgia Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 41, adopted previously. Mr. Allen Fort, Superintendent of Taliaferro County Schools, addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 62. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Burke of the 11th, Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 1, 2017, as Resurgens Orthopaedics Advocacy Day; and for other purposes.

SR 63. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Burke of the 11th, Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February, 2017, as Self-Care Month; and for other purposes.

SR 64. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Harbin of the 16th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Randall L. Peters on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 65. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd, James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Captain Gwendolyn Fulton on the occasion of her retirement and for her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 66. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sandra Gayle Austin; and for other purposes.

- SR 67. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Marcia Johnson Church; and for other purposes.

- SR 69. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Robert Singletary on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

- SR 70. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Frank Cornelius Brown on the occasion of his tenth pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

- SR 72. By Senators Watson of the 1st and Burke of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 25, 2017, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and commending the physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 74. By Senator Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 25, 2017, as Advanced Placement Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 76. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd and Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Nathan "Nate" Hirsch; and for other purposes.

- SR 77. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Tillery of the 19th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the Georgia Association of Broadcasters for its public service during Hurricane Matthew; and for other purposes.

SR 68. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Williams of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring President Donald J. Trump on becoming the 45th President of the United States; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that, upon the dissolution of the Joint Session, the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 26, 2017.

The President announced the motion prevailed at 10:36 a.m.

The hour for convening the Joint Session of the Senate and House having arrived, the President, accompanied by the Secretary and Senators, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and the Joint Session, called for the purpose of hearing a message by Honorable P. Harris Hines, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was called to order by the Speaker of the House. HR 8 authorizing the Joint Session of the Senate and House was read by the Clerk of the House.

Honorable P. Harris Hines, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, addressed the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives as follows:

Speaker Ralston, Lieutenant Governor Cagle, members of the Georgia General Assembly, my fellow justices and judges, ladies and gentlemen:

Forty years ago, at the invitation of then House Speaker Tom Murphy, Chief Justice H.E. Nichols stood most likely where I stand today and for the first time reported to a joint session of the General Assembly on the State of Georgia's Judiciary.

As your new Chief Justice, I am honored that Speaker Ralston has asked me to carry on this historic annual tradition.

As the head of the third branch of government, it is my duty, and my privilege, to report to you today what the judicial branch has accomplished in the last year, the problems it still faces, and with your help, the steps it will take to solve them.

With gratitude to you and to Governor Deal for your leadership and support of our courts, I say with confidence that Georgia's judicial branch is today strong and on a course toward becoming more efficient and even stronger in the future.

Our mission as judges, however, remains the same: to interpret the laws fairly, clearly, consistently and in a prompt and impartial manner. Our constitutional duty was determined by our forefathers and requires that we uphold the rule of law. I believe the rule of law to be the very lifeblood of our judicial system, and that which gives liberty and justice to all. Judges are mandated to apply it equally to every citizen who comes before us.



But Georgia is a much different state than when Chief Justice Nichols stood here, and Georgia's judiciary must keep up with a growing population, growing caseloads and growing technological advances.

Two thousand and seventeen will be a historic year of change for the judicial branch. When Chief Justice Nichols spoke to this august body, all seven members of the Supreme Court most likely were here. Since 1945, seven is the number of justices Georgia has had on its highest court. But beginning this year, we now have nine.

I am delighted to introduce to you today our three new highly accomplished justices who were appointed by Governor Deal and who just took office this month. Justices Michael Boggs, Nels Peterson, and Britt Grant – would you all please stand.

The growth of our appellate courts is necessary in the face of increasingly complex litigation and a growth in our state's population that has made Georgia the eighth most populous state in the country.

Governor Deal also recently appointed three new judges to the Georgia Court of Appeals. Judges Clyde Reese, Charlie Bethel and Tripp Self, would the three of you also please stand.

This year, Georgia has a highly unusual number of 32 newly elected or appointed superior court judges. Significantly, their average age is only 49, which is nearly a decade younger than the sitting judges of a number of other states.

Many of our new trial court judges are here today, and I would ask all of our judges – new and not so new – who are in the gallery and who represent all classes of courts to please stand so that you, our legislators, can thank them for the work they do.

I also would like to introduce to you my wife, Helen, whom I was so very lucky to convince to marry me way back in 1969. When I met her, my father said, "Harris, Miss Hill is your very best hope. Don't mess this up."

I point out to you, in case you haven't noticed, that this new crop of justices and judges may be a bit younger than I. But I am most hopeful that this old dog – and some other somewhat old dogs – can still teach these young and talented dogs a few tricks.

For they are the face of our future. Today we stand on the brink of a new judiciary in Georgia, fortified by the next generation of judges – a young dynamic team who will infuse energy and new ideas into this important branch of government. They are the ones who will help shape our judiciary for future generations.

Governor Deal had a clear, farseeing vision for the judiciary. He has purposely appointed younger judges to help bring continuity, stability and reliability to the rule of law in Georgia through the opinions and judgments we render.

The efficiency of our appellate courts has been further strengthened by your support last year of an historic shift in jurisdiction – or the kinds of cases our two appellate courts handle. That change is now in place, and with the shift from the Supreme Court to the Court of Appeals of cases involving wills, divorce and titles to land, Georgia’s highest court is now poised to accept more appeals in the most complex and consequential cases that have the greatest implications for the law and society.

Another historic change affecting our courts has been ongoing criminal justice reform. This will be one of Governor Deal’s most significant legacies, and a reflection of the greatness that can come about when all three branches of government come together for a common purpose.

Thanks to the governor; thanks to all of you in the legislature; and thanks to colleagues of mine on the Supreme Court who were on the ground floor of this reform, the last six years have made Georgia a national leader in smart criminal justice reform policy.

Other states now look to emulate us.

We are all grateful to my friend and new colleague, Justice Michael Boggs, and the Council on Criminal Justice Reform that he has co-chaired for the last five years. This bipartisan council, also now co-chaired by Carey Miller, the governor’s executive deputy counsel, has worked hard in coming up with numerous policy recommendations.

Thanks to your legislative support, the accomplishments of this reform have been extraordinary. We have enacted policies that hold criminal offenders accountable, improve public safety and save taxpayer dollars by reserving prison beds for our violent and most serious offenders while steering many non-violent offenders into specialty courts to deal with the underlying behavior that got them into trouble with the law.

Today, across Georgia, we have 139 specialty courts, including drug courts, mental health courts, DUI courts, and veterans courts.

This year, the Council will be addressing another area that needs reform. Today Georgia has the highest probation rate in the nation. Let me repeat that: We have the highest rate of people on probation in the United States. Our prison rate is now comparable to that of other southeastern states, but we place four times as many adults on probation per capita than the national average. And we keep them on probation longer. Half are on probation for misdemeanors, including such infractions as not having enough money to pay a \$100 fine for a broken tail light.

The Council will be making a number of recommendations to you for reforming the probation sentencing of low-risk, non-violent offenders who, based on validated risk and needs assessments, pose low public safety risks. The goal is to shift low-level probationers off supervision rolls, but only after they have successfully completed a defined period of supervision. At an eventual savings of more than \$7 million, the Council recommends freeing up 140 probation officers in the next five years to concentrate on high-level offenders who are more of a risk to our citizens.

We have freed up prison beds for the most hardened, dangerous felons. And it's working. We now want to do the same with probationers and free up the limited resources of the Department of Community Supervision so it can focus on the highest risk offenders.

Because of your support, criminal justice reform in Georgia has saved millions in taxpayer dollars, improved public safety and helped countless Georgia families. The judiciary thanks you for this.

In the time I have at the helm of this branch of government, my hope is to help steer this ship in the direction of a more cohesive and efficient judiciary. I understand that like the other branches of government, we must be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and constantly be looking for ways to reduce duplication of services and efforts, and make our branch the most efficient possible. As we move toward the future, we cannot afford to work at cross purposes as we are far more effective and efficient working together.

I want the judicial branch to be a brand, a good brand, and a good brand is a promise that is always kept. I will therefore be working with the Judicial Council, the Court of Appeals, and all classes of courts to improve the workings of the judicial branch and begin to lay the groundwork for its more efficient management.

There are other areas of the court system that with your help we can improve. One of my priorities is to put more focused attention on the problem of modest income, working-class people who simply cannot afford legal representation. At one end of the scale, people of means can afford to hire lawyers; at the other end, very poor people often qualify for legal aid services. But working class citizens of quite modest means, the working poor, are too often caught in the middle – earning too much to qualify for legal aid but not enough to hire attorneys. The man in the nursing home who wants to leave what little he owns to his only child, should be able to find affordable legal help to write a simple will that complies with the law.

Financially solid individuals and large businesses can afford lawyers, but many mom and pop grocery stores, family farms and working class families struggle mightily to pay for legal services. This leads to too many Georgians having to represent themselves in court.

In the last year, our Georgia courts heard more than 800,000 cases involving self-represented litigants. Not only are people who represent themselves more likely to lose their case due to their lack of legal knowledge, but they also slow down court proceedings.

I in no way suggest that we abandon our efforts to help the indigent, as there is a waiting list of those trying to get help from overworked legal aid attorneys. But we must address this gap into which people of modest means have fallen.

Our courts and the State Bar of Georgia have been working on this problem and have come up with some helpful solutions. Innovative self-help clinics and kiosks, combined with the growing use of technology to help people fill out legal forms and petitions, have certainly helped in courts that have them.

Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk of the Fulton County Magistrate Court has helped create a clinic that provides legal support to tenants who are about to be evicted. Her court also has partnered with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation to provide trained attorneys proficient in landlord-tenant disputes.

I am particularly proud of a program we have developed here in Georgia, under the leadership of John Sammon of the Supreme Court's Office of Bar Admissions, and Professor Clark Cunningham of Georgia State University's College of Law. As a result of the Georgia Supreme Court's adoption of new rules broadening the supervised practice of law students, this year more than 1,000 current law students will be representing low and moderate income Georgians in legal matters who otherwise could not afford a lawyer. It's a win-win for both the law students and the clients, and it does not cost the clients or the State a dime.

But these programs are not enough. For those who are seeking legal help, sometimes it appears that we don't have a system, we have a maze. We must come up with a system to ensure that those who need legal assistance get it – creative solutions for filling this gap, whether through legislation, court rules, or technology. I intend to work with the State Bar of Georgia and law schools to explore how best to address this need.

During my term as Chief Justice, I also want to draw attention to our “courts of first resort.” For most Georgians, their first – and often only – exposure to our judicial system is in a municipal, magistrate or probate court. It is vital that these courts of first resort, which adjudicate more cases than any other class of courts, provide our citizens a speedy, effective and just resolution of their cases. These courts are the face of the rule of law, and our citizens' confidence in our justice system depends on these courts' ability to serve them. Yet our courts of first resort are sorely in need of attention and help in many ways.

Municipal Court Judge Gary Jackson, president of the statewide Council of Municipal Court Judges, works at the busiest court in Georgia – Atlanta Municipal Court. He typically hears more than 100 cases each day. People with traffic tickets, property violations and other matters line up – sometimes for hours – to get justice. For the individuals appearing before Judge Jackson, these are not inconsequential matters. But imagine hearing 100 individual sets of facts a day and issuing 100 decisions.

Our procedures in these courts may be more burdensome and convoluted than necessary.

I believe it is time for a thorough study of the processing of cases in courts of first resort to identify the changes we need to make to guarantee our citizens speedy resolutions of their cases while meeting constitutional requirements of due process.

We must ensure that these courts have the resources they need, that they are presided over by judges who are well trained, and that they run efficiently.

I also want to speak up for our superior court judges, whose jurisdiction includes the most serious crimes and complex civil litigation. Our judicial branch could work far more efficiently if all our superior court judges had law clerks. A judge's work product must be clean and clear so that understandable guidance is given to lawyers and the people and the businesses of Georgia. Our decisions must always uphold the rule of law.

One way to improve the efficiency of our courts and get a lot of bang for the buck is to fund a law clerk for every superior court judge. With law clerks, our judges could handle more cases; they could handle them more efficiently; and they could decide them more speedily.

Perhaps most of all, Georgia's juvenile court judges deserve our support. Our juvenile court judges are on the front line of crime prevention. They are often the first to identify that the reason a child may be creating havoc at school is because at home he's being harmed by his alcoholic father. Whether we're talking about criminal justice reform or the efficiency of our courts, how we deal with our youngest, most vulnerable citizens – whether as victims or as fresh new lawbreakers – must be carefully, compassionately and skillfully handled. Here, more than anywhere else, we have to get it right.

Because of the important work our juvenile court judges do, I believe we need to work toward a system of independent, full-time juvenile court judges. Juvenile law is complex and statutorily driven. We have a new juvenile code. We must attract the best and the brightest, and give them the resources they need.

As one of my administrative duties – apart from my duties as a Justice – I have chaired the Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children for the last 16 years. It has been perhaps the most fulfilling job I have had as a judge. Like many of you, I was blessed to come up in a wonderful household. I truly had a deliriously happy childhood. My parents

loved me, and they loved and respected each other. But as a judge, I have seen the bad things that some adults do to children. As a justice on our state's highest court, I have labored over appeals of murder convictions of parents who have brutalized and killed their children. You have read the stories. They do seem to be ongoing.

But the Committee on Justice for Children has not stood still. Our work in improving the process for child neglect and abuse cases is one of the most important things government can do. I am so very proud of this outstanding committee, which includes judges, legislators, agency heads, group home owners and pediatricians. Our Cold Case Project has helped move hundreds of children from foster care into permanent homes where they are loved and supported. We have sponsored 54 attorneys who are now certified by the American Bar Association as child welfare specialists. Six of these attorneys have gone on to become juvenile court judges.

One of our Committee members is Bobby Cagle, Director of the Division of Family and Children Services. I am grateful to Governor Deal – himself a former juvenile court judge – for having appointed Mr. Cagle to lead this critical agency.

Bobby was himself a foster child who was adopted from an orphanage when he was 10 months old by two very loving parents in North Carolina. Bobby has told me that he is exactly where he needs to be, because he more than anyone, knows how critical it is for a child to have a loving, intact family. He is deeply committed to the most fragile children and families in our state. He has also taken steps to make the child welfare system more transparent. Under his leadership, today we have a computer data exchange system where every juvenile court judge can see information about foster care children. The purpose is to ensure that everyone involved in a child's life has the same information so that the best decisions are made for that child. This year, the judicial branch has a budget request to institutionalize this successful computer exchange project, and I ask for your support.

Ladies and gentlemen, without our intervention, today's abused and neglected children could easily become tomorrow's juvenile and adult offenders. Our number one criminal justice reform must be to ensure, to the best of our ability, that every child is loved, guided, protected, and supported, not by the State, but by at least one committed adult, preferably more.

Bobby Cagle shares that belief, and I am proud to introduce him to you. Bobby, would you please stand.

Forty years ago, Chief Justice Nichols pointed out that across the street from you, we justices at the Supreme Court of Georgia do a lot more than decide cases. Today – as back then – we also have administrative duties as head of the judicial branch that are apart from normal court administration. I have just described mine as chair of the Committee on Justice for Children, which I am handing over to my most able friend and colleague, Justice David Nahmias.

But all our justices are each involved in providing leadership in every aspect of the judicial system. They serve on, and lead, committees on court technology, the professionalism of lawyers, and access and fairness in the courts. They act as liaisons to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the State Bar of Georgia, and the Office of Dispute Resolution.

Four decades ago, Chief Justice Nichols specifically stated that without the Supreme Court's leadership, and I quote, "the judiciary devolves into fragments, each trying to do what it can to improve the system but not always acting with the sense of purpose and unity that comes from leadership at the top."

I am grateful for Presiding Justice Harold Melton, my good friend and colleague.

As one of his key administrative duties, Presiding Justice Melton chairs the court system's committee on technology. His vice chairman is Superior Court Judge David Emerson of Douglas County.

Key to the future of our courts – to making our courts more efficient, to serving those who are encountering harsh economic circumstances, and to making our courts accessible to all our citizens – is technology.

We are on the brink of solving many of the courts' problems through technology.

Gwinnett County Probate Judge Christopher Ballar has used technology to streamline the process of issuing birth and death certificates. Using a computer program that searches, retrieves and issues the certificates, the program also helps prevent fraud and identity theft. Also in Gwinnett County, Superior Court Judge Randy Rich and other judges, in cooperation with the sheriff, are regularly using videoconferencing to cut down on having to transport inmates from the county jail to the courthouse. By doing so, they have increased public safety while making substantial cost savings.

Courts across Georgia have made great strides in moving from using paper documents and filings to using "e-filing" – or the electronic filing of court documents and records. In 2017, e-filing will become the norm.

Presiding Justice Melton's outstanding committee has led this effort and established rules that enable different systems to talk to each other. The Committee has worked more cooperatively with court clerks than ever before. The need now in Georgia is to tie the systems together so we have a centralized one-stop shop. Right now, there is no central entry point for e-filing across the state, and that is because there is no single portal. We need a single entryway – such as a website – where individuals can file and look up documents using a single password.

Presiding Justice Melton and his committee members are the experts. I know he has talked to a number of you, and it's time to go forward with a centralized system. The committee has a budget request for making this happen, and I do ask for your support. It will go a long way toward improving the efficiency of Georgia's courts.

In closing, I again thank all of you in the legislature for your support of the judiciary. We share the same mission of serving the citizens of this state. And we could not do our jobs without your help.

I also thank all of the judges of Georgia who each day must make difficult decisions, balancing mercy and justice. They most often make these decisions alone, praying for courage.

And I thank my friends and colleagues on the Supreme Court for having faith in me and allowing me the opportunity to lead it.

In parting, I end with the words of my predecessor of 40 years ago, Chief Justice Nichols:

“Because of my unswerving belief that our system of government is the noblest, the grandest and the greatest system of government ever conceived by mind of man, and for the great honor you have bestowed upon me in inviting me to come here today and address you in Joint Session, and, of course, for your kind attention, I thank you from the depth of my being.”

God bless all of you, and God bless the great state of Georgia.

Representative Burns of the 159th moved that the Joint Session be hereby dissolved.

The motion prevailed, and the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session dissolved.

Pursuant to the provisions of a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 26, 2017.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, January 26, 2017  
Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:09 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 51. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Beach of the 21st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-7-115 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the placing of signage at film and television production sites along the Georgia Film and Television Trail, so as to revise provisions relating to the Georgia Film and Television Trail; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 65. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Dugan of the 30th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Sims of the 12th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-8-40.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tire disposal restrictions and fees, so as to require new tire retailers that collect a fee for the collection or disposal of scrap tires upon the purchase of replacement tires for a motor vehicle to collect such fee whether or not scrap tires are relinquished to the retailer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

- SB 66. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Fort of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 19 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fair employment practices, so as to require that at least one minority person be interviewed during the process of filling vacancies of executive heads of state agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide an exception to such requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

- SB 67. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Payne of the 54th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to administrative procedure, so as to provide requirements relative to the formulation, drafting, and adoption of rules or amendments to existing rules; to provide for advisory committees; to provide for related matters; to amend Titles 27, 28, 31, 33, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to game and fish, General Assembly, health, insurance, and state government, respectively, so as to correct and conform cross-references; to provide for a short title, legislative findings, and statement of purpose; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

- SB 68. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Stone of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to establish an individual student education account program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and requirements; to provide for management of accounts; to provide for participating schools; to provide for responsibilities of parents; to provide for duties of the Department of Revenue in administering the program; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 69. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Gooch of the 51st and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-21-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to packaging and labeling and registration of organic products and certifying entities, so as to eliminate a registration requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

- SB 70. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Cowser of the 46th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- SB 71. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts to the list of property that is exempt from bankruptcy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 72. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Williams of the 27th, Kirk of the 13th, Jones of the 25th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations organized for religious, fraternal, or educational purposes, so as to change provisions relating to land conveyances to churches or religious societies; to urge the courts to consider disputes with regard to determining the property rights of churches or religious societies be resolved by a neutral principles analysis of all relevant matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 73. By Senator Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5156), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3557), so as to revise the responsibilities of the chief judge; to revise the method of selection of the chief judge; to provide for a court administrator; to provide for the hiring and discharge of same; to provide for the court administrator's responsibilities; to require the court administrator to provide a bond; to provide personnel policies and procedures of employees of the court; to authorize the adoption of rules, policies, or regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 74. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-684 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the conduct of a hearing for the petition of an unemancipated minor seeking a waiver of the parental notification requirement for an abortion and appeal, so as to provide for clear and convincing evidence as the proper standard of proof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 93. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the dedication of revenue derived from the regulation of athletic and entertainment events held in this state to be used for certain purposes and not deposited into the general fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator Brass of the 28th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Harbin of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that Senator Payne of the 54th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Payne was excused.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senators Miller of the 49th and Hill of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Miller and Hill were excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Mullis
Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, Ju	Parent
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson, L	Seay
Burke	James	Shafer
Butler	Jeffares	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Tate
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Tippins
Gooch	Lucas	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Walker
Harbison	McKoon	Watson
Harper	Millar	Wilkinson
Heath		

Not answering were Senators:

Brass (Excused)	Hill, H. (Excused)	Jones, B. (Excused)
Miller (Excused)	Payne (Excused)	Thompson, C.
Williams (Excused)		

Senator Brass of the 28th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Gregory Lordnum of Savannah, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Unterman of the 45th recognized January 26, 2017, as Health Information Technology Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 40, adopted previously. Michele P. Madison, Partner in the Healthcare Practice, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Henson of the 41st introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Carmen Sulton.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd recognized Walter B. Simmons on his outstanding public service, commended by SR 38, adopted previously. Mr. Walter Simmons addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Albers of the 56th recognized the longtime service and leadership of Director Gary D. George to the City of Alpharetta, commended by SR 44, adopted previously. Director Gary George addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 75. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Parent of the 42nd, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of February 6-10, 2017, as National School Counseling Week; and for other purposes.

SR 78. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month and February 9, 2017, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 79. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Ginn of the 47th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2017, as Veterinary Medicine Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 80. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Paralympian gold medalist McKenzie Coan; and for other purposes.

- SR 81. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Future Farmers of America and recognizing February 19-26, 2017, as National FFA Week, with February 21, 2017, as Future Farmers of America Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 82. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Burke of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 15, 2017, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 83. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Stone of the 23rd, Orrock of the 36th, Cowsert of the 46th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2017, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 84. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Karin Slaughter for her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 85. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ramon Pooser for becoming an artist in residence for the City of Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 86. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Robertson Family for becoming USA Artists in Residence for the City of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

- SR 87. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Linda Townley on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 88. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Commissioner Steve Shaw on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 89. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2017, as White County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 90. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dewey Moye on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 91. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Thompson of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mayor Timothy B. Downing on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 92. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mike Berg on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 26, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334



Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Matt Brass to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Science and Technology Committee meeting on January 26, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

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Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

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General Assembly of Georgia

26 January 2017

Honorable Brian P. Kemp  
Secretary of State  
214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary of State Kemp:

Enclosed is a certificate from the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives certifying that Honorable Ann Purcell was reelected as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 1st Congressional District. She will serve for a term expiring April 15, 2022. This certificate is furnished to you pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20.

With all good wishes, I am,

Respectfully,

/s/ Wayne R. Allen  
Legislative Counsel

The General Assembly  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

TO: HONORABLE BRIAN KEMP  
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Ann Purcell has been reelected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as a member of the State Transportation Board from the 1st Congressional District for a term expiring April 15, 2022.

/s/ Casey Cagle  
HONORABLE CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ David Ralston  
HONORABLE DAVID RALSTON  
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**CERTIFICATION OF CAUCUS ELECTION**

Pursuant to the call for a caucus under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, a caucus was held on January 25, 2017, in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol Building. At that caucus, Honorable Ann Purcell was reelected as a member of the State Transportation Board from the 1st Congressional District to serve a term expiring April 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ron Stephens  
Honorable Ron Stephens  
Representative, District 164  
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Al Williams  
Honorable Al Williams  
Representative, District 168  
SECRETARY

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26 January 2017

Honorable Brian P. Kemp  
Secretary of State  
214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Secretary of State Kemp:

Enclosed is a certificate from the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives certifying that Honorable Sam Wellborn was reelected as the member of the State Transportation Board from the 3rd Congressional District. He will serve for a term expiring April 15, 2022. This certificate is furnished to you pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20.

With all good wishes, I am,

Respectfully,

/s/ Wayne R. Allen  
Legislative Counsel

**The General Assembly**  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

TO: HONORABLE BRIAN KEMP  
SECRETARY OF STATE

This is to certify that Honorable Sam Wellborn has been reelected, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-2-20, as a member of the State Transportation Board from the 3rd Congressional District for a term expiring April 15, 2022.

/s/ Casey Cagle  
HONORABLE CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

/s/ David Ralston  
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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Andy J. Welch III  
Honorable Andy Welch  
Representative, District 110  
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Rep. Lynn R. Smith 70  
Honorable Lynn Smith  
Representative, District 70  
SECRETARY

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 9 until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, January 30, 2017  
Ninth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:06 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the House:

HB 43. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

- SB 75. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Administrative Services, so as to define certain terms; to create the Division of Supplier Diversity; to provide for appointment of a director; to provide for powers and duties of the director; to create the position of minority and women owned business enterprises state-wide advocate; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties; to provide for provisions for state contracts; to provide for a state-wide disparity study; to provide for contents; to provide for the structure of procurement contracts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for the implementation of rules and regulations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

- SB 76. By Senators Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales tax for educational purposes, so as to change certain provisions regarding distribution of the sales tax for educational purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to provide for automatic repeal under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 77. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-690.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mandatory education for children between ages six and 16, so as to raise the age of mandatory attendance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 78. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Harper of the 7th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 26, relating to the adulteration and misbranding of food, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue a variance or waiver to certain rules and regulations of the department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

- SB 79. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Tate of the 38th, Black of the 8th, Mullis of the 53rd and Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation, membership, appointment, and duties of the Georgia Gaming Commission; to authorize the licensing of up to two destination resorts in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- SB 80. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to authorize certain persons who are citizens of this state and have retired with at least ten years of aggregate service as a law enforcement officer with powers of arrest under the laws of any state of the United States or of the United States to carry a handgun anywhere within this state; to require such persons to possess and to meet the standards for issuance of an identification card for retired law enforcement officers as issued by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 81. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Burke of the 11th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain



opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to controlled substances; to amend Code Section 31-12-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to reporting disease, confidentiality, reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs; provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 82. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to create a need based HOPE scholarship and grant; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 83. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Anderson of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to raise the age of mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program from 16 to 17 1/2; to revise provisions relating to adult literacy for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 84. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of property seized, so as to provide law enforcement agencies the option to destroy or sell certain firearms; to revise procedures for the disposition of certain firearms in custody of law enforcement agencies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

- SB 85. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 6th, Martin of the 9th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to malt beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers of malt beverages; to provide for a definition; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner; to provide for certain powers of the state revenue commissioner; to clarify that sales of malt beverages by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction; to provide for remittance of local excise taxes by brewers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- SB 86. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to foreclosure in general, so as to require confirmation and make it nonwaivable for real estate sold on foreclosure or levy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

- SB 87. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to provide for the discharge of judgments against exempt property in bankruptcy; to provide for procedure; to provide for the effect of an order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

- SB 88. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Harbison of the 15th, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for

regulation of narcotic treatment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 89. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers in the Department of Transportation, so as to provide for state investment in railways and railroad facilities and equipment; to provide that the commissioner of transportation may administer a Georgia Freight Railroad Program; to provide for subprograms within such program; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 90. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jackson of the 2nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for definitions; to require that certain peace officers be equipped with an audio and video recording device attached to their persons for recording audio and video of all activities performed while on duty; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the inspection of public records, so as to provide for the release under certain circumstances of certain audio and video recordings from audio and video recording devices attached to the persons of peace officers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 91. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Jackson of the 2nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-172 of the O.C.G.A., relating to transfers or purchases of firearms subject to the NICS, information concerning persons who have been involuntarily hospitalized to be forwarded to the FBI, penalties for breach of confidentiality, and exceptions, so as to require judicial review for a transfer or sale of a firearm to certain

individuals designated by the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center; to amend Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center, so as to require each agency to submit to the center certain identifying information about known or suspected terrorists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 92. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to allow a person to be detained by law enforcement for the purpose of investigating whether such person has a weapons carry license; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 93. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so as to provide for the identification and contacting of legal immigrants to facilitate applications for naturalization; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 94. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Thompson of the 5th, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to searches with warrants, so as to provide for the use of no-knock search warrants; to provide for a definition; to change provisions relating to the issuance of search warrants; to change provisions relating to the use of force in executing a search warrant; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 95. By Senators Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for distribution of the net proceeds of a sales and use tax for educational purposes between a county school system and one or more independent school systems located in such county; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 43. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator Henson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senators Lucas of the 26th and Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Lucas and Parent were excused.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senators Hill of the 6th and Gooch of the 51st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Hill and Gooch were excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, Ja	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ju	Payne
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Rhett

Beach	Jackson, L	Seay
Black	James	Shafer
Brass	Jeffares	Sims
Burke	Jones, B	Stone
Butler	Jones, E	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, C
Dugan	Kirk	Tillery
Fort	Ligon	Tippins
Ginn	Martin	Unterman
Harbin	McKoon	Walker
Harbison	Millar	Watson
Harper	Miller	Wilkinson
Heath	Mullis	Williams, M
Henson		

Not answering were Senators:

Gooch (Excused)	Hill, H. (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)
Parent (Excused)		

Senator Gooch of the 51st was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Seay of the 34th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Aaron Parker of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 96. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Martin of the 9th, Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 30, 2017, as Golf Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced Greg Burleson, President and CEO of Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association, who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd recognized AME Bishop Reginald Jackson. Bishop Jackson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tippins of the 37th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. James M. Tallman.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 94. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ann G. Williams as the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2017; and for other purposes.

SR 97. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Heath of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Garrett Geros; and for other purposes.

SR 98. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Heath of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Olivia Glenn for her constant strength and hope throughout her battle with pediatric cancer; and for other purposes.

SR 99. By Senator Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the members of the University of West Georgia's Student Government Association and Blue Coat ambassadors for their organizations' outstanding commitment to student leadership on the university's campus, and recognizing January 30, 2017, as University of West Georgia Student Leader Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 100. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Stone of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 7, 2017, as Augusta's Interfaith Coalition Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 101. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2017, as X & Y Chromosome Variations Awareness Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, January 31, 2017  
Tenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:13 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 13. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an ad valorem tax for the purpose of paying for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 95. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selection of jurors, so as to change provisions relating to the collection of data for the compilation of the state-wide master jury list; to amend Code Section 35-3-33 and Article 1 of



Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center and general provisions for pardons and paroles, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 96. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to authorize the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in nursing homes even if they are organ donors; to provide for the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in hospice care even if they are organ donors; to amend Code Section 45-16-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroner's or county medical examiner's duties after notice of suspicious or unusual death, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 97. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-1A-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to functions and authority of lead agency and the Department of Early Care and Learning regarding early care and learning, so as to expand child care subsidies from one year to two years for parents in a job training or educational program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SR 104. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to prohibit the levy of state ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 105. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such services; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 14      Do Pass by substitute  
SB 70      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 85      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jeffares of the 17th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jeffares was excused.

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Kirk of the 13th asked unanimous consent that Senators McKoon of the 29th and Millar of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators McKoon and Millar were excused.

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hill of the 6th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hill was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Parent
Anderson, L	Henson	Payne
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Beach	Hill, Ju	Seay
Black	Hufstetler	Shafer
Brass	Jackson, L	Sims
Burke	James	Stone
Butler	Jones, B	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, E	Thompson, B
Davenport	Jones, H	Tillery
Dugan	Kennedy	Tippins
Fort	Kirk	Unterman
Ginn	Ligon	Walker
Gooch	Martin	Watson
Harbin	Miller	Wilkinson
Harbison	Mullis	Williams, M
Harper	Orrock	

Not answering were Senators:

Hill, H. (Excused)	Jeffares (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)
McKoon (Excused)	Millar (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)

Senator Thompson of the 5th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Millar of the 40th introduced the chaplain of the day, Chaplain Robbye Jarrell of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Fort of the 39th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Delphanie Head.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 119. By Senator Burke of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 31, 2017, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Burke of the 11th recognized Skin Cancer Awareness Day. Dr. Maren Cotes, Dermatology Associates of Georgia, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th honored the life and memory of Sergeant Patrick Michael Sondron and Deputy Daryl Wayne Smallwood, commended by SR 59 and SR 61, adopted previously. Peach County Sheriff Terry W. Deese addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 102. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Ricky Thurman; and for other purposes.

SR 103. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Harper of the 7th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Sheriff Quinton Rush on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 106. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Anderson of the 24th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2017, as Greater Augusta Day and Leadership Augusta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 107. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Martin of the 9th and Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the YMCAs of Georgia for the important work they do in promoting a healthy spirit, mind, and body; and for other purposes.

SR 108. By Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Dugan of the 30th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Laurie Sossa and recognizing her organization, the Southern Barter Club; and for other purposes.

SR 109. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 1, 2017, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 110. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Harper of the 7th and Stone of the 23rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the law enforcement officers and prosecutors who worked diligently to ensure the protection of Georgia's vulnerable adult population; and for other purposes.

SR 111. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th, Tippins of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Harlem High School softball team on winning the 2016 GHSA Class AA State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 112. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing February 6, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 113. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Young Farmers Association and recognizing February 8, 2017, as Young Farmers Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 114. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Cowser of the 46th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and recognizing May 1, 2017, as Cystic Fibrosis Education and Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 115. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Black of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Millar of the 40th, Williams of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 116. By Senator Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Gil Watson for his 23 years of dedicated service to the Northside United Methodist Church and on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 117. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Kirk of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring physicians who have completed the "Scholarship Program" (formerly known as the Country Doctor Program), through the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce; and for other purposes.

SR 118. By Senator Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Utility Contractors Association and recognizing February 7, 2017, as Georgia Utility Contractors Association Legislative Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Sims of the 12th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Stone of the 23rd asked unanimous consent to suspend the prior legislative day notice requirement of Senate Rule 7-1.10 (b), so that the Senate could consider a special action to agree to the House amendment to SB 13.

There was no objection.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 13. By Senator Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an ad valorem tax for the purpose of paying for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:

*Amend SB 13 by inserting after "thereto;" on line 5 the following:*

to repeal an Act providing for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide payment for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt;

*By inserting between lines 36 and 37 the following:*

**SECTION 2A.**

An Act providing for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Jefferson County desire the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners to levy an additional ad valorem tax for the purpose of realizing additional tax revenue to provide payment for Jefferson County Hospital Authority's services and facilities and to retire hospital debt, approved January 24, 2017 (2017 Act No. 1 enacting HB 31), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Senator Stone of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to SB 13.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jeffares	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to SB 13.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:26 a.m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 98. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Sims of the 12th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-260 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to capital outlay funds in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that capital outlay funds may be used for educational facilities for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the school system; to provide that student projection counts may include pre-kindergarten; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 99. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Harper of the 7th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of the Georgia Crime Information Center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, so as to provide for a judicial procedure for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the center for the purpose of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the retention of a person's

involuntary hospitalization information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 100. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide that no person possessing a valid visa to enter the United States shall be detained or rejected from entry into the United States at any airport or water port in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 101. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to provide for creditable service for prior service as a full-time hourly employee with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for application and payment of the full actuarial cost; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 102. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the designation of emergency cardiac care centers; to provide for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care within the Department of Public Health; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 103. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Ginn of the 47th, Beach of the 21st, Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to examine and investigate certain matters with regard to pharmacy benefits managers; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies under certain conditions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 104. By Senator James of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

SR 130. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

SR 134. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 1st, Parent of the 42nd, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Kevin Jordan and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 4            Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 50            Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 14            SB 70            SB 85

Senator Parent of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senators Seay of the 34th and James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Seay and James were excused.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tippins of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tippins was excused.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Martin was excused.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Jackson and Thompson of the 5th were excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Harper	Mullis
Anderson, L	Heath	Parent
Anderson, T	Henson	Payne
Beach	Hill, H	Rhett
Black	Hill, Ja	Shafer
Brass	Hill, Ju	Sims
Burke	Hufstetler	Stone
Butler	Jeffares	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, B	Thompson, B
Davenport	Jones, E	Tillery
Dugan	Jones, H	Unterman
Fort	Kennedy	Walker
Ginn	Kirk	Watson
Gooch	Ligon	Wilkinson
Harbin	McKoon	Williams, M
Harbison	Millar	

Not answering were Senators:

Jackson (Excused)	James (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)
Martin (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)	Seay (Excused)
Thompson, C. (Excused)	Tippins (Excused)	

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Paul Leslie of McDonough, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Harbison of the 15th recognized February 1, 2017, as Columbus Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 50, adopted previously. Mayor Teresa Tomlinson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones of the 25th recognized February 1, 2017, as Jackson-Butts County Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 46, adopted previously. Jackson Mayor Kay Pippin addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 122. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Martin of the 9th, Jones of the 25th and Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University for their contributions to higher education and recognizing February 1, 2017, as Research Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Millar of the 40th recognized the University of Georgia, Augusta University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University. Georgia State University President Mark Becker, Augusta University President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology President G. P. "Bud" Peterson, and University of Georgia President Jere W. Morehead addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Ronald Brown, Sr.

Senator Thompson of the 14th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following resolution was read and put upon its adoption:

SR 132. By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st and Kennedy of the 18th:

#### A RESOLUTION

Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

#### PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, except as otherwise provided by this resolution or by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, meetings of the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly during the period of Tuesday, February 7, 2017, through Thursday, March 30, 2017, shall be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Tuesday, February 7.....	convene for legislative day 13
Wednesday, February 8.....	convene for legislative day 14
Thursday, February 9.....	convene for legislative day 15
Friday, February 10.....	convene for legislative day 16
Tuesday, February 14.....	convene for legislative day 17

Wednesday, February 15.....convene for legislative day 18  
Thursday, February 16.....convene for legislative day 19  
Friday, February 17.....convene for legislative day 20

Tuesday, February 21.....convene for legislative day 21  
Wednesday, February 22.....convene for legislative day 22  
Thursday, February 23.....convene for legislative day 23  
Friday, February 24.....convene for legislative day 24

Monday, February 27.....convene for legislative day 25  
Tuesday, February 28.....convene for legislative day 26  
Wednesday, March 1.....convene for legislative day 27

Friday, March 3.....convene for legislative day 28

Monday, March 6.....convene for legislative day 29

Thursday, March 9.....convene for legislative day 30  
Friday, March 10.....convene for legislative day 31

Monday, March 13.....convene for legislative day 32  
Tuesday, March 14.....convene for legislative day 33  
Wednesday, March 15.....convene for legislative day 34  
Thursday, March 16.....convene for legislative day 35

Monday, March 20.....convene for legislative day 36

Wednesday, March 22.....convene for legislative day 37

Friday, March 24.....convene for legislative day 38

Tuesday, March 28.....convene for legislative day 39

Thursday, March 30.....convene for legislative day 40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

## PART II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate, respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and adjournments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne



Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, C
Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	E Tippins
Y Gooch	E Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 48, nays 0, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that SR 132 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and SR 132 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Black of the 8th asked unanimous consent that the following resolution be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Finance and committed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth:

SR 95. By Senators Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for distribution of the net proceeds of a sales and use tax for educational purposes between a county school system and one or more independent school systems located in such county; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SR 95 was committed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth.

Senator Hill of the 6th recognized the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia, commended by SR 115, adopted previously. Col. Richard Greenwood addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 120. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Macon County Sheriff Charles Marion Cannon on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 121. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Waleisah Wilson on her outstanding commitment to criminal justice reform; and for other purposes.

SR 123. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Columbus Technical College for its outstanding accomplishments; and for other purposes.

SR 124. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Harper of the 7th, Harbin of the 16th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2017, as the 5th Annual Legislative Fly-In at the state capitol and commending the Georgia Airports Association and its leadership; and for other purposes.

SR 125. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Williams of the 27th, Dugan of the 30th, Martin of the 9th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2017, as Math Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 126. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Andrew Paul Lawson; and for other purposes.

SR 127. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Charles Dawson Marino Burns; and for other purposes.

SR 128. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Psychological Association and its members for dedicated service to the people of Georgia and recognizing February 15, 2017, as Psychology Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 129. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies; and for other purposes.

SR 131. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Annamozel Boyd Byas; and for other purposes.

SR 133. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Brass of the 28th and Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 1 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Senator Tate of the 38th recognized February 1, 2017, as Clark Atlanta University Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 109, adopted previously. President Ronald A. Johnson, Ph.D. addressed the Senate briefly.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

## OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

240 STATE CAPITOL

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 1, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Matt Brass to serve as Ex-Officio member on the Senate Science and Technology Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 1, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Elena Parent to serve as Ex-Officio member on the Senate Science and Technology Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 2, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, February 2, 2017  
Twelfth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:14 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 38. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd and Williams of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control; to provide for the manner of riding a motorcycle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 49. By Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock dealers and auctions, so as to update license and surety requirements of livestock dealers and livestock market operators; to provide for publication of duly licensed dealers and operators; to eliminate requirement for submission of certain reports; to correct cross-references and provide for uniformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 132. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 105. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 42nd, Fort of the 39th, Rhett of the 33rd, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide that possession of certain quantities of marijuana constitute a misdemeanor; to change provisions relating to punishment; to amend Title 15, Title 16, Chapter 7 of Title 17, and Code Section 36-32-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, crimes and offenses, pretrial proceedings, and municipal court jurisdiction in marijuana possession cases, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 106. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, so as to revise a provision relating to the health care professionals who must be on-site at a pain management clinic in order for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 107. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, McKoon of the 29th and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in government, so as to revise

the dates for the filing campaign financial disclosure reports to include an additional date prior to the general primary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 108. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Veterans Service, so as to require maintenance of a women veterans' office by the commissioner of veterans service; to provide for the purposes of such women veterans' office; to require interaction with veterans court divisions to assist with recruiting and training mentors; to require an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security.

SB 109. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the enactment of the "Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact" ("REPLICA"); to establish the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice; to provide for a coordinated database; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for contingent effectiveness of the compact; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 110. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to change the minimum age for holding civil office; to provide an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 111. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Attorney General, so as to establish the Office of the State Prosecutor; to provide for the manner of appointment, term of office, qualifications, removal, filling of vacancies, duties, powers, and procedures of the state prosecutor; to provide for the State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission and its membership, selection, and duties; to provide for reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 112. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to remove the requirement that independent and political body candidates file nomination petitions for ballot access; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 113. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants for postsecondary education, so as to provide for automatic eligibility for a HOPE scholarship to the children of certain public officials who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 114. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the tabulation of advance voting ballots in the same manner as absentee votes under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.



SR 146. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for certain rights for victims who have suffered or been harmed due to an act committed or attempted to be committed in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws of this state; to provide for the enforcement of such rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 38. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd and Williams of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control; to provide for the manner of riding a motorcycle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 49. By Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock dealers and auctions, so as to update license and surety requirements of livestock dealers and livestock market operators; to provide for publication of duly licensed dealers and operators; to eliminate requirement for submission of certain reports; to correct cross-references and provide for uniformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 69      Do Pass  
SB 78      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Wilkinson of the 50th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 48      Do Pass  
SB 65      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 4              SB 50

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harbison of the 15th      Hill of the 4th

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Burke of the 11th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Burke was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, H	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ju	Parent
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Payne
Beach	Jackson, L	Rhett
Black	Jeffares	Seay
Brass	Jones, B	Shafer
Butler	Jones, E	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, H	Stone
Davenport	Kennedy	Tate
Dugan	Kirk	Thompson, B
Fort	Ligon	Tillery
Ginn	Lucas	Tippins
Gooch	Martin	Unterman
Harbin	McKoon	Walker
Harper	Millar	Watson
Heath	Miller	Wilkinson
Henson	Mullis	

Not answering were Senators:

Burke (Excused)	Harbison (Excused)	Hill, Ja. (Excused)
James (Excused)	Thompson, C.	Williams (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Hill of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Gil Watson of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President recognized and honored Dr. Gil Watson for his 23 years of dedicated service to the Northside United Methodist Church and on the occasion of his retirement, commended by SR 116, adopted previously.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Robert Steven Tuck.

Senator Miller of the 49th recognized and honored Dallas Gay on his outstanding public service, commended by SR 13, adopted previously. Mr. Dallas Gay addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

- SR 135. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Millar of the 40th, Ginn of the 47th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Zack Leitz and the dedicated volunteers of The Backpack Project; and for other purposes.

- SR 136. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th, Williams of the 27th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 1, 2017, as Boy Scout Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 137. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 7, 2017, as New Americans Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 138. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing February 27, 2017, as Delta Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 139. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Region 8 for its outstanding contributions; and for other purposes.

- SR 140. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Stone of the 23rd, Dugan of the 30th, Black of the 8th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging district attorneys to seek the death penalty against defendants accused of the offense of murder against a law enforcement officer; and for other purposes.

- SR 141. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Tillery of the 19th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Southern University and recognizing President Jaimie Hebert, Wildlife Center Director Steve Hein, and Freedom, the University's Bald Eagle; and for other purposes.

SR 142. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Dugan of the 30th, Brass of the 28th, Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Evans "Duck" Moore; and for other purposes.

SR 143. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Anderson of the 24th, Kirk of the 13th, Stone of the 23rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending 2017 Miss University of Georgia Hanna Holley; and for other purposes.

SR 144. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ginn of the 47th, Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the Perry Rotary Club on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 145. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Burke of the 11th, Cowser of the 46th, Tillery of the 19th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC), the Georgia Trauma Foundation (GTF), the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons (GSACS), and GTC Chairman Dr. Dennis Ashley and recognizing February 7, 2017, as Trauma Awareness Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 147. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Dr. Davis Palmour on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 148. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mayor Gary McCullough on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

Senator Harbin of the 16th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017  
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 85 Malt Beverages; provide for limited sale at retail by manufacturers  
(Substitute)(RI&U-17th)
- SB 70 Hospital Medicaid Financing Program; sunset provision; extend (FIN-49th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 85. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 6th, Martin of the 9th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to malt beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers of malt beverages; to provide for a definition; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner; to provide for certain powers of the state revenue commissioner; to clarify that sales of malt beverages by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction; to provide for remittance of local excise taxes by brewers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 85:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to malt beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers of malt beverages; to provide for a definition; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner; to provide for certain powers of the state revenue commissioner; to clarify that sales of malt beverages by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction; to provide for remittance of local excise taxes by brewers; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to malt beverages, is amended by revising Code Section 3-5-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"3-5-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Barrel' means 31 gallons.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Brewer' means a manufacturer of malt beverages.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Case' means a box or receptacle containing not more than 288 ounces of malt beverages on the average."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"3-5-24.1.

(a) A limited exception to the provisions of Code Sections 3-5-29 through 3-5-32 providing a three-tier system for the distribution and sale of malt beverages shall exist to the extent that the license to manufacture malt beverages in this state shall include the right to sell up to 3,000 barrels of malt beverages per year produced at the brewer's licensed premises to individuals who are on such premises for:

(1) Consumption on the premises; and

(2) Consumption off the premises, provided that such sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 288 ounces of malt beverages per consumer per day.

(b) A brewer may sell malt beverages pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section on all days and at all times that sales of malt beverages by retailers are lawful within the county or municipality in which the licensed premises of the brewer is located, including, but not limited to, Sundays.

(c) Any brewer engaging in retail sales of malt beverages pursuant to this Code section shall remit all state and local sales, use, and excise taxes to the proper tax collecting authority.

(d) The commissioner shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as he or she may deem reasonable and necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section.

(e) Upon a violation by a brewer of any provision of this Code Section or this title or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, the commissioner shall have the power to place conditions or limitations on such brewer's license and to modify or amend such conditions or limitations."

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 3-5-36, relating to the brewpub exception to three-tier distribution system, as follows:

"(4) A brewpub license ~~does not authorize the holder of such license to sell alcoholic~~

beverages shall not be prohibited from selling wine or malt beverages by the package for consumption off the premises where so permitted by resolution or ordinance of the county or municipality;"

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 3-5-38, relating to permits for free tasting of malt beverages during educational and promotional brewery tours, merchandising, fees for tours, selling of beverages, and administration, as follows:

"3-5-38.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term:~~

~~(1) 'Brewery tour' means guided access to the manufacturing portion of the licensed premises of a brewer.~~

~~(2) 'Free souvenir' means a complimentary sealed container or containers of malt beverages with a total liquid capacity that does not exceed 72 ounces.~~

~~(3) 'Free tastings' means the provision of complimentary samples of malt beverages to the public for consumption on the premises of a brewer.~~

~~(4) 'Sample' means a quantity of malt beverages manufactured by the brewer.~~

~~(b)(1) A brewer licensed in this state may apply to the commissioner for an annual permit authorizing such brewer to conduct educational and promotional brewery tours on the licensed premises of the brewer, free of charge or for a fee, which may include:~~

~~(A) Free souvenirs;~~

~~(B) Free food; and~~

~~(C) Free tastings on the licensed premises of the brewery of malt beverages manufactured by such brewer.~~

~~(2) No brewer providing free souvenirs pursuant to this subsection shall provide, directly or indirectly, more than one free souvenir to the same individual in one calendar day. Each free souvenir shall consist of malt beverages manufactured by the brewer on the licensed premises.~~

~~(3) No brewer conducting free tastings pursuant to this subsection shall provide, directly or indirectly, to the same individual in one calendar day more than 36 ounces of malt beverages for consumption on the premises. Free tastings shall be held in a designated tasting area on the licensed premises of the brewer and all open bottles containing malt beverages shall be visible at all times.~~

~~(4) Free souvenirs shall only be provided after the brewery tour and only to individuals who have attended a brewery tour on the same calendar day. Free tastings and free food may be provided before, during, and after a brewery tour. An individual shall be 21 years of age or older to receive a free souvenir or free tasting.~~

~~(5) The brewer shall pay all excise and use taxes on any samples and all use taxes on any free souvenirs provided pursuant to this subsection.~~

~~(c) A brewer may provide to the public free of charge or for a fee merchandise such as shirts, glasses, and other promotional items which do not contain alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(d) If a brewer chooses to charge a fee for a brewery tour pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, such brewer may charge varying fees for the brewery tours, provided~~



~~that such fees are charged prior to the beginning of such tour. The provision of malt beverages by a brewer as part of a brewery tour pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a retail sale of alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(e) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold on any licensed premises for which a permit has been issued pursuant to this Code section.~~

~~(f) The department shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section. Reserved.~~

#### **SECTION 5.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 3-5-81, relating to payment of tax by wholesale dealers generally, time of payment, reports by dealers as to quantities of beverages sold, as follows:

"3-5-81.

(a) The excise taxes provided for in this part shall be imposed upon and shall be paid by the licensed wholesale dealer in malt beverages; provided, however, that such taxes shall be imposed upon and shall be paid by the licensed brewer for malt beverages served or sold by the brewer directly to the public pursuant to Code Section 3-5-24.1.

(b) The taxes shall be paid on or before the tenth day of the month following the calendar month in which the beverages are sold or disposed of within the particular municipality or county ~~by the wholesale dealer.~~

(c) Each licensee responsible for the payment of the excise tax shall file a report itemizing for the preceding calendar month the exact quantities of malt beverages, by size and type of container, sold during the month within each municipality or county. The licensee shall file the report with each municipality or county wherein the beverages are sold by the licensee.

(d) The ~~wholesaler~~ licensee shall remit to the municipality or county on the tenth day of the month following the calendar month in which the sales were made the tax imposed by the municipality or county."

#### **SECTION 6.**

This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2017.

#### **SECTION 7.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
E Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	E Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

SB 85, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

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Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 85. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Burt Jones  
District 25

SB 70. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend SB 70 by striking "2020" on line 10 and inserting in its place "2018".*

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Mullis of the 53rd called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hill, Ju	N Payne
N Beach	N Hufstetler	N Rhett
N Black	N Jackson, L	N Seay
N Brass	E James	N Shafer
N Burke	N Jeffares	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, B	N Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, E	N Tate
Y Davenport	N Jones, H	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kennedy	N Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Kirk	N Tillery
N Ginn	N Ligon	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Lucas	N Unterman
N Harbin	N Martin	N Walker
E Harbison	Y McKoon	N Watson
N Harper	N Millar	N Wilkinson
N Heath	N Miller	E Williams, M
N Henson	N Mullis	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 5, nays 48, and the McKoon amendment #1 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone

Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
E Harbison	N McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	E Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 3.

SB 70, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Miller of the 49th moved that SB 70 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and SB 70 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 58. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Hitchens of the 161st, Efstoration of the 104th, Rhodes of the 120th and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 130. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to implement the Constitutional amendment creating the "Emanuel County Development Authority," approved March 27, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2770), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4861) and an Act approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4324), so as to change the number of members serving on the Authority; to change the qualifications to serve as members of the Authority; to increase the number of years that the Authority may obligate itself contractually and issue bonds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 131. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Boddie of the 62nd, Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), so as to change the corporate boundaries of the municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 132. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Boddie of the 62nd, Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia creating within Fulton County the Fulton County Industrial District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County from levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an independent school system; to provide for a referendum with respect to the effectiveness of the foregoing; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 171. By Representatives Trammell of the 132nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3194), so as to change the designation of members of the Authority from serving on posts to serving for districts; to change the method of designation of the chairperson of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 172. By Representative Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Dahlonega to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 187. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Holmes of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Monroe County desire the Monroe County Board of Commissioners to levy an

annual ad valorem tax and issue further appropriate debt instruments to support the continued availability of health care services for the citizens of the county at Monroe County Hospital, including services for the indigent citizens of the county, and to service hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 115. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to petroleum products, brake fluid, and antifreeze, so as to prohibit the sale of ethanol gasoline within the state; to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for conformity; to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to repeal a program providing grants for the promotion of E-85 gasoline; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 116. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Williams of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit the assessment of storm-water utility fees on water-neutral properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 117. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to change the definition of the term "agency"; to provide for the

establishment of certain policies and standards to be used by all agencies; to provide for waivers under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

SB 118. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-59.10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coverage for autism, so as to change the age limit for coverage for autism spectrum disorders for an individual covered under a policy or contract; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 119. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to prohibit discrimination under certain circumstances; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to fair housing, so as to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; to amend Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, so as to protect the right to equal enjoyment of and privileges to public accommodations; to provide for purposes; to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to change certain provisions relating to the "Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978" and the merit system to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; to amend the O.C.G.A., so as to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 120. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to change provisions relating to the recording of deeds; to provide for constructive notice of certain instruments to purchasers under certain circumstances; to provide for correction of defects in attestations and acknowledgments to certain filings; to provide for retroactivity under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



SB 121. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to provide for immunity; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change the definition of a dangerous drug; to add a drug to Schedule V; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 152. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to implement the Constitutional amendment creating the "Emanuel County Development Authority," approved March 27, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2770), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4861) and an Act approved March

30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4324), so as to change the number of members serving on the Authority; to change the qualifications to serve as members of the Authority; to increase the number of years that the Authority may obligate itself contractually and issue bonds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 131. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Boddie of the 62nd, Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), so as to change the corporate boundaries of the municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 132. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Boddie of the 62nd, Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia creating within Fulton County the Fulton County Industrial District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County from levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an independent school system; to provide for a referendum with respect to the effectiveness of the foregoing; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 171. By Representatives Trammell of the 132nd and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3194), so as to change the designation of members of the Authority from serving on posts to serving for districts; to change the method of designation of the chairperson of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 172. By Representative Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Dahlonga to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 187. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Holmes of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Monroe County desire the Monroe County Board of Commissioners to levy an annual ad valorem tax and issue further appropriate debt instruments to support the continued availability of health care services for the citizens of the county at Monroe County Hospital, including services for the indigent citizens of the county, and to service hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 43      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hill of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 12	Do Pass by substitute	SB 41	Do Pass by substitute
SB 44	Do Pass	SB 52	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 18      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 46      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Thompson of the 14th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 6        Do Pass by substitute  
SB 89      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 48            SB 65            SB 69            SB 78

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Mullis
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Parent
Beach	Hill, Ju	Payne
Black	Hufstetler	Rhett
Brass	James	Seay
Burke	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Tate
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Gooch	Martin	Walker
Harbin	McKoon	Watson
Harbison	Millar	Wilkinson
Heath	Miller	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Harper	Jackson	Lucas
Thompson, C.	Tippins	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators:    Tippins of the 37th            Harper of the 7th            Lucas of the 26th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Christopher G. Johnson of Augusta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Walker III of the 20th recognized Robert Singletary on the occasion of his retirement, commended by SR 69, adopted previously. Warner Robins Mayor Randy Toms addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Parent of the 42nd celebrated 100 years of Girl Scout cookie sales, commended by SR 129, adopted previously. Miss Riley Baker addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th honored the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC), the Georgia Trauma Foundation (GTF), and the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons (GSACS); and recognized February 7, 2017, as Trauma Awareness Day at the capitol, commended by SR 145, adopted previously. GTC Chairman Dr. Dennis Ashley addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hill of the 32nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd recognized February 7, 2017, as Augusta's Interfaith Coalition Day at the capitol, commended by SR 100, adopted previously. Reverend Christopher Johnson addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 150. By Senators Williams of the 27th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Hannah Testa for her involvement in and commitment to environmental sustainability and recognizing February 15, 2017, as Plastic Pollution Awareness Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 151. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowser of the 46th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Teresa MacCartney, the recipient of the 2016 Gloria Timmer Award; and for other purposes.

SR 153. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and recognizing February 16, 2017, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 154. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home for its outstanding work in the funeral service industry; and for other purposes.

- SR 155. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Watson of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Kurt Gelfand and recognizing February 6, 2017, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 156. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Jeffares of the 17th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chief Paul D. Cooper on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

- SR 157. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and recognizing February 7, 2017, as Firefighters Recognition Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 158. By Senator Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION commending the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and recognizing February 8, 2017, as National Wear Red Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 159. By Senator Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Coach Greg James for his leadership and many outstanding accomplishments; and for other purposes.

- SR 160. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Trion High School boys golf team on winning the 2016 Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

- SR 161. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS); and for other purposes.

SR 162. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION honoring Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates (Georgia CASA) and recognizing February 7, 2017, as CASA Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 163. By Senator Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Irwin County High School girls tennis team on winning the 2016 Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 164. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Gordon Lee Memorial High School Lady Trojans softball team for winning the 2016 GHSA 1-A State Softball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 149. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Payne of the 54th, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th and Thompson of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION designating September 1 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 32nd                      Jackson of the 2nd

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved to engross SB 14, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	N Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	N Seay
Y Brass	James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	N Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, B	Stone



Y Cowsert	Jones, E	N Tate
Davenport	Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kennedy	Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	N Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the motion, the yeas were 34, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and SB 14 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 4       "Enhancing Mental Health Treatment in Georgia Act"; Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; establish (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)
- SB 14      State Income Taxes; rural hospitals income tax credit; clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions (Substitute) (FIN-11th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 4.      By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies'

cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 4:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies' cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Enhancing Mental Health Treatment in Georgia Act."

**SECTION 2.**

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) It is important to understand the needs of Georgia residents with serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, to assess the ability of the state's health system to meet these needs effectively, and to understand the impact of untreated mental illness and substance abuse disorders on state budgets, hospitals, emergency rooms, jails, prisons, law enforcement, and related institutions and services;
- (2) Access to acute care and crisis intervention is vitally important to the citizens of Georgia, and scenarios involving law enforcement, emergency medical service personnel, and other first responders deserve careful consideration and support to ensure resources are utilized in an efficient and safe manner;
- (3) There is a vital need for this state to assess its ability to provide appropriate and necessary programs and services to Georgia's citizens, and determine where gaps may exist, as well as where the private sector, public sector, and nonprofit and faith-based communities' resources may be leveraged to ensure each citizen has access to the right care, at the right time, at the right place;
- (4) Nationally, 4.1 percent of the population suffers from serious mental illness;
- (5) While 92,118 adults with serious mental illness are currently served by the state

mental health authority, there are an estimated 306,000 adults with serious mental illness in Georgia;

(6) Substance abuse and dependence on alcohol and drugs in Georgia mirrors national rates;

(7) Untreated serious mental illness prevents individuals from functioning normally in society and leading productive, fulfilled lives;

(8) Hospitals and emergency rooms can become overrun when individuals with untreated serious mental illness conflate emergency care with proper mental health treatment;

(9) Valuable law enforcement resources across the state are often diverted to attending to the mentally ill;

(10) Untreated mental illness can lead to institutionalization, prison, and otherwise worse health outcomes;

(11) Early, comprehensive, and regular treatment of individuals with mental illness can prevent adverse effects upon an individual, the health care system, and society at large;

(12) Untreated substance abuse has dire consequences on individuals' and families' lives;

(13) Because mental illness can increase vulnerability to drug abuse and substance addiction, effective treatment of mental illness may also necessitate treatment for a substance abuse disorder;

(14) There is a need to study the effectiveness of the services and health care programs currently available to individuals with, or at risk for, serious mental illness; and

(15) An understanding of the feasibility and consequences of using a Medicaid waiver to improve treatment for those with serious mental illness would enable the General Assembly to make an informed decision as to whether the state should seek a Section 1115 waiver from the Department of Health and Human Services or apply for Medicaid block grant funding for mental health treatment and services, if appropriate.

## SECTION 2.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-142.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Mental illness' means a disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life that affects an individual's mood, thinking, or behavior.

(2) 'Serious and persistent mental illness' means a serious mental illness that requires ongoing treatment and management and causes severe impairment over time.

(3) 'Serious mental illness' means a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or other emotional disorder that results in serious functional impairment which substantially

interferes with or limits one or more of an individual's major life activities. It includes the subset population of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.

(4) 'Substance abuse disorder' means a pattern of use of an intoxicating substance leading to clinically significant impairment or distress.

(b) There is created the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force to be composed of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate; eleven members to be appointed by the Governor to include the commissioner of community health or his or her designee, the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities or his or her designee, the commissioner of public health or his or her designee, the commissioner of human services or his or her designee, the commissioner of community affairs or his or her designee, a representative from the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, two representatives from mental health advocacy groups, one member of an acute care hospital that maintains in-patient psychiatric beds, one member from a private free-standing psychiatric institution, and a representative from one of the state's community service boards. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each select a cochairperson. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the task force. Administrative support for the task force shall be provided by the staff of the Department of Community Health, as appropriate.

(c) The legislative members of the task force shall be entitled to receive the compensation and allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Members of the task force who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the task force but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the task force in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(d) The task force may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section.

(e) The task force shall perform the following by December 31, 2017:

(1) Examine the current mental health landscape in the state with particular attention to the number of residents affected by serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders and their health insurance coverage status, both public and private;

(2) Assess whether the current Medicaid program provides adequate and effective mental health care services to the portion of the population suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders;

(3) Assess how other, non-Medicaid, services work to provide effective health care services to the portion of the population suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders;

(4) Determine the impact on the state's hospitals, emergency rooms, law enforcement,

prisons, jails, and related institutions and services resulting from a lack of treatment of those with mental illness and substance abuse disorders;

(5) Understand the link between substance abuse disorders and serious mental illness in order to provide comprehensive, effective treatment to persons suffering from either or both;

(6) Assess which services and practices work best to prevent further deterioration within the mentally ill and substance abuse disorder populations, including, but not limited to, supportive housing, crisis stabilization programs, community residential rehabilitation, assertive community treatment services, telemedicine, data integration, and addiction treatment programs;

(7) Determine what changes could be made to the state's Medicaid program that would increase its ability to provide effective care and services to those suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, with an assessment of the costs and benefits of such changes to the state;

(8) Determine what changes could be made outside of the state's Medicaid program to increase the state's ability to provide effective care and services to those suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, with an assessment of the costs and benefits of such changes to the state;

(9) Work within guidelines established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan for appropriate distribution of funding for mental health and substance abuse services in Georgia. Specifically:

(A) Develop a complete application for a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver targeted at mental illness and substance abuse disorders that would be substantially ready for submission to the Department of Health and Human Services upon the General Assembly's subsequent authorization to submit said waiver pursuant to Code Section 49-4-142.1 and in compliance with Code Section 49-4-142.2 in an upcoming session; and

(B) If appropriate, develop a complete application for Medicaid block grant funding for mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment that would be substantially ready for submission to the Department of Health and Human Services upon the General Assembly's subsequent authorization to submit said application; and

(10) Submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the task force's findings and recommendations, including whether to submit a Section 1115 waiver application to the Department of Health and Human Services or apply for a block grant for the provision of services related to serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

(f) Pursuant to Code Sections 49-4-142.1 and 49-4-142.2, neither the task force nor any representative of the state shall submit a waiver application to the Department of Health and Human Services without legislative approval. Creation of this task force shall not constitute such approval.

(g) All relevant agencies, including the Department of Community Health, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Department of

Public Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Community Affairs, shall work cooperatively with the task force to provide timely and relevant information as requested by the task force.

(h) The task force shall stand abolished on January 1, 2018."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 4.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, E	Y Tate
Davenport	Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kennedy	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 0.

SB 4, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

2/7

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 4. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ John Albers  
District 56

7 Feb. 17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 4. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Mike Dugan  
District 30

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harbison of the 15th          Thompson of the 5th

SB 14. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Sims of the 12th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposititon, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to SB 14:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, as follows:

"(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, 70 percent of the actual amount expended or \$2,500.00 per tax year, whichever is less; ~~or~~

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, 70 percent of the actual amount expended or \$5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(3) Anything to the contrary contained in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection notwithstanding, in the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, 70 percent of the actual amount expended or \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 3.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Seay
Y Brass	James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims



Butler	Y Jones, B	Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, E	N Tate
N Davenport	Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 5.

SB 14, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

2/7/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 4 & SB 14. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

/s/ Donzella J. James  
District 35

02/07/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 4, SB 14. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Harold V. Jones II  
District 22

2/7/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 4 & SB 14. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ Jesse Stone  
District 23

7 Feb. 17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 4 and SB 14. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Mike Dugan  
District 30



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
**FROM:** DAVID COOK  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
**RE:** UPDATE: JUDICIAL QUALIFICATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am providing for your review the attached updated list of appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission that require Senate confirmation. These appointments were made by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Supreme Court of Georgia for the term expiring June 30, 2017. All appointments have been referred to the Committee on Assignments. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations on the appointments to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

**THE STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-19, the Honorable Edward Tolley of Clarke County, Georgia, is appointed Chairman of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

The Honorable Edward Tolley  
P.O. Box 1927  
Athens, Georgia 30603-1927

This 5th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 17, 2017

The Georgia State Senate  
c/o Secretary David Cook  
Office of the Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Judicial Qualifications Commission

Secretary Cook:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21, I have made the following appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

Mr. Lester B. Johnson, III – Appointment from the nominees provided by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia

Attached is the official nominating letter that was sent to Mr. Johnson on January 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 1, 2017

The Georgia State Senate  
c/o Secretary David Cook  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Judicial Qualifications Commission

Secretary Cook:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21, I am appointing Mr. Paul Holmes to replace Mr. Brian Tam as my citizen appointee on the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Attached is the official nominating letter that was sent to Mr. Holmes on January 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle

*House of Representatives*

DAVID RALSTON  
SPEAKER

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January 17, 2017

Mr. Richard Lee Hyde  
Balch & Bingham, LLP  
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Mr. Hyde:

Pursuant to OCGA 15-1-19(c), I am hereby appointing you to the Judicial Qualifications Commission as a citizen member. Your term is effective January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

I thank you for your willingness to serve and for your many years of distinguished and ongoing service to the citizens of Georgia.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ David Ralston  
David Ralston, Speaker  
Georgia House of Representatives

**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA  
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January 12, 2017

**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor/President of Georgia Senate  
c/o Irene Munn, Legislative Counsel  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle,

I write at the request of Justice David E. Nahmias to provide you with a copy of the order issued by the Court appointing the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, Judge of the State Court of Fulton County, and the Honorable Tillman E. Self, III, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, as members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (c) (1).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-656-6429 if you have any questions about this order. The Court appreciates your interest in these appointments.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tee Barnes  
Therese S. Barnes, Clerk

**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Atlanta January 12, 2017

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

It is ordered that the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, Judge of the State Court of Fulton County, and the Honorable Tillman E. Self, III, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, who were appointed by this Court as members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission in previous years pursuant to Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph VI (1) of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, for terms ending January 5, 2019 and April 10, 2017, respectively, are hereby appointed by this Court as members of the Judicial Qualifications Commission pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (c) (1), effective this date for terms ending June 30, 2017. The Clerk of this Court shall submit a certified copy of this order to the Senate forthwith, pursuant to OCGA § 15-1-21 (f).

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from  
The minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto  
Affixed the day and year last above written.

/s/ Therese S. Barnes, Clerk

Referred to the Committee on Assignments.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
Fourteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 14. By Representative Jones of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees for sheriff's services, so as to provide for the sheriff to collect and deposit certain fees; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 88. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Powell of the 171st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and Evans of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, so as to revise the qualifications for superior court judges; to provide for the vacation of such office under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 146. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Strickland of the 111th, Meadows of the 5th, Coomer of the 14th, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general requirements for legally

organized fire departments, so as to require such fire departments to purchase and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters; to provide methods for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received under said insurance coverage for firefighters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 122. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Kirk of the 13th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to seasons and bag limits, promulgation of rules and regulations by the board, possession of more than bag limit, and reporting number of deer killed, so as to change certain provisions relating to open seasons for the hunting of deer; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

SB 123. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Jones of the 25th, Albers of the 56th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health planning and development, so as to eliminate the 65 percent out-of-state patient base requirement for a destination cancer hospital for purposes of certificate of need; to eliminate the 50 bed limitation on destination cancer hospitals; to provide that destination cancer hospitals can increase bed capacity under certain conditions; to eliminate the limitation on the number of destination cancer hospitals that can be issued a certificate of need; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 124. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of



the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to exempt the property and revenue bonds of the authority from taxation; to provide for the separate enactment of a certain provision of this Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 125. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; to provide for a limitation; to provide for additional continuing education requirements regarding hydrocodone compound products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 126. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, so as to change provisions relating to the venue of actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 127. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-17-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the failure to provide notice not rendering responsible person liable or comprising a basis for error, the chapter not conferring standing, existing rights not affected, and waiver of rights by victim, so as to allow a victim to file a motion in a criminal case to assert his or her rights; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 128. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Tippins of the 37th, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to allow for the sharing of personal data with the Department of Natural Resources for limited purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

- SB 129. By Senators Black of the 8th, Rhett of the 33rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anderson of the 43rd and Hill of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

- SB 130. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right to an attorney, so as to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 131. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for the Juvenile Code, so as to provide that adoption proceedings be stayed while an appeal of an order to terminate parental rights is pending; to clarify the court's duties to a case while an appeal is pending; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 132. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to repeal and revise provisions requiring such forms be transmitted; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and general provisions for child custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 133. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 6th, Heath of the 31st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the corporate net worth tax, so as to make such tax inapplicable to corporations worth less than a certain amount; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- SB 134. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to the Department of Banking and Finance and financial institutions generally, so as to allow banks and credit unions to offer savings promotion raffle accounts in which deposits to a savings account enter a depositor in a raffle; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-12-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to gambling and related offenses, so as to provide for an exception to the definition of "lottery"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SB 135. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to prohibit all carrying of weapons in government buildings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 136. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to provide for a training requirement for the issuance of a weapons carry license; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 167. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Sally Yates for her outstanding career in law and public service; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 180. By Senators Fort of the 39th and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recommending the Georgia Building Authority preserve the historic integrity and sound environmental stewardship of the Pratt-Pullman Yard; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

SR 182. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Lucas of the 26th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION encouraging law enforcement agencies to recognize a citizen's bill of rights for police accountability; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 14. By Representative Jones of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees for sheriff's services, so as to provide for the sheriff to collect and deposit certain fees; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 88. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Powell of the 171st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and Evans of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, so as to revise the qualifications for superior court judges; to provide for the vacation of such office under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 146. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Strickland of the 111th, Meadows of the 5th, Coomer of the 14th, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general requirements for legally organized fire departments, so as to require such fire departments to purchase and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters; to provide methods for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received under said insurance coverage for firefighters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 16 Do Pass by substitute  
 SB 40 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 187 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 43	SB 6	SB 12	SB 18	SB 41	SB 44
SB 46	SB 52	SB 89			

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harper of the 7th James of the 35th

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senators Thompson of the 5th and Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Thompson and Lucas were excused.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Stone of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stone was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, Ja	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ju	Parent
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Payne
Beach	Jackson, L	Rhett
Black	Jeffares	Seay
Brass	Jones, B	Shafer
Burke	Jones, E	Sims

Butler	Jones, H	Tate
Cowsert	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kirk	Tillery
Dugan	Ligon	Tippins
Fort	Martin	Unterman
Ginn	McKoon	Walker
Gooch	Millar	Watson
Harbin	Miller	Wilkinson
Harbison	Mullis	Williams, M
Heath		

Not answering were Senators:

Harper (Excused)	Henson	Hill, H.
James (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)	Stone (Excused)
Thompson, C. (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Hill of the 6th Lucas of the 26th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Heath of the 31st introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor John Lemmings of Bremen, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Ammar Divan.

Senator Williams of the 27th asked unanimous consent that the Senate rescind its action in adopting the following resolution; and that the resolution be referred to committee:

SR 149. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Payne of the 54th, Tillery of the 19th, Brass of the 28th and Thompson of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION designating September 1 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

There was no objection and the Senate rescinded its adoption of SR 149. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th recognized February 8, 2017, as Veterinary Medicine Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 79, adopted previously. GVMA President Dr. Sarah Wheat addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Black of the 8th recognized the 4-H Clubs of Georgia and Mr. James Hancock, Mr. Arch D. Smith, and the 2016-2017 4-H Leadership Team and affirmed February 8, 2017, as 4-H Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 37, adopted previously. Georgia 4-H President James Hancock addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Parent of the 42nd recognized February 8, 2017, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 83, adopted previously. Jan Christenson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Parent of the 42nd recognized Karin Slaughter for her outstanding public service, commended by SR 84, adopted previously. Julie Walker addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harper of the 7th recognized the Georgia Young Farmers Association and affirmed February 8, 2017, as Young Farmers Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 113, adopted previously. President Donnie Carter addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones of the 25th congratulated the John Milledge Academy Trojans football team for winning the 2016 Georgia Independent School Association Class AAA State Championship, commended by SR 45, adopted previously. Coach J.T. Wall addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 166. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd and Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION declaring February 8, 2017, as Georgia CORE (Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education) Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Burke of the 11th recognized Georgia CORE Day and Dr. Rowland Matthews who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 165. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anderson of the 24th, Unterman of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) for its efforts to improve the economic development climate of the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.



SR 168. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Irene Cheyne on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 169. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Kirk of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Hudson Swafford on winning the 2017 CareerBuilder Challenge golf tournament; and for other purposes.

SR 170. By Senators Hill of the 4th and Millar of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Effingham County as the 2016 College and Career Academy of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 171. By Senator Thompson of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Voestalpine Automotive Body Parts Inc., for being named the 2016 College and Career Academy Business Partner of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 172. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Dugan of the 30th, Watson of the 1st, Kennedy of the 18th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 6, 2017, as National Guard Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 173. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Sims of the 12th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the longtime service and leadership of Larry Hutcheson; and for other purposes.

SR 174. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Millar of the 40th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 175. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Millar of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd, Dugan of the 30th, Williams of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing that dyslexia has a profound impact on education and all aspects of life and establishing March 1, 2017, as Dyslexia Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 176. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Miss Atlanta 2017, Paula Smith; and for other purposes.

- SR 177. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Deshaun Watson of Gainesville, Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 178. By Senator Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Marietta City Schools for being named Georgia Charter System Innovator of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 179. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Calhoun City Schools for being named the 2016 Charter System of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 181. By Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Thursday, March 9, 2017, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 183. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Taylor Burrell, Miss Apple Capital 2017; and for other purposes.

- SR 186. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Seay of the 34th, Dugan of the 30th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Sergeant Avril Hendricks; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 32nd                      Tippins of the 37th

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

**SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wednesday February 8, 2017  
 Fourteenth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 187                      Kennedy of the 18th

**MONROE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Monroe County desire the Monroe County Board of Commissioners to levy an annual ad valorem tax and issue further appropriate debt instruments to support the continued availability of health care services for the citizens of the county at Monroe County Hospital, including services for the indigent citizens of the county, and to service hospital debt; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate

Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	N McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017  
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 69      Packaging, Labeling and Registration of Organic Products and Certifying Entities; registration requirement; eliminate (AG&CA-50th)
- SB 78      Adulteration and Misbranding of Food; Commissioner of Agriculture to issue a variance to certain rules and regulations; authorize (AG&CA-24th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 69.    By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Gooch of the 51st and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-21-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to packaging and labeling and registration of organic products and certifying entities, so as to eliminate a registration requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 69, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Fort of the 39th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 78. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Harper of the 7th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 26, relating to the adulteration and misbranding of food, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue a variance or waiver to certain rules and regulations of the department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
E Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 78, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, February 9, 2017  
Fifteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Albers of the 56th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 39. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Maxwell of the 17th, Tanner of the 9th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 39A and 40 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate appraisers and real estate brokers and salespersons, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to disciplinary actions and sanctions permitted for failure of such real estate professionals to provide notification of convictions of certain offenses; to require notification of convictions within a certain time frame; to provide for revocation of a real estate professional's license or classification under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 74. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Smith of the 134th, Watson of the 172nd, Meadows of the 5th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to amend Code Section 33-56-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to company action level events, preparation and submission of risk-based capital level plan, so as to change the life risk-based capital trend test in order to comply with accreditation standards; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 76. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change certain requirements and certifications for certain maps, plats, and plans presented for filing with the clerk of superior court; to provide for definitions; to change certain provisions relating to the information and certifications to be provided by land surveyors on certain documents; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 92. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hugley of the 136th, Maxwell of the 17th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of automobile or motorcycle policies, so as to expand the definition of policy to include policies issued by the same insurer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 127. By Representatives Smith of the 134th, Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd and Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to repeal certain obsolete provisions relative to nonprofit medical service corporations and nonprofit hospital service corporations; to amend Titles 31 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 137. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Hill of the 4th, Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Child Support Recovery Act, so as to require the obligor to pay the full fee required by the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.



SB 138. By Senator Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the "Patient Compensation Act"; to amend Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to torts, so as to create an alternative to medical malpractice litigation whereby patients are compensated for medical injuries; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to establish the Patient Compensation System and the Patient Compensation Board; to provide for committees; to provide for the filing of and disposition of applications; to provide for review by an administrative law judge; to provide for appellate review; to provide for payment of administration expenses; to require an annual report; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 139. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused programs of study, so as to provide for a pathway in leadership; to provide for state models and content standards for a pathway in leadership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 140. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low-voltage contractors, and utility contractors, so as to authorize the Division of Low-voltage Contractors to require continuing education; to provide for a waiver of continuing education requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- SB 141. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carnival ride safety, so as to require the owner of a carnival ride to submit an engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- SB 142. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Jeffares of the 17th, Brass of the 28th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to provide for further exceptions for when case may be made and conviction had for exceeding posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour; to provide for an exception for the ratio of speeding fines to an agency budget; to provide for civil enforcement of violations recorded by automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for rules, regulations, and terms of use for automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

- SB 143. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4636), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4057), so as to remove the tolling provision regarding such exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 144. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to lottery for education, so as to provide that the Georgia Lottery Corporation shall offer one or more games to benefit veterans; to provide a short title; to provide for the deposit of proceeds into the general fund; to provide for a special account to be appropriated for veterans' programs; to provide for purposes for which appropriations shall be made; to provide for lapsing of funds; to provide a conditional effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 188. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 191. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide for the proceeds of one or more lottery games to benefit military veterans; to provide for authorized purposes; to provide for appropriations; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 192. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for election of local school superintendents by voters and election of members of local boards of education by grand juries, as an alternative to appointment of local school superintendents by local boards of education and election of local school board members by voters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

February 9, 2017

Mr. President,

The Senate Committee on Assignments has had under consideration the appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission made by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Supreme Court of Georgia for the term expiring June 30, 2017, and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

That the appointments be confirmed as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Casey Cagle

Hon. Casey Cagle, Chairman

The Judicial Qualifications Commission appointments can be found on February 7, 2017 of the Senate Journal.

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 73      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 87      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 95      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 107     Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Burke of the 11th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 16            SB 40

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harbison of the 15th            Harper of the 7th

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Ligon, Jr. was excused.

Senator Unterman of the 45th asked unanimous consent that Senator Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Martin was excused.

Senator Tate of the 38th asked unanimous consent that Senator Butler of the 55th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Butler was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, Ja	Parent
Anderson, L	Hill, Ju	Payne
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Rhett
Beach	Jackson, L	Seay
Black	Jeffares	Shafer
Brass	Jones, B	Sims
Burke	Jones, E	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kirk	Tillery
Fort	Lucas	Tippins
Ginn	McKoon	Unterman
Gooch	Millar	Walker
Harbin	Miller	Watson
Heath	Mullis	Wilkinson
Henson	Orrock	Williams, M
Hill, H		

Not answering were Senators:

Butler (Excused)	Harbison (Excused)	Harper (Excused)
James (Excused)	Ligon, Jr. (Excused)	Martin (Excused)
Thompson, C.		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Hill of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Charles Gardner of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Anna Skold.

Senator Thompson of the 14th recognized Voestalpine Automotive Body Parts Inc., for being named the 2016 College and Career Academy Business Partner of the Year, commended by SR 171, adopted previously. CEO Philipp Schulz addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hill of the 4th recognized Effingham County as the 2016 College and Career Academy of the Year, commended by SR 170, adopted previously. School Superintendent Dr. Randy Shearouse addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hill of the 4th recognized Georgia Southern University and President Jaimie Hebert, Wildlife Center Director Steve Hein, and Freedom, the University's Bald Eagle, commended by SR 141, adopted previously. President Dr. Jaimie L. Hebert addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 184. By Senators Beach of the 21st and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending Lake Windward; and for other purposes.

SR 185. By Senator Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 18, 2017, as Together Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 187. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Beach of the 21st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Pastor Johnny Hunt; and for other purposes.

SR 189. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Martin of the 9th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gary Galloway on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.



SR 190. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February, 2017, as American Heart Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 193. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Schuerholz on his outstanding service with the Braves franchise; and for other purposes.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017  
FIFTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 43 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (Substitute)(APPROP-4th) Ralston-7th
- SB 48 Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing License; hunting licenses that are renewed before expiration; freeze the cost (NR&E-31st)
- SB 52 Mental Health; authorizing licensed professional counselor; sunset provision; repeal (H&HS-9th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 43. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 4th.

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 43  
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT**

To amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:  
PART I**

An Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at Page 1 of 145), is amended by striking everything following the Part I designation up to but not including the Part II designation and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

**HB 43 (FY 2017A)**

	<b>Governor</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>SAC</b>
<b>Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,345,494,024	\$24,345,494,024	\$24,345,494,024
State General Funds	\$20,717,270,526	\$20,717,270,526	\$20,717,270,526
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,747,346,500	\$1,747,346,500	\$1,747,346,500
Lottery Proceeds	\$1,073,562,543	\$1,073,562,543	\$1,073,562,543
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$124,490,762	\$124,490,762	\$124,490,762
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$170,902,988	\$170,902,988	\$170,902,988
Hospital Provider Fee	\$288,220,844	\$288,220,844	\$288,220,844

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$13,672,404,243	\$13,676,656,015	\$13,676,422,802
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,801,725,832	\$3,801,375,342	\$3,801,375,342
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$93,128,088	\$93,128,088	\$92,894,875
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$7,020,925,998	\$7,025,528,260	\$7,025,528,260
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,283,242,454	\$6,283,242,454	\$6,283,242,454
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719
Reserved Fund Balances	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,677,650,555
Hospital Authorities	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$333,585,424	\$333,585,424	\$333,585,424
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$318,985,766	\$318,985,766	\$318,985,766
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$318,985,766	\$318,985,766	\$318,985,766
Royalties and Rents	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735

Sales and Services	\$3,270,608,833	\$3,270,608,833	\$3,270,608,833
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$800,168,941	\$800,168,941	\$800,168,941
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,976,801,636</b>	<b>\$3,976,801,636</b>	<b>\$3,976,801,636</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,958,523,854	\$3,958,523,854	\$3,958,523,854
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$69,368,045	\$69,368,045	\$69,368,045
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,367,781,804	\$3,367,781,804	\$3,367,781,804
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	\$60,000,466	\$60,000,466	\$60,000,466
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
Agency Funds Transfers	\$15,845,850	\$15,845,850	\$15,845,850
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,845,850	\$15,845,850	\$15,845,850
Federal Funds Transfers	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$629,805	\$629,805	\$629,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$44,301,140,721</b>	<b>\$44,305,392,493</b>	<b>\$44,305,159,280</b>
<b>Changes in Fund Availability</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$606,223,786</b>	<b>\$606,223,786</b>	<b>\$606,223,786</b>
State General Funds	\$289,406,672	\$289,406,672	\$289,406,672
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$87,282,500	\$87,282,500	\$87,282,500
Lottery Proceeds	(\$1,018)	(\$1,018)	(\$1,018)
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$2,933,874	\$2,933,874	\$2,933,874
Hospital Provider Fee	\$4,227,832	\$4,227,832	\$4,227,832

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$43,961,527	\$48,213,299	\$47,980,086
Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$806,050)	(\$1,156,540)	(\$1,156,540)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$4,170,395	\$4,170,395	\$3,937,182
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$40,597,182	\$45,199,444	\$45,199,444
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$18,333,930	\$18,333,930	\$18,333,930
Intergovernmental Transfers	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$18,448,930	\$18,448,930	\$18,448,930
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$18,448,930	\$18,448,930	\$18,448,930
Sales and Services	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$72,904,667	\$72,904,667	\$72,904,667
State Funds Transfers	\$72,904,667	\$72,904,667	\$72,904,667
Health Insurance Payments	\$72,904,667	\$72,904,667	\$72,904,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$741,423,910	\$745,675,682	\$745,442,469

**Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application**

*Section 1: Georgia Senate*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
State General Funds	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
State General Funds	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593

**Lieutenant Governor's Office**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
State General Funds	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892

<b>1.100 Lieutenant Governor's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892

<b>Secretary of the Senate's Office</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
State General Funds	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975

<b>2.100 Secretary of the Senate's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975

<b>Senate</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
State General Funds	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656

<b>3.100 Senate</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656

<b>Senate Budget and Evaluation Office</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide budget development and evaluation expertise to the State Senate.</i>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
State General Funds	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070

<b>4.100 Senate Budget and Evaluation Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide budget development and evaluation expertise to the State Senate.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
State General Funds	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070

**Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

**House of Representatives**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

<b>5.100 House of Representatives</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

**Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451
State General Funds	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,163,836	\$11,163,836
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,163,836	\$11,163,836
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,163,836	\$11,163,836

**Ancillary Activities**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533
State General Funds	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533

**6.1**    *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$2,385	\$2,385
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<b>6.100 Ancillary Activities</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,025,918	\$6,025,918
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,025,918	\$6,025,918
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,025,918	\$6,025,918

**Legislative Fiscal Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
State General Funds	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981

<b>7.100 Legislative Fiscal Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981

**Office of Legislative Counsel**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
State General Funds	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937

**8.100 Office of Legislative Counsel**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937

*Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303
State General Funds	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,840,303	\$35,846,802	\$35,846,802
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$35,840,303	\$35,846,802	\$35,846,802
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,990,303	\$35,996,802	\$35,996,802

**Audit and Assurance Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to perform special examinations and investigations; to conduct performance audits and evaluations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; to audit Medicaid provider claims; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338
State General Funds	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338

**9.1**   *Reduce funds to reflect projected revenues.*

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)
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**9.2**   *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$5,654	\$5,654
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**9.100 Audit and Assurance Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to perform special examinations and investigations; to conduct performance audits and evaluations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; to audit Medicaid provider claims; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,602,338	\$30,607,992	\$30,607,992
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,602,338	\$30,607,992	\$30,607,992
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,752,338	\$30,757,992	\$30,757,992

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705
State General Funds	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705

**10.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$390	\$390
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<b>10.100 Departmental Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,478,095	\$2,478,095
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,478,095	\$2,478,095
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,478,095	\$2,478,095

**Immigration Enforcement Review Board**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse members of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
State General Funds	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

<b>11.100 Immigration Enforcement Review Board</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse members of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

**Legislative Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
State General Funds	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600

**12.100 Legislative Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600

**Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems and equalizing property tax digests for collection of the State 1/4 mill; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660
State General Funds	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660

**13.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds		\$455	\$455
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**13.100 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems and equalizing property tax digests for collection of the State 1/4 mill; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,484,115	\$2,484,115
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,484,115	\$2,484,115
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,484,115	\$2,484,115

**Section 5: Appeals, Court of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,406,244	\$20,409,238	\$20,409,238
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,406,244	\$20,409,238	\$20,409,238
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,556,244	\$20,559,238	\$20,559,238

**Court of Appeals**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
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State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

**14.1** *Increase funds to provide for security equipment storage and installation of four additional cameras in the Health Building.*

State General Funds	\$17,441	\$17,441	\$17,441
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**14.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$8,271	\$8,271
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**14.3** *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect a savings from the delayed hiring of a central staff attorney.*

State General Funds		(\$5,277)	(\$5,277)
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**14.100 Court of Appeals**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,406,244	\$20,409,238	\$20,409,238
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,406,244	\$20,409,238	\$20,409,238
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,556,244	\$20,559,238	\$20,559,238

**Section 6: Judicial Council**

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818
State General Funds	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311

Sales and Services	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$18,285,496</b>	<b>\$18,285,496</b>	<b>\$18,285,496</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,728,939	\$14,710,266	\$14,690,266
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,728,939	\$14,710,266	\$14,690,266
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$18,262,617</b>	<b>\$18,243,944</b>	<b>\$18,223,944</b>

**Council of Accountability Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070
State General Funds	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$611,070</b>	<b>\$611,070</b>	<b>\$611,070</b>

**15.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$65	\$65
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<b>15.100 Council of Accountability Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$611,070	\$611,135	\$611,135
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$611,070	\$611,135	\$611,135
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$611,070	\$611,135	\$611,135

**Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203

<b>16.100 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203

**Institute of Continuing Judicial Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
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State General Funds	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$703,203</b>	<b>\$703,203</b>	<b>\$703,203</b>
Sales and Services	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>

<b>17.100 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
State General Funds	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$703,203</b>	<b>\$703,203</b>	<b>\$703,203</b>
Sales and Services	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>

**Judicial Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
State General Funds	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,627,367</b>	<b>\$1,627,367</b>	<b>\$1,627,367</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$888,905</b>	<b>\$888,905</b>	<b>\$888,905</b>
Sales and Services	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$14,807,214</b>	<b>\$14,807,214</b>	<b>\$14,807,214</b>

**18.1** *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in real estate expenses due to decreased utilization of space by the agency effective January 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	(\$22,879)	(\$22,879)	(\$22,879)
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**18.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$1,233	\$1,233
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<b>18.100 Judicial Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,268,063	\$12,269,296	\$12,269,296
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,268,063	\$12,269,296	\$12,269,296
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,784,335	\$14,785,568	\$14,785,568

<b>Judicial Qualifications Commission</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149
State General Funds	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149

**19.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$29	\$29
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**19.2** *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect savings.*

State General Funds (\$20,000) (\$40,000)

**19.100 Judicial Qualifications Commission** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$514,178	\$494,178
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$534,149	\$514,178	\$494,178
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$514,178	\$494,178

**Resource Center** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
State General Funds	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

**20.100 Resource Center** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

**Section 7: Juvenile Courts**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544
State General Funds	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,849	\$7,542,849
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,849	\$7,542,849
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,335	\$7,610,335

**Council of Juvenile Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
State General Funds	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300

**21.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$305	\$305
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<b>21.100 Council of Juvenile Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,591,814	\$1,592,119	\$1,592,119
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,591,814	\$1,592,119	\$1,592,119
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,605	\$1,659,605

**Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
State General Funds	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730

**22.100 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730

*Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344
State General Funds	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$79,297,984	\$79,297,984	\$79,297,984

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$77,281,228	\$76,997,136	\$76,997,136
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$77,281,228	\$76,997,136	\$76,997,136
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$79,302,868	\$79,018,776	\$79,018,776

**Council of Superior Court Clerks****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
State General Funds	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580

**23.100 Council of Superior Court Clerks****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580

**District Attorneys****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
State General Funds	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642

**24.1** *Increase funds to reflect an accountability court supplement for a district attorney for the newly established accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit per HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	\$4,884	\$4,884	\$4,884
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**24.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$21,485	\$21,485
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**24.3** *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect a savings from the delayed hiring of ten juvenile court assistant district attorneys (ADAs).*

State General Funds	(\$136,923)	(\$136,923)
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**24.4** *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect a savings from the delayed hiring of six accountability court assistant district attorneys (ADAs).*

State General Funds	(\$170,135)	(\$170,135)
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**24.100 District Attorneys**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$70,281,886	\$69,996,313	\$69,996,313
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$70,281,886	\$69,996,313	\$69,996,313
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$72,303,526	\$72,017,953	\$72,017,953

**Prosecuting Attorneys' Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
State General Funds	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762

**25.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,481	\$1,481
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<b>25.100 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,813,762	\$6,815,243	\$6,815,243
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,813,762	\$6,815,243	\$6,815,243
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,813,762	\$6,815,243	\$6,815,243

**Section 9: Superior Courts**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668
State General Funds	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,033,418	\$72,033,418	\$72,033,418

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$72,004,205	\$72,018,465	\$72,018,465
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$72,004,205	\$72,018,465	\$72,018,465
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,079,955	\$72,094,215	\$72,094,215

**Council of Superior Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297
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State General Funds	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,570,297	\$1,570,297	\$1,570,297

**26.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$1,766	\$1,766
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**26.100 Council of Superior Court Judges** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,510,297	\$1,512,063	\$1,512,063
State General Funds	\$1,510,297	\$1,512,063	\$1,512,063
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,570,297	\$1,572,063	\$1,572,063

**Judicial Administrative Districts**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
State General Funds	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789

**27.100 Judicial Administrative Districts** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789

**Superior Court Judges****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
State General Funds	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332

**28.1** *Increase funds to reflect an accountability court supplement for Superior Court Judges in the Tifton Circuit effective January 1, 2017 and to the judges with existing operational accountability courts in the Dublin and South Georgia circuits per HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	\$54,099	\$54,099	\$54,099
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**28.2** *Eliminate funds for one-time equipment costs associated with the Western Circuit judgeship created in HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	(\$7,562)	(\$7,562)	(\$7,562)
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**28.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$26,090	\$26,090
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**28.4** *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect a savings from the delayed hiring of two law clerks.*

State General Funds		(\$13,596)	(\$13,596)
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**28.100 Superior Court Judges****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$67,822,869	\$67,835,363	\$67,835,363
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$67,822,869	\$67,835,363	\$67,835,363
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$67,822,869	\$67,835,363	\$67,835,363

*Section 10: Supreme Court*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,090,473	\$11,957,688	\$11,971,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,090,473	\$11,957,688	\$11,971,688
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,950,296	\$13,817,511	\$13,831,511

**Supreme Court of Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,862,483</b>	<b>\$13,862,483</b>	<b>\$13,862,483</b>

**29.1** *Increase funds for personnel for one information technology position starting April 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,578	\$0	\$0
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**29.2** *Increase funds for personnel for one procurement and facilities position starting April 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$18,857	\$0	\$0
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**29.3** *Increase funds for personnel for one senior accountant position starting April 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,594	\$0	\$0
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**29.4** *Increase funds for a salary adjustment of the Georgia State Patrol trooper assigned to Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	\$8,784	\$8,784	\$8,784
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**29.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$4,068	\$4,068
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**29.6** *Reduce funds for personnel to reflect a savings from the delayed hiring of an administrative assistant.*

State General Funds		(\$29,824)	(\$29,824)
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**29.7** *Reduce funds to reflect actual mileage expenses.*

State General Funds		(\$28,000)	(\$14,000)
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**29.100 Supreme Court of Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,090,473	\$11,957,688	\$11,971,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,090,473	\$11,957,688	\$11,971,688
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,950,296	\$13,817,511	\$13,831,511

*Section 11: Accounting Office, State*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718
State General Funds	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
State Funds Transfers	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,726,029	\$7,726,029	\$7,726,029
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,726,029	\$7,726,029	\$7,726,029
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,017,602	\$30,017,602	\$30,017,602

**Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124
State General Funds	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
State Funds Transfers	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
Accounting System Assessments	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202

**30.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$94	\$94	\$94
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<b>30.100 Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$334,218	\$334,218	\$334,218
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$334,218	\$334,218	\$334,218
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,603,296	\$1,603,296	\$1,603,296

**Financial Systems****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
State General Funds	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
State Funds Transfers	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
Accounting System Assessments	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126

<b>31.100 Financial Systems</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126

**Shared Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143
State General Funds	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
State Funds Transfers	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
Accounting System Assessments	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,539,500	\$2,539,500	\$2,539,500

**32.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$456	\$456	\$456
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<b>32.100 Shared Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$836,599	\$836,599	\$836,599
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$836,599	\$836,599	\$836,599
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,539,956	\$2,539,956	\$2,539,956

**Statewide Accounting and Reporting**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542
State General Funds	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
State Funds Transfers	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
Accounting System Assessments	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554

**33.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
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**33.100 Statewide Accounting and Reporting****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,557,742	\$2,557,742	\$2,557,742
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,557,742	\$2,557,742	\$2,557,742
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,668,754	\$2,668,754	\$2,668,754

**Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission,  
Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537
State General Funds	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537

**34.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$667	\$667	\$667
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**34.100 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission,  
Georgia****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,033,204	\$3,033,204	\$3,033,204
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,033,204	\$3,033,204	\$3,033,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,033,204	\$3,033,204	\$3,033,204

**Georgia State Board of Accountancy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372
State General Funds	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372

**35.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$894	\$894	\$894
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<b>35.100 Georgia State Board of Accountancy</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$800,266	\$800,266	\$800,266
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$800,266	\$800,266	\$800,266
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$800,266	\$800,266	\$800,266

**Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913
State General Funds	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Sales and Services	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$175,507,450</b>	<b>\$175,507,450</b>	<b>\$175,507,450</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$206,499,089</b>	<b>\$206,499,089</b>	<b>\$206,499,089</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,678,858	\$4,678,858	\$4,608,858
State General Funds	\$4,678,858	\$4,678,858	\$4,608,858
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$26,446,726</b>	<b>\$26,446,726</b>	<b>\$26,446,726</b>
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Sales and Services	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$175,507,450</b>	<b>\$175,507,450</b>	<b>\$175,507,450</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$206,633,034</b>	<b>\$206,633,034</b>	<b>\$206,563,034</b>

**Departmental Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
Sales and Services	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
State Funds Transfers	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168
Merit System Assessments	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,914,519	\$5,914,519	\$5,914,519

**36.100 Departmental Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168
<b>Merit System Assessments</b>	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,914,519	\$5,914,519	\$5,914,519

**Fleet Management****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240

**37.100 Fleet Management****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240

**Human Resources Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
State Funds Transfers	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
Merit System Assessments	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956

**38.100 Human Resources Administration** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
<b>Merit System Assessments</b>	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956

**Risk Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
State General Funds	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
State Funds Transfers	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104

**39.100 Risk Management** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868
<b>Liability Funds</b>	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
<b>Unemployment Compensation Funds</b>	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
<b>Workers Compensation Funds</b>	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104

**State Purchasing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above \$100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify Small and/or Minority Business Vendors.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

**40.100 State Purchasing**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above \$100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify Small and/or Minority Business Vendors.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

**Surplus Property**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
Sales and Services	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807

<b>41.100 Surplus Property</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807

**Certificate of Need Appeal Panel**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
State General Funds	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506

<b>42.100 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506

**Administrative Hearings, Office of State****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088
State General Funds	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
State Funds Transfers	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,385,893	\$4,385,893	\$4,385,893

**43.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$725	\$725	\$725
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**43.2** *Increase funds for operations for the Georgia Tax Tribunal to cover expenses for the tax judge.*

State General Funds	\$133,220	\$133,220	\$63,220
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**43.100 Administrative Hearings, Office of State****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,219,033	\$3,219,033	\$3,149,033
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,219,033	\$3,219,033	\$3,149,033
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,519,838	\$4,519,838	\$4,449,838

**State Treasurer, Office of the****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and*



*accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Sales and Services	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887

<b>44.100 State Treasurer, Office of the</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887

<b>Payments to Georgia Aviation Authority</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide oversight and efficient operation of state aircraft and aviation operations to ensure the safety of state air travelers and aviation property.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
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State General Funds	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$990,319</b>	<b>\$990,319</b>	<b>\$990,319</b>

<b>45.100 Payments to Georgia Aviation Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide oversight and efficient operation of state aircraft and aviation operations to ensure the safety of state air travelers and aviation property.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$990,319</b>	<b>\$990,319</b>	<b>\$990,319</b>

**The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .219% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.**

*Section 13: Agriculture, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239
State General Funds	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Sales and Services	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$48,448,554	\$48,413,554	\$48,413,554
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$48,448,554	\$48,413,554	\$48,413,554
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,225,428</b>	<b>\$3,225,428</b>	<b>\$3,225,428</b>

<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$53,317,213	\$53,282,213	\$53,282,213

**Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
State General Funds	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331

**46.1** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Department of Agriculture Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$71,200	\$71,200	\$71,200
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**46.100 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,357,531	\$3,357,531	\$3,357,531
State General Funds	\$3,357,531	\$3,357,531	\$3,357,531
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,357,531	\$3,357,531	\$3,357,531

**Consumer Protection****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177
State General Funds	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Sales and Services	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,304,460	\$30,304,460	\$30,304,460

**47.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,815)	(\$2,815)	(\$2,815)
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**47.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 15 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
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**47.3** *Reduce funds to reflect a savings from the delayed hiring of Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) compliance inspectors.*

State General Funds		(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)
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**47.100 Consumer Protection****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting and regulating the cultivation,*

*processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,380,362	\$27,345,362	\$27,345,362
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,380,362	\$27,345,362	\$27,345,362
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,576,645	\$30,541,645	\$30,541,645

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097
State General Funds	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097

**48.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$510)	(\$510)	(\$510)
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<b>48.100 Departmental Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,820,587	\$4,820,587	\$4,820,587
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,820,587	\$4,820,587	\$4,820,587
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,820,587	\$4,820,587	\$4,820,587

**Marketing and Promotion****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535
State General Funds	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706

**49.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$380)	(\$380)	(\$380)
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**49.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 15 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
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**49.100 Marketing and Promotion****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,264,155	\$6,264,155	\$6,264,155
State General Funds	\$6,264,155	\$6,264,155	\$6,264,155
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,675,326	\$6,675,326	\$6,675,326

**Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
State General Funds	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399

**50.100 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
State General Funds	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399

**Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
State General Funds	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667

**51.100 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
State General Funds	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667

**State Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; conserve ground and surface water in Georgia by increasing the uniformity and efficiency of agricultural water irrigation systems, by installing meters on sites with permits for agricultural use to obtain data on agricultural water usage, and by administering the use of federal funds to construct and renovate agricultural water catchments; inspect, maintain and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures so that they comply with the state Safe Dams Act; and to provide funds for planning and research on water management, erosion and sedimentation control.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033
State General Funds	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,979,238	\$3,979,238	\$3,979,238

**52.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$180)	(\$180)	(\$180)
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**52.100 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; conserve ground and surface water in Georgia by increasing the uniformity and efficiency of agricultural water irrigation systems, by installing meters on sites with permits for agricultural use to obtain data on agricultural water usage, and by administering the use of federal funds to construct and renovate agricultural water catchments; inspect, maintain and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures so that they comply with the state Safe Dams Act; and to provide funds for planning and research on water management, erosion and sedimentation control.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,717,853	\$2,717,853	\$2,717,853
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,717,853	\$2,717,853	\$2,717,853
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,979,058	\$3,979,058	\$3,979,058

**Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264
State General Funds	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264



	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007	\$12,701,007

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075
State General Funds	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075

**53.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$555	\$555	\$555	\$555
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**53.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630	\$2,624,630

**Financial Institution Supervision**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577
State General Funds	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577

**54.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,736	\$1,736	\$1,736	\$1,736
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**54.100 Financial Institution Supervision** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,006,313	\$8,006,313	\$8,006,313
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,006,313	\$8,006,313	\$8,006,313
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,006,313	\$8,006,313	\$8,006,313

**Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent residential mortgage lending practices and money service businesses, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registrations, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612
State General Funds	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612

**55.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$452	\$452	\$452
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**55.100 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent residential mortgage lending practices and money service businesses, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registrations, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,070,064	\$2,070,064	\$2,070,064
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,070,064	\$2,070,064	\$2,070,064
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,070,064	\$2,070,064	\$2,070,064

**Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308
State General Funds	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170

Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$144,666,334</b>	<b>\$144,666,334</b>	<b>\$144,666,334</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,771,962</b>	<b>\$25,771,962</b>	<b>\$25,771,962</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
Royalties and Rents	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Sales and Services	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$2,419,710</b>	<b>\$2,419,710</b>	<b>\$2,419,710</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,204,952,314</b>	<b>\$1,204,952,314</b>	<b>\$1,204,952,314</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,044,123,595</b>	<b>\$1,044,123,595</b>	<b>\$1,044,123,595</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$1,033,868,457</b>	<b>\$1,033,868,457</b>	<b>\$1,033,868,457</b>
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	<b>\$10,255,138</b>	<b>\$10,255,138</b>	<b>\$10,255,138</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$144,666,334</b>	<b>\$144,666,334</b>	<b>\$144,666,334</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$5,081,397</b>	<b>\$5,081,397</b>	<b>\$5,081,397</b>
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	<b>\$14,163,709</b>	<b>\$14,163,709</b>	<b>\$14,163,709</b>
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	<b>\$25,361,291</b>	<b>\$25,361,291</b>	<b>\$25,361,291</b>
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	<b>\$47,482,075</b>	<b>\$47,482,075</b>	<b>\$47,482,075</b>

<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,216,981,601	\$1,216,981,601	\$1,216,981,601

**Adult Addictive Diseases Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763
State General Funds	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$90,928,897</b>	<b>\$90,928,897</b>	<b>\$90,928,897</b>

**56.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$116)	(\$116)	(\$116)
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<b>56.100 Adult Addictive Diseases Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$46,239,647	\$46,239,647	\$46,239,647
State General Funds	\$46,239,647	\$46,239,647	\$46,239,647
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$90,928,781</b>	<b>\$90,928,781</b>	<b>\$90,928,781</b>

**Adult Developmental Disabilities Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970
State General Funds	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$42,980,753</b>	<b>\$42,980,753</b>	<b>\$42,980,753</b>

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,960,000</b>	<b>\$12,960,000</b>	<b>\$12,960,000</b>
Sales and Services	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$355,318,723</b>	<b>\$355,318,723</b>	<b>\$355,318,723</b>

**57.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$49,272)	(\$49,272)	(\$49,272)
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**57.2** *Increase funds for 250 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113
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**57.100 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$305,382,811</b>	<b>\$305,382,811</b>	<b>\$305,382,811</b>
State General Funds	\$295,127,673	\$295,127,673	\$295,127,673
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$42,980,753</b>	<b>\$42,980,753</b>	<b>\$42,980,753</b>
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,960,000</b>	<b>\$12,960,000</b>	<b>\$12,960,000</b>
Sales and Services	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$361,323,564</b>	<b>\$361,323,564</b>	<b>\$361,323,564</b>

**Adult Forensic Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649
State General Funds	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
Sales and Services	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149

**58.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$19,789)	(\$19,789)	(\$19,789)
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<b>58.100 Adult Forensic Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$97,317,860	\$97,317,860	\$97,317,860
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$97,317,860	\$97,317,860	\$97,317,860
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$97,344,360	\$97,344,360	\$97,344,360

**Adult Mental Health Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047
State General Funds	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
Sales and Services	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$378,203,095</b>	<b>\$378,203,095</b>	<b>\$378,203,095</b>

**59.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$60,758)	(\$60,758)	(\$60,758)
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**59.2** *Increase funds for mental health consumers in community settings to comply with the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$6,133,276	\$6,133,276	\$6,133,276
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**59.100 Adult Mental Health Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$371,326,565	\$371,326,565	\$371,326,565
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$371,326,565	\$371,326,565	\$371,326,565
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$384,275,613</b>	<b>\$384,275,613</b>	<b>\$384,275,613</b>

**Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
State General Funds	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>



**60.100 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,236,003	\$11,236,003	\$11,236,003

**Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665
State General Funds	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,572,357	\$12,572,357	\$12,572,357

**61.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$432)	(\$432)	(\$432)
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**61.100 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,983,233	\$8,983,233	\$8,983,233
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,983,233	\$8,983,233	\$8,983,233
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,571,925	\$12,571,925	\$12,571,925

**Child and Adolescent Forensic Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393
State General Funds	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393

**62.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$587)	(\$587)	(\$587)
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**62.100 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,471,806	\$6,471,806	\$6,471,806
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,471,806	\$6,471,806	\$6,471,806
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,471,806	\$6,471,806	\$6,471,806

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665
State General Funds	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sales and Services	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180

**63.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$367)	(\$367)	(\$367)
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<b>63.100 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$50,274,298	\$50,274,298	\$50,274,298
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$50,274,298	\$50,274,298	\$50,274,298
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,683,813	\$60,683,813	\$60,683,813

**Departmental Administration-Behavioral Health**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770
State General Funds	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487

**64.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$7,195)	(\$7,195)	(\$7,195)
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**64.100 Departmental Administration-Behavioral Health****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,899,575	\$37,899,575	\$37,899,575
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,899,575	\$37,899,575	\$37,899,575
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,637,292	\$49,637,292	\$49,637,292

**Direct Care Support Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186

**65.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$20,045)	(\$20,045)	(\$20,045)
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**65.100 Direct Care Support Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$115,652,100	\$115,652,100	\$115,652,100
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$115,652,100	\$115,652,100	\$115,652,100
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$129,225,141	\$129,225,141	\$129,225,141

**Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
State General Funds	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894

**66.100 Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894

**Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
State General Funds	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863

**67.100 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863

**Sexual Offender Review Board****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087
State General Funds	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087

**68.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$459	\$459	\$459
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**68.100 Sexual Offender Review Board****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$780,546	\$780,546	\$780,546
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$780,546	\$780,546	\$780,546
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$780,546	\$780,546	\$780,546

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**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539
State General Funds	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250
Reserved Fund Balances	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Sales and Services	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
State Funds Transfers	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$182,827,795	\$177,527,795	\$177,527,795
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$182,827,795	\$177,527,795	\$177,527,795
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$383,753,979	\$378,453,979	\$378,453,979

**Building Construction****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362
State General Funds	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
Sales and Services	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$451,185	\$451,185	\$451,185

**69.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$18	\$18	\$18
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**69.100 Building Construction****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$253,380	\$253,380	\$253,380
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$253,380	\$253,380	\$253,380
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$451,203	\$451,203	\$451,203



**Coordinated Planning**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378
State General Funds	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881

**70.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$75	\$75	\$75
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**70.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the 2020 census collection.*

State General Funds	\$2,250,886	\$2,250,886	\$2,250,886
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**70.100 Coordinated Planning**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,253,339	\$6,253,339	\$6,253,339
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,253,339	\$6,253,339	\$6,253,339
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,495,842	\$6,495,842	\$6,495,842

**Departmental Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036
State General Funds	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852
Reserved Fund Balances	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
Sales and Services	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877

**71.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$8	\$8	\$8
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**71.100 Departmental Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$911,044	\$911,044	\$911,044
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$911,044	\$911,044	\$911,044
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,505,885	\$7,505,885	\$7,505,885

**Federal Community and Economic Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659
State General Funds	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
Sales and Services	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036

**72.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$102	\$102	\$102
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<b>72.100 Federal Community and Economic Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,641,761	\$1,641,761	\$1,641,761
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,641,761	\$1,641,761	\$1,641,761
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,832,138	\$49,832,138	\$49,832,138

**Homeownership Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841

**73.100 Homeownership Programs**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841

**Regional Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to Department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives, to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan, and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390
State General Funds	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
Sales and Services	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Funds Transfers	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,551,442	\$1,551,442	\$1,551,442

**74.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$77	\$77	\$77
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<b>74.100 Regional Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to Department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives, to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan, and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,082,467	\$1,082,467	\$1,082,467
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,082,467	\$1,082,467	\$1,082,467
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,519	\$1,551,519	\$1,551,519

**Rental Housing Programs****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849
Reserved Fund Balances	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
Sales and Services	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320

**75.100 Rental Housing Programs****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232

<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320

**Research and Surveys**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226
State General Funds	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226

**76.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$27	\$27	\$27
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<b>76.100 Research and Surveys</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$407,253	\$407,253	\$407,253
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$407,253	\$407,253	\$407,253
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$407,253	\$407,253	\$407,253

**Special Housing Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
State General Funds	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490
Reserved Fund Balances	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
State Funds Transfers	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518

**77.100 Special Housing Initiatives****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518

**State Community Development Programs****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879
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State General Funds	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Sales and Services	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529

**78.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$48	\$48	\$48
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<b>78.100 State Community Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$881,927	\$881,927	\$881,927
State General Funds	\$881,927	\$881,927	\$881,927
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Sales and Services	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,079,577	\$1,079,577	\$1,079,577

**State Economic Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948
State General Funds	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
Sales and Services	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,044,480</b>	<b>\$27,044,480</b>	<b>\$27,044,480</b>

**79.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$15	\$15	\$15
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**79.2** *Increase funds for Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA) grants.*

State General Funds	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**79.3** *Reduce funds for small film production grants.*

State General Funds		(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
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<b>79.100 State Economic Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$41,396,963	\$36,096,963	\$36,096,963
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$41,396,963	\$36,096,963	\$36,096,963
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$42,044,495</b>	<b>\$36,744,495</b>	<b>\$36,744,495</b>

**Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495
State General Funds	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$838,495</b>	<b>\$838,495</b>	<b>\$838,495</b>

<b>80.100 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495

**Payments to Georgia Regional Transportation Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve Georgia's mobility, air quality, and land use practices by operating the Xpress bus service, conducting transportation improvement studies, producing an annual Air Quality Report, and reviewing Developments of Regional Impact.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372
State General Funds	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372

**81.1** *Increase funds for one-time funding to leverage \$8,100,000 in federal funds to rehabilitate 32 Xpress buses.*

State General Funds	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
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**81.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 12 Xpress buses for new routes.*

State General Funds	\$8,045,000	\$8,045,000	\$8,045,000
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**81.100 Payments to Georgia Regional Transportation Authority**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve Georgia's mobility, air quality, and land use practices by operating the Xpress bus service, conducting transportation improvement studies, producing an annual Air Quality Report, and reviewing Developments of Regional Impact.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,973,372	\$22,973,372	\$22,973,372
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,973,372	\$22,973,372	\$22,973,372
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,973,372	\$22,973,372	\$22,973,372

**Payments to OneGeorgia Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
State General Funds	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$20,145,521</b>	<b>\$20,145,521</b>	<b>\$20,145,521</b>

**82.1** *Increase funds for a new Georgia Cyber Range, located on a state owned property in Augusta, in partnership with state, federal, and the private sector to create a secure environment for cybersecurity education programs, training, and testing.*

State General Funds	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
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**82.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center.*

State General Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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**82.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding for infrastructure needs on Hutchinson Island in Savannah.*

State General Funds	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
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**82.4** *Increase funds for economic development projects.*

State General Funds	\$26,500,000	\$26,500,000	\$26,500,000
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<b>82.100 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$103,000,000	\$103,000,000	\$103,000,000
State General Funds	\$103,000,000	\$103,000,000	\$103,000,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$103,145,521</b>	<b>\$103,145,521</b>	<b>\$103,145,521</b>

**Section 17: Community Health, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543
State General Funds	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114
Hospital Provider Fee	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,363,159,783</b>	<b>\$7,363,159,783</b>	<b>\$7,363,159,783</b>

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$220,774,078</b>	<b>\$220,774,078</b>	<b>\$220,774,078</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
Sales and Services	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,577,232,918</b>	<b>\$3,577,232,918</b>	<b>\$3,577,232,918</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
Federal Funds Transfers	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$14,365,986,322</b>	<b>\$14,365,986,322</b>	<b>\$14,365,986,322</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,212,010,421</b>	<b>\$3,211,017,282</b>	<b>\$3,211,227,282</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$2,652,802,608</b>	<b>\$2,651,809,469</b>	<b>\$2,652,019,469</b>
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	<b>\$100,083,981</b>	<b>\$100,083,981</b>	<b>\$100,083,981</b>
<b>Nursing Home Provider Fees</b>	<b>\$170,902,988</b>	<b>\$170,902,988</b>	<b>\$170,902,988</b>
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	<b>\$288,220,844</b>	<b>\$288,220,844</b>	<b>\$288,220,844</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,403,756,965</b>	<b>\$7,408,359,227</b>	<b>\$7,408,359,227</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$26,643,401</b>	<b>\$26,643,401</b>	<b>\$26,643,401</b>
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	<b>\$6,918,810,898</b>	<b>\$6,923,413,160</b>	<b>\$6,923,413,160</b>
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	<b>\$458,302,666</b>	<b>\$458,302,666</b>	<b>\$458,302,666</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$239,223,008</b>	<b>\$239,223,008</b>	<b>\$239,223,008</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$214,057,828</b>	<b>\$214,057,828</b>	<b>\$214,057,828</b>
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	<b>\$214,057,828</b>	<b>\$214,057,828</b>	<b>\$214,057,828</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$18,448,930</b>	<b>\$18,448,930</b>	<b>\$18,448,930</b>

<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$18,448,930	\$18,448,930	\$18,448,930
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,650,137,585	\$3,650,137,585	\$3,650,137,585
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,649,807,585	\$3,649,807,585	\$3,649,807,585
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$3,367,781,804	\$3,367,781,804	\$3,367,781,804
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,505,127,979	\$14,508,737,102	\$14,508,947,102

#### **Departmental Administration and Program Support**

#### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314
State General Funds	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104
State Funds Transfers	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585
Federal Funds Transfers	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$394,059,740	\$394,059,740	\$394,059,740

**83.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,677	\$1,677	\$1,677
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**83.2** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits.*

State General Funds		\$1,108,358	\$1,108,358
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**83.3** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to evaluate cost-saving measures through accurate diagnosis of ADHD through NEBA and report back to the Georgia General Assembly by July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$150,000	\$150,000
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<b>83.100 Departmental Administration and Program Support</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$63,265,991	\$64,524,349	\$64,524,349
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$63,265,991	\$64,524,349	\$64,524,349
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$394,061,417	\$395,319,775	\$395,319,775

**Georgia Board of Dentistry**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684
State General Funds	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684

**84.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$1,389	\$1,389	\$1,389
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**84.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$45	\$45	\$45
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<b>84.100 Georgia Board of Dentistry</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$820,118	\$820,118	\$820,118
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$820,118	\$820,118	\$820,118
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$820,118	\$820,118	\$820,118

**Georgia State Board of Pharmacy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419
State General Funds	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419

**85.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$49	\$49	\$49
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<b>85.100 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$756,468	\$756,468	\$756,468
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$756,468	\$756,468	\$756,468
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$756,468	\$756,468	\$756,468

**Health Care Access and Improvement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372
State General Funds	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,055,923	\$28,055,923	\$28,055,923

**86.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$187	\$187	\$187
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**86.2** *Reduce funds for the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) grant program to account for unawarded grant funds.*

State General Funds		(\$210,000)	\$0
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<b>86.100 Health Care Access and Improvement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,609,559	\$11,399,559	\$11,609,559
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,609,559	\$11,399,559	\$11,609,559
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,056,110	\$27,846,110	\$28,056,110

**Healthcare Facility Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519
State General Funds	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837

**87.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$751	\$751	\$751
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**87.2** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to provide an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors.*

State General Funds		\$767,927	\$767,927
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$881,724	\$881,724
Total Public Funds:		\$1,649,651	\$1,649,651

**87.100 Healthcare Facility Regulation****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,011,270	\$11,779,197	\$11,779,197
State General Funds	\$11,011,270	\$11,779,197	\$11,779,197
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,638,318	\$10,520,042	\$10,520,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,733,665	\$4,615,389	\$4,615,389
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,749,588	\$22,399,239	\$22,399,239

**Indigent Care Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
Sales and Services	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493

**88.1** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to provide match for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for private deemed and non-deemed hospitals.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$24,974,097	\$24,974,097	\$24,974,097
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$11,564,450	\$11,564,450	\$11,564,450
Total Public Funds:	\$36,538,547	\$36,538,547	\$36,538,547

**88.2** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Indigent Care Trust Fund program to provide match for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for private deemed and non-deemed hospitals.*

State General Funds			\$11,057,334
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			\$23,292,897
Total Public Funds:			\$34,350,231

**88.100 Indigent Care Trust Fund**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$11,057,334
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$11,057,334
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$282,050,066	\$282,050,066	\$305,342,963

<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$282,050,066	\$282,050,066	\$305,342,963
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$154,150,974	\$154,150,974	\$154,150,974
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$11,564,450	\$11,564,450	\$11,564,450
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$11,564,450	\$11,564,450	\$11,564,450
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$436,201,040	\$436,201,040	\$470,551,271

**Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268
State General Funds	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114
Hospital Provider Fee	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232

**89.1** *Increase funds to reflect projected FY2017 Nursing Home Provider Fee revenue.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$6,177,536	\$6,177,536
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Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$2,933,874	\$2,933,874	\$2,933,874
Total Public Funds:	\$2,933,874	\$9,111,410	\$9,111,410

**89.2** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from hospital provider payments.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$967,340	\$967,340	\$967,340
Hospital Provider Fee	\$459,415	\$459,415	\$459,415
Total Public Funds:	\$1,426,755	\$1,426,755	\$1,426,755

**89.3** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,702,053	\$6,702,053	\$6,702,053
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,182,981	\$3,182,981	\$3,182,981
Total Public Funds:	\$9,885,034	\$9,885,034	\$9,885,034

**89.4** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to reflect projected increase in Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,701,499	\$3,701,499	\$3,701,499
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**89.5** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits.*

State General Funds		(\$1,108,358)	(\$1,108,358)
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**89.6** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to provide an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors.*

State General Funds		(\$767,927)	(\$767,927)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		(\$881,724)	(\$881,724)
Total Public Funds:		(\$1,649,651)	(\$1,649,651)

**89.7** *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds		(\$748,139)	(\$748,139)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		(\$1,575,274)	(\$1,575,274)
Total Public Funds:		(\$2,323,413)	(\$2,323,413)

**89.8** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to the Indigent Care Trust Fund program to provide match for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for private deemed and non-deemed hospitals.*

State General Funds			(\$11,057,334)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778			(\$23,292,897)
Total Public Funds:			(\$34,350,231)

**89.100 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,661,918,557	\$1,659,294,133	\$1,648,236,799
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,451,877,559	\$1,440,820,225
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806
<b>Nursing Home Provider Fees</b>	\$170,902,988	\$170,902,988	\$170,902,988
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$30,321,780	\$30,321,780	\$30,321,780
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,457,478,737	\$3,461,199,275	\$3,437,906,378
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,454,691,523	\$3,458,412,061	\$3,435,119,164
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$69,227,468	\$69,227,468	\$69,227,468
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$6,884,480	\$6,884,480	\$6,884,480
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$6,884,480	\$6,884,480	\$6,884,480
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,455,913,394	\$5,457,009,508	\$5,422,659,277

**Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891

**90.1** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from hospital provider payments.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$7,953,692	\$7,953,692	\$7,953,692
Hospital Provider Fee	\$3,768,417	\$3,768,417	\$3,768,417
Total Public Funds:	\$11,722,109	\$11,722,109	\$11,722,109

**90.2** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to evaluate cost-saving measures through accurate diagnosis of ADHD through NEBA and report back to the Georgia General Assembly by July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
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<b>90.100 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,393,663,207	\$1,393,513,207	\$1,393,513,207
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,721,968	\$1,041,721,968
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$257,899,064	\$257,899,064	\$257,899,064
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,909,163,630	\$2,909,163,630	\$2,909,163,630
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,909,163,630	\$2,909,163,630	\$2,909,163,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,328,572,000	\$4,328,422,000	\$4,328,422,000

**PeachCare**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
State Funds Transfers	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374

**91.100 PeachCare**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374

**State Health Benefit Plan**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
State Funds Transfers	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552



**92.1** *Increase funds to reflect membership, medical services utilization, and medical trend changes since the previous projection.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$126,049,802	\$126,049,802	\$126,049,802
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**92.2** *Increase funds to reflect 2.5% average increase in employee premiums for non-Medicare Advantage plans, effective January 1, 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$7,200,000	\$7,200,000	\$7,200,000
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**92.3** *Increase funds to reflect \$20 premium increase for Medicare Advantage (MA) premium plan members, effective January 1, 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$5,283,000	\$5,283,000	\$5,283,000
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**92.4** *Increase funds to raise the five year benefit limit for children's hearing aids from \$3,000 to \$6,000.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$4,736	\$4,736	\$4,736
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**92.5** *Reduce funds to reflect savings attributable to Medicare Advantage (MA) rates in Plan Year 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$8,912,000)	(\$8,912,000)	(\$8,912,000)
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**92.6** *Reduce funds to reflect projected Dependent Verification Audit savings.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$17,607,871)	(\$17,607,871)	(\$17,607,871)
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**92.7** *Reduce funds to reflect plan savings attributable to Pharmacy Benefit Management strategies such as enhanced compound pharmacy management.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$39,113,000)	(\$39,113,000)	(\$39,113,000)
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**92.100 State Health Benefit Plan**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219	\$3,346,470,219

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Board Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797
State General Funds	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797

**93.1** *Reduce funds to reflect personnel savings.*

State General Funds		(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)
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<b>93.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Board Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$981,797	\$946,797	\$946,797
State General Funds	\$981,797	\$946,797	\$946,797
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$981,797	\$946,797	\$946,797

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Graduate Medical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
State General Funds	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863

**94.1** *Utilize existing funds to expand the Family Medicine Accelerated Curriculum Training program at Memorial University Medical Center. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		\$0	\$0
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<b>94.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Graduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Mercer School of Medicine Grant**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
State General Funds	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911

<b>95.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Mercer School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
State General Funds	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870

<b>96.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Physicians for Rural Areas**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
State General Funds	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000

<b>97.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Physicians for Rural Areas</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Undergraduate Medical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
State General Funds	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218

<b>98.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Undergraduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218

**Georgia Composite Medical Board**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841
State General Funds	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841

**99.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$24,687	\$24,687	\$24,687
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**99.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$50	\$50	\$50
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<b>99.100 Georgia Composite Medical Board</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,423,578	\$2,423,578	\$2,423,578
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,423,578	\$2,423,578	\$2,423,578
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,723,578	\$2,723,578	\$2,723,578

**Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677
State General Funds	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677

**100.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$337	\$337	\$337
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<b>100.100 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,215,014	\$2,215,014	\$2,215,014
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,215,014	\$2,215,014	\$2,215,014
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,215,014	\$2,215,014	\$2,215,014

**Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678
State General Funds	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$171,730,538	\$171,730,538	\$171,730,538
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$171,730,538	\$171,730,538	\$171,730,538
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$171,740,538	\$171,740,538	\$171,740,538

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028
State General Funds	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028

**101.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$29,131	\$29,131	\$29,131
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**101.2** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$13,090	\$13,090	\$13,090
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**101.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$9,204	\$9,204	\$9,204
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**101.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,188,453	\$9,188,453	\$9,188,453
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,188,453	\$9,188,453	\$9,188,453
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,188,453	\$9,188,453	\$9,188,453

**Field Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620
State General Funds	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620

**102.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$9,635,053	\$9,635,053	\$9,635,053
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**102.2** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$211,473	\$211,473	\$211,473
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**102.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$156,159	\$156,159	\$156,159
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**102.4** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 33 vehicles and purchase 12 new vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000
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**102.100 Field Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$156,712,305	\$156,712,305	\$156,712,305
State General Funds	\$156,712,305	\$156,712,305	\$156,712,305
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$156,722,305	\$156,722,305	\$156,722,305

**Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054
State General Funds	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054

**103.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$8,973	\$8,973	\$8,973
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**103.2** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$17,782	\$17,782	\$17,782
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**103.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
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**103.4** *Pursuant to SB367 (2016 Session) the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry (GOTSR) shall no longer be attached to the Department of Community Supervision for administrative purposes. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Pursuant to SB367 (2016 Session) the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry (GOTSR) shall be recognized as a program in the Department of Community Supervision)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>103.100 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,806,809	\$4,806,809	\$4,806,809
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,806,809	\$4,806,809	\$4,806,809
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,806,809	\$4,806,809	\$4,806,809

**Misdemeanor Probation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988
State General Funds	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988

**104.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$739	\$739	\$739
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<b>104.100 Misdemeanor Probation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$630,727	\$630,727	\$630,727
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$630,727	\$630,727	\$630,727
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$630,727	\$630,727	\$630,727

<b>Family Violence, Georgia Commission on</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988
State General Funds	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988

**105.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$256	\$256	\$256
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<b>105.100 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$392,244	\$392,244	\$392,244
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$392,244	\$392,244	\$392,244
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$392,244	\$392,244	\$392,244

**Section 19: Corrections, Department of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607
State General Funds	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
Sales and Services	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,162,080,739	\$1,162,080,739	\$1,161,980,739
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,162,080,739	\$1,162,080,739	\$1,161,980,739
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,175,815,897	\$1,175,815,897	\$1,175,715,897

**County Jail Subsidy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse counties for the costs of incarcerating state prisoners in their local facilities after sentencing.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

<b>106.100 County Jail Subsidy</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse counties for the costs of incarcerating state prisoners in their local facilities after sentencing.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962
State General Funds	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962

**107.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$370,058	\$370,058	\$370,058
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**107.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,632)	(\$5,632)	(\$5,632)
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**107.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,577,388	\$36,577,388	\$36,577,388
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$36,577,388	\$36,577,388	\$36,577,388
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$36,577,388	\$36,577,388	\$36,577,388

**Detention Centers**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091
State General Funds	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
Sales and Services	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>

**108.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,630)	(\$11,630)	(\$11,630)
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<b>108.100 Detention Centers</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$38,329,461	\$38,329,461	\$38,329,461
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$38,329,461	\$38,329,461	\$38,329,461
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$38,779,461</b>	<b>\$38,779,461</b>	<b>\$38,779,461</b>

<b>Food and Farm Operations</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059
State General Funds	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,585,059</b>	<b>\$27,585,059</b>	<b>\$27,585,059</b>

**109.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$475)	(\$475)	(\$475)
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<b>109.100 Food and Farm Operations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,584,584	\$27,584,584	\$27,584,584
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,584,584	\$27,584,584	\$27,584,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,584,584	\$27,584,584	\$27,584,584

**Health****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576
State General Funds	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
Sales and Services	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$204,683,131	\$204,683,131	\$204,683,131

**110.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$3,036)	(\$3,036)	(\$3,036)
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**110.2** *Increase funds to implement an Electronic Health Records (EHR) contract to maintain compliance with Federal 340B Program eligibility.*

State General Funds	\$17,034,151	\$17,034,151	\$17,034,151
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**110.3** *Increase funds to cover expenses related to an increase in Hepatitis C treatments.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**110.4** *Increase funds to address rising costs of generic (bulk) prescription medications.*

State General Funds	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620
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**110.5** *Increase funds to address rising costs of HIV medications.*

State General Funds	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392
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**110.6** *Increase funds to address rising costs of psychotropic medications.*

State General Funds	\$485,688	\$485,688	\$485,688
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**110.7** *Increase funds to address rising costs of chemotherapy medications.*

State General Funds	\$861,408	\$861,408	\$861,408
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<b>110.100 Health</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$240,729,799	\$240,729,799	\$240,729,799
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$240,729,799	\$240,729,799	\$240,729,799
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$241,190,354	\$241,190,354	\$241,190,354

**Offender Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497
State General Funds	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Sales and Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497

**111.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,152)	(\$1,152)	(\$1,152)
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**111.2** *Reduce funds for education incentives to meet projected need.*

State General Funds			(\$100,000)
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<b>111.100 Offender Management</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$43,544,345	\$43,544,345	\$43,444,345
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$43,544,345	\$43,544,345	\$43,444,345
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,574,345	\$43,574,345	\$43,474,345

**Private Prisons****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608

<b>112.100 Private Prisons</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608

**State Prisons****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093
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State General Funds	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
Sales and Services	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696

**113.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$490,673	\$490,673	\$490,673
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**113.2** *Increase funds for personnel to retain canine officers.*

State General Funds	\$41,621	\$41,621	\$41,621
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**113.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$171,960)	(\$171,960)	(\$171,960)
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**113.4** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace four inmate transportation buses.*

State General Funds	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
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**113.5** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 87 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$2,165,000	\$2,165,000	\$2,165,000
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<b>113.100 State Prisons</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$608,268,427	\$608,268,427	\$608,268,427
State General Funds	\$608,268,427	\$608,268,427	\$608,268,427
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
Sales and Services	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$621,063,030	\$621,063,030	\$621,063,030

**Transition Centers****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721
State General Funds	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721

**114.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$8,594)	(\$8,594)	(\$8,594)
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**114.100 Transition Centers****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,646,127	\$31,646,127	\$31,646,127
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$31,646,127	\$31,646,127	\$31,646,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$31,646,127	\$31,646,127	\$31,646,127

**Section 20: Defense, Department of****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382
State General Funds	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Royalties and Rents	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Sales and Services	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$68,035,530</b>	<b>\$68,035,530</b>	<b>\$68,035,530</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,566,904	\$11,566,904	\$11,566,904
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,566,904	\$11,566,904	\$11,566,904
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$68,034,052</b>	<b>\$68,034,052</b>	<b>\$68,034,052</b>

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079
State General Funds	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,910,607</b>	<b>\$1,910,607</b>	<b>\$1,910,607</b>

**115.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$79)	(\$79)	(\$79)
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**115.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,187,000	\$1,187,000	\$1,187,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,187,000	\$1,187,000	\$1,187,000

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,910,528	\$1,910,528	\$1,910,528

**Military Readiness****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228
State General Funds	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Royalties and Rents	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Sales and Services	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747

**116.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$813)	(\$813)	(\$813)
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**116.100 Military Readiness****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,225,415	\$5,225,415	\$5,225,415
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,225,415	\$5,225,415	\$5,225,415
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,123,934	\$43,123,934	\$43,123,934

**Youth Educational Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075
State General Funds	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
Sales and Services	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176

**117.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$586)	(\$586)	(\$586)
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**117.100 Youth Educational Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,154,489	\$5,154,489	\$5,154,489
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,154,489	\$5,154,489	\$5,154,489
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,999,590	\$22,999,590	\$22,999,590

*Section 21: Driver Services, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016
State General Funds	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$68,886,798	\$68,886,798	\$68,886,798
State General Funds	\$68,886,798	\$68,886,798	\$68,886,798
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$71,730,919	\$71,730,919	\$71,730,919

**Customer Service Support**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440
State General Funds	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
Sales and Services	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297

**118.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,044)	(\$1,044)	(\$1,044)
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**118.100 Customer Service Support** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,688,396	\$9,688,396	\$9,688,396
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,688,396	\$9,688,396	\$9,688,396
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,189,253	\$10,189,253	\$10,189,253

**License Issuance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556
State General Funds	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
Sales and Services	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391

**119.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$118,031	\$118,031	\$118,031
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**119.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$6,981)	(\$6,981)	(\$6,981)
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**119.3** *Increase funds for implementation of new license card production system.*

State General Funds	\$394,000	\$394,000	\$394,000
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**119.4** *Increase funds for one-time funding for a commercial driver's license pad in Rome.*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
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**119.5** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 10 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$210,000
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<b>119.100 License Issuance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$58,262,606	\$58,262,606	\$58,262,606
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$58,262,606	\$58,262,606	\$58,262,606
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,090,441	\$60,090,441	\$60,090,441

**Regulatory Compliance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020
State General Funds	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
Sales and Services	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449

**120.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$224)	(\$224)	(\$224)
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<b>120.100 Regulatory Compliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$935,796	\$935,796	\$935,796
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$935,796	\$935,796	\$935,796
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,451,225	\$1,451,225	\$1,451,225

*Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
Lottery Proceeds	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$413,411,861	\$413,411,861	\$413,411,861
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$357,842,519	\$357,842,519	\$357,842,519
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624
<b>CCDF Mandatory &amp; Matching Funds CFDA93.596</b>	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000

<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$803,145,620	\$803,145,620	\$803,145,620

**Child Care Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326

**121.100 Child Care Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326

**Nutrition**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000

**122.100 Nutrition**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000

**Pre-Kindergarten Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380

**123.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

Lottery Proceeds	(\$3,861)	(\$3,861)	(\$3,861)
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**123.100 Pre-Kindergarten Program** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$357,842,519	\$357,842,519	\$357,842,519
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$357,842,519	\$357,842,519	\$357,842,519
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$358,017,519	\$358,017,519	\$358,017,519

**Quality Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775

**124.100 Quality Initiatives** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775

*Section 23: Economic Development, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101
State General Funds	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$32,482,575	\$32,470,075	\$32,770,075
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$32,482,575	\$32,470,075	\$32,770,075
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$106,503,893	\$106,491,393	\$106,791,393

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550
State General Funds	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550

**125.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$961	\$961	\$961
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**125.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace one vehicle.*

State General Funds	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
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**125.100 Departmental Administration** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,654,511	\$4,654,511	\$4,654,511
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,654,511	\$4,654,511	\$4,654,511
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,654,511	\$4,654,511	\$4,654,511

**Film, Video, and Music**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845
State General Funds	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845

**126.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$185	\$185	\$185
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**126.100 Film, Video, and Music** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,119,030	\$1,119,030	\$1,119,030
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,119,030	\$1,119,030	\$1,119,030
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,119,030	\$1,119,030	\$1,119,030

**Arts, Georgia Council for the**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations, fund grants and services for non-profit arts and cultural organizations, and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499
State General Funds	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899

**127.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$125	\$125	\$125
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<b>127.100 Arts, Georgia Council for the</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations, fund grants and services for non-profit arts and cultural organizations, and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$716,624	\$716,624	\$716,624
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$716,624	\$716,624	\$716,624
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,376,024	\$1,376,024	\$1,376,024

**Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to institute a statewide 'Grassroots' arts program, with the goal to increase the arts participation and support throughout the state with grants no larger than \$5,000.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
State General Funds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

<b>128.100 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to institute a statewide 'Grassroots' arts program, with the goal to increase the arts participation and support throughout the state with grants no larger than \$5,000.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

**Global Commerce**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286
State General Funds	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286

**129.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,659	\$1,659	\$1,659
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**129.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace seven vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
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**129.100 Global Commerce**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,440,945	\$11,440,945	\$11,440,945
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,440,945	\$11,440,945	\$11,440,945
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,440,945	\$11,440,945	\$11,440,945

**Governor's Office of Workforce Development**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918



Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>

<b>130.100 Governor's Office of Workforce Development</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>

**Innovation and Technology****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296
State General Funds	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,542,296</b>	<b>\$1,542,296</b>	<b>\$1,542,296</b>

**131.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$148	\$148	\$148
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<b>131.100 Innovation and Technology</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,542,444	\$1,542,444	\$1,542,444
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,542,444	\$1,542,444	\$1,542,444
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,542,444</b>	<b>\$1,542,444</b>	<b>\$1,542,444</b>

**Small and Minority Business Development****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers, and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342
State General Funds	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$976,342</b>	<b>\$976,342</b>	<b>\$976,342</b>

**132.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$207	\$207	\$207
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<b>132.100 Small and Minority Business Development</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers, and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$976,549	\$976,549	\$976,549
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$976,549	\$976,549	\$976,549
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$976,549	\$976,549	\$976,549

**Tourism**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283
State General Funds	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283

**133.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,189	\$1,189	\$1,189
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**133.2** *Reduce funds for Historic Chattahoochee Commission.*

State General Funds		(\$12,500)	(\$12,500)
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**133.3** *Increase funds for music promotion.*

State General Funds			\$300,000
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<b>133.100 Tourism</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,732,472	\$11,719,972	\$12,019,972
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,732,472	\$11,719,972	\$12,019,972
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,732,472	\$11,719,972	\$12,019,972

*Section 24: Education, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964
State General Funds	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,022,811,571	\$9,024,353,427	\$9,028,390,491
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,800,437,645	\$8,801,979,501	\$8,806,016,565
<b>Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs</b>	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,273,913	\$1,916,273,913
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,254,283	\$1,916,254,283
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463

<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,978,341,937	\$10,979,533,303	\$10,983,570,367

**Agricultural Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689
State General Funds	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978

**134.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$117	\$117	\$117
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**134.2** *Increase funds for Camp John Hope to complete the waterline infrastructure project.*

State General Funds		\$200,000	\$200,000
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**134.3** *Transfer funds from the Business and Finance Administration program to the Agricultural Education program to align budget to projected expenditures. (S:Increase funds to align budget to projected expenditures)*

State General Funds		\$35,000	\$35,000
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<b>134.100 Agricultural Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,404,806	\$9,639,806	\$9,639,806
State General Funds	\$9,404,806	\$9,639,806	\$9,639,806
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,111,095	\$11,346,095	\$11,346,095

**Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for grants for film and audio-video equipment to local school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
State General Funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**135.1** *Reduce funds to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds (1,500,000)

<b>135.100 Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for grants for film and audio-video equipment to local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
State General Funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000

**Business and Finance Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550
State General Funds	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,458,062</b>	<b>\$28,458,062</b>	<b>\$28,458,062</b>

**136.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,160	\$2,160	\$2,160
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**136.2** *Transfer funds from the Business and Finance Administration program to the Agricultural Education program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds		(\$35,000)	\$0
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<b>136.100 Business and Finance Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,680,710	\$7,645,710	\$7,680,710
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,680,710	\$7,645,710	\$7,680,710
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,460,222</b>	<b>\$28,425,222</b>	<b>\$28,460,222</b>

**Central Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730
State General Funds	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
Sales and Services	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$21,523,251</b>	<b>\$21,523,251</b>	<b>\$21,523,251</b>

**137.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$973	\$973	\$973
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<b>137.100 Central Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,205,703	\$4,205,703	\$4,205,703
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,205,703	\$4,205,703	\$4,205,703
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,524,224	\$21,524,224	\$21,524,224

**Charter Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942
State General Funds	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942

**138.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$201	\$201	\$201
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<b>138.100 Charter Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,160,143	\$2,160,143	\$2,160,143
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,160,143	\$2,160,143	\$2,160,143
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,160,143	\$2,160,143	\$2,160,143

**Communities in Schools****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
State General Funds	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100

**139.100 Communities in Schools****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100

**Curriculum Development****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097
State General Funds	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622

**140.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$942	\$942	\$942
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**140.100 Curriculum Development****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,743,039	\$3,743,039	\$3,743,039
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,743,039	\$3,743,039	\$3,743,039
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,736,564	\$6,736,564	\$6,736,564

**Federal Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318

**141.1** *Eliminate funds for the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) contract.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized		(\$350,490)	(\$350,490)
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**141.100 Federal Programs**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$993,010,318	\$992,659,828	\$992,659,828
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$993,010,318	\$992,659,828	\$992,659,828
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$993,010,318	\$992,659,828	\$992,659,828

**Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561
State General Funds	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603

**142.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2	\$2	\$2
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<b>142.100 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$63,926,563	\$63,926,563	\$63,926,563
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$63,926,563	\$63,926,563	\$63,926,563
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$72,186,605	\$72,186,605	\$72,186,605

**Georgia Virtual School**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277
State General Funds	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
Sales and Services	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753

**143.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$775	\$775	\$775
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<b>143.100 Georgia Virtual School</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,001,052	\$3,001,052	\$3,001,052
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,001,052	\$3,001,052	\$3,001,052
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,110,528	\$10,110,528	\$10,110,528

**Information Technology Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873
State General Funds	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870

**144.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,397	\$3,397	\$3,397
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**144.2** *Increase funds for a functional specification study of the current financial system. (S:Increase funds for a functional specification study for an adaptable, comprehensive and complete solution for all financial and reporting systems)*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
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**144.100 Information Technology Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,054,270	\$22,054,270	\$22,054,270
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,054,270	\$22,054,270	\$22,054,270
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,719,267	\$22,719,267	\$22,719,267

**Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives, including children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
State General Funds	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618

**145.1 Utilize existing funds (\$71,110) for the new Wellspring Living residential treatment facility. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)**

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**145.100 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives, including children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618

**Nutrition**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501
State General Funds	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$853,875,157	\$853,875,157	\$853,875,157

**146.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$94	\$94	\$94
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<b>146.100 Nutrition</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,578,595	\$23,578,595	\$23,578,595
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,578,595	\$23,578,595	\$23,578,595
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$853,875,251	\$853,875,251	\$853,875,251

**Preschool Disabilities Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
State General Funds	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294

**147.100 Preschool Disabilities Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294

**Quality Basic Education Equalization****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
State General Funds	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036

**148.100 Quality Basic Education Equalization****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036

**Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
State General Funds	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)

**149.100 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
<b>State General Funds</b>	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)

**Quality Basic Education Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320
State General Funds	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320

**150.1** *Increase funds for a midterm adjustment for enrollment growth.*

State General Funds	\$85,470,219	\$91,891,901	\$91,891,901
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**150.2** *Increase funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.*

State General Funds	\$9,157,489	\$9,154,365	\$9,154,365
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**150.3** *Increase funds for a midterm adjustment to charter system grants.*

State General Funds	\$9,456,689	\$9,908,293	\$9,908,293
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**150.4** *Increase funds for a midterm adjustment for the Special Needs Scholarship. (H and S:Reduce funds for a midterm adjustment for the Special Needs Scholarship)*

State General Funds	\$6,533,715	(\$1,961,369)	(\$1,000,000)
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**150.5** *Increase funds for training and experience for Sumter County (\$302,450) and Hillside Conant School (\$279,272) to reflect corrected data. (H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$581,722	\$0	\$0
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**150.6** *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	(\$222,373,926)	(\$222,373,926)	(\$222,373,926)
Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

<b>150.100 Quality Basic Education Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,946,444,154	\$9,944,237,510	\$9,945,198,879
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,724,070,228	\$9,721,863,584	\$9,722,824,953
<b>Revenue Shortfall Reserve for K-12 Needs</b>	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926	\$222,373,926
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,946,444,154	\$9,944,237,510	\$9,945,198,879

**Regional Education Service Agencies****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
State General Funds	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033

<b>151.100 Regional Education Service Agencies</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033

**School Improvement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439
State General Funds	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144



Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>

**152.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,717	\$2,717	\$2,717
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<b>152.100 School Improvement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,378,156	\$9,378,156	\$9,378,156
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,378,156	\$9,378,156	\$9,378,156
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$16,247,300</b>	<b>\$16,247,300</b>	<b>\$16,247,300</b>

**State Charter School Commission Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,697,463</b>	<b>\$3,697,463</b>	<b>\$3,697,463</b>
Sales and Services	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,697,463</b>	<b>\$3,697,463</b>	<b>\$3,697,463</b>

<b>153.100 State Charter School Commission Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463

**State Schools****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610
State General Funds	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,889,948	\$28,889,948	\$28,889,948

**154.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,135	\$7,135	\$7,135
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**154.100 State Schools****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,290,745	\$27,290,745	\$27,290,745
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,290,745	\$27,290,745	\$27,290,745

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,897,083	\$28,897,083	\$28,897,083

**Technology/Career Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380
State General Funds	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484

**155.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$522	\$522	\$522
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**155.2** *Increase funds for career, technical, and agricultural education equipment grants to local school systems.*

State General Funds		\$3,548,500	\$5,589,195
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**155.100 Technology/Career Education****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,489,902	\$21,038,402	\$23,079,097
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$17,489,902	\$21,038,402	\$23,079,097
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$62,937,006	\$66,485,506	\$68,526,201

**Testing****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620

**156.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$738	\$738	\$738
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**156.2** *Increase funds to contract with a nationally recognized vendor upon consultation with districts that have vetted assessments for reliability for currently available, research-based reading assessment tools to complement any local-approved reading program and provide summative and formative assessments which place the students into interactive instruction based on skill level and provide a summative assessment conversion component and real-time data analysis for students, teachers, school leaders and parents on reading progress.*

State General Funds			\$2,500,000
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**156.100 Testing** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,719,377	\$26,719,377	\$29,219,377
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,719,377	\$26,719,377	\$29,219,377
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,490,358	\$42,490,358	\$44,990,358

**Tuition for Multiple Disability Students**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
State General Funds	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946

**157.100 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946

**The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of \$2,463.43. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.**

*Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275
State General Funds	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$21,572,276</b>	<b>\$21,572,276</b>	<b>\$21,572,276</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$54,901,364</b>	<b>\$54,901,364</b>	<b>\$54,901,364</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,305,275</b>	<b>\$28,305,275</b>	<b>\$28,305,275</b>
State General Funds	\$28,305,275	\$28,305,275	\$28,305,275
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>
Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$21,572,276</b>	<b>\$21,572,276</b>	<b>\$21,572,276</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$54,396,364</b>	<b>\$54,396,364</b>	<b>\$54,396,364</b>

**Deferred Compensation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>
Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>

**158.100 Deferred Compensation**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>
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<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813

**Georgia Military Pension Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
State General Funds	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875

**159.100 Georgia Military Pension Fund**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875

**Public School Employees Retirement System**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
State General Funds	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000

**160.100 Public School Employees Retirement System**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000

**System Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400
State General Funds	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676
<b>161.1</b> <i>Eliminate funds for HB508 (2016 Session) and SB243 (2016 Session).</i>			
State General Funds	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)

**161.100 System Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400
State General Funds	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,582,676	\$21,582,676	\$21,582,676

**It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 24.81% for New Plan employees and 20.06% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 21.81% for the pension portion of the benefit and 3.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed \$727.97 per member for State Fiscal Year 2017.**

**Section 26: Forestry Commission, State****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201
State General Funds	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349



Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Sales and Services	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$49,479,737</b>	<b>\$49,479,737</b>	<b>\$49,479,737</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$46,280,750</b>	<b>\$46,280,750</b>	<b>\$46,280,750</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$46,280,750</b>	<b>\$46,280,750</b>	<b>\$46,280,750</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$59,507,286</b>	<b>\$59,507,286</b>	<b>\$59,507,286</b>

**Commission Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer work force needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571
State General Funds	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
Sales and Services	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151

**162.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$47)	(\$47)	(\$47)
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**162.98** *Change the agency name of the Georgia Forestry Commission to the State Forestry Commission pursuant to Title 12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**162.100 Commission Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer work force needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,740,524	\$3,740,524	\$3,740,524
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,740,524	\$3,740,524	\$3,740,524
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,972,104	\$3,972,104	\$3,972,104

**Forest Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost-share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043
State General Funds	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
Sales and Services	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
State Funds Transfers	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926

**163.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$58)	(\$58)	(\$58)
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**163.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist*

*communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

State General Funds \$0                      \$0                      \$0

<b>163.100 Forest Management</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,849,985	\$2,849,985	\$2,849,985
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,849,985	\$2,849,985	\$2,849,985
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,634,868	\$7,634,868	\$7,634,868

Forest Protection **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587
State General Funds	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Sales and Services	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
State Funds Transfers	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580

**164.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$28,164	\$28,164	\$28,164
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**164.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$510)	(\$510)	(\$510)
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**164.3** *Increase funds for equipment to aid in preventing and combating wildfires.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**164.100 Forest Protection** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$39,690,241	\$39,690,241	\$39,690,241
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$39,690,241	\$39,690,241	\$39,690,241
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$46,693,234	\$46,693,234	\$46,693,234

**Tree Seedling Nursery**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
Sales and Services	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
State Funds Transfers	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080

<b>165.100 Tree Seedling Nursery</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080

*Section 27: Governor, Office of the*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577
State General Funds	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
Reserved Fund Balances	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
State Funds Transfers	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$68,490,728	\$73,490,728	\$73,490,728
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$68,490,728	\$73,490,728	\$73,490,728
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$99,413,696	\$104,413,696	\$104,413,696

**Governor's Emergency Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
State General Funds	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041

**166.1** *Increase funds to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
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**166.100 Governor's Emergency Fund**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,062,041	\$26,062,041	\$26,062,041
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$21,062,041	\$26,062,041	\$26,062,041
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,062,041	\$26,062,041	\$26,062,041

**Governor's Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be \$40,000.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562
State General Funds	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562

**167.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,046	\$4,046	\$4,046
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**167.100 Governor's Office**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be \$40,000.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,649,608	\$6,649,608	\$6,649,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,649,608	\$6,649,608	\$6,649,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,649,608	\$6,649,608	\$6,649,608

**Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627
State General Funds	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627

**168.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,366	\$2,366	\$2,366
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**168.100 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,747,993	\$8,747,993	\$8,747,993
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,747,993	\$8,747,993	\$8,747,993
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,747,993	\$8,747,993	\$8,747,993

**Child Advocate, Office of the****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589
State General Funds	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589

**169.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$613	\$613	\$613
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**169.100 Child Advocate, Office of the****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,004,202	\$1,004,202	\$1,004,202
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,004,202	\$1,004,202	\$1,004,202
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,004,202	\$1,004,202	\$1,004,202

**Emergency Management Agency, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840
State General Funds	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
Reserved Fund Balances	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
State Funds Transfers	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$33,292,878	\$33,292,878	\$33,292,878

**170.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$16,535	\$16,535	\$16,535
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**170.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$41	\$41	\$41
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<b>170.100 Emergency Management Agency, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,798,416	\$2,798,416	\$2,798,416
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,798,416	\$2,798,416	\$2,798,416
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,309,454	\$33,309,454	\$33,309,454

**Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838
State General Funds	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838

**171.1 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	(\$616)	(\$616)	(\$616)
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**171.100 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$689,222	\$689,222	\$689,222
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$689,222	\$689,222	\$689,222
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$689,222	\$689,222	\$689,222

**Professional Standards Commission, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790
State General Funds	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720

**172.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,319	\$1,319	\$1,319
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<b>172.100 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,053,109	\$7,053,109	\$7,053,109
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,053,109	\$7,053,109	\$7,053,109
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,465,039	\$7,465,039	\$7,465,039

**Office of the State Inspector General**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215
State General Funds	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215

**173.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$193	\$193	\$193
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<b>173.100 Office of the State Inspector General</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$688,408	\$688,408	\$688,408
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$688,408	\$688,408	\$688,408
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$688,408	\$688,408	\$688,408

**Student Achievement, Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075
State General Funds	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075

**174.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$654	\$654	\$654
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**174.100 Student Achievement, Office of**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,797,729	\$19,797,729	\$19,797,729
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,797,729	\$19,797,729	\$19,797,729
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,797,729	\$19,797,729	\$19,797,729

**The Mansion allowance shall be \$40,000.**

**Section 28: Human Services, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394
State General Funds	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$684,153,361	\$685,874,316	\$685,874,316
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$684,153,361	\$685,874,316	\$685,874,316
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,065,195,859</b>	<b>\$1,065,195,859</b>	<b>\$1,064,962,646</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$91,632,910	\$91,632,910	\$91,399,697
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556
<b>TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604</b>	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,600,245	\$2,600,245	\$2,600,245
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,780,695,140	\$1,782,416,095	\$1,782,182,882

**Adoptions Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624
State General Funds	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793

**175.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,423)	(\$1,423)	(\$1,423)
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**175.100 Adoptions Services****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,580,201	\$33,580,201	\$33,580,201
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$33,580,201	\$33,580,201	\$33,580,201
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$92,418,370	\$92,418,370	\$92,418,370



**After School Care**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000

**176.100 After School Care**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715
State General Funds	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,361,968	\$6,361,968	\$6,361,968

**177.1 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	(\$325)	(\$325)	(\$325)
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<b>177.100 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,326,390	\$1,326,390	\$1,326,390
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,326,390	\$1,326,390	\$1,326,390
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,361,643	\$6,361,643	\$6,361,643

**Child Care Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to permit low-income families to be self-reliant while protecting the safety and well-being of their children by ensuring access to child care.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346

<b>178.100 Child Care Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to permit low-income families to be self-reliant while protecting the safety and well-being of their children by ensuring access to child care.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346

**Child Support Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121
State General Funds	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
Sales and Services	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
State Funds Transfers	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135

**179.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$10,390)	(\$10,390)	(\$10,390)
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<b>179.100 Child Support Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,049,731	\$29,049,731	\$29,049,731
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$29,049,731	\$29,049,731	\$29,049,731
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$108,572,745	\$108,572,745	\$108,572,745

<b>Child Welfare Services</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878
State General Funds	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
State Funds Transfers	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153

**180.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$65,869	\$65,869	\$65,869
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<b>180.100 Child Welfare Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$158,364,747	\$158,364,747	\$158,364,747
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$158,364,747	\$158,364,747	\$158,364,747
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997
<b>TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604</b>	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$349,217,022	\$349,217,022	\$349,217,022

**Community Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137

**181.100 Community Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411
State General Funds	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
State Funds Transfers	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303

**182.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$33,271)	(\$33,271)	(\$33,271)
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**182.2** *Increase funds for the Integrated Eligibility System information technology project.*

State General Funds	\$13,460,920	\$13,460,920	\$13,460,920
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**182.3** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program for the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU).*

State General Funds	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)
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**182.4** *Transfer one-time matching funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Community Living Services program for the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Program (ADSSP) grant.*

State General Funds	(\$185,842)	(\$185,842)	(\$185,842)
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**182.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$49,562,013	\$49,562,013	\$49,562,013
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$49,562,013	\$49,562,013	\$49,562,013
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718

<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$116,258,905	\$116,258,905	\$116,258,905

**Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195
State General Funds	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477

**183.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,205)	(\$11,205)	(\$11,205)
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**183.2** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program for the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU).*

State General Funds	\$93,205	\$93,205	\$93,205
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**183.100 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,495,195	\$19,495,195	\$19,495,195
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,495,195	\$19,495,195	\$19,495,195
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,281,477	\$23,281,477	\$23,281,477

**Elder Community Living Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281
State General Funds	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$48,674,824	\$48,674,824	\$48,674,824

**184.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$244)	(\$244)	(\$244)
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**184.2** *Transfer one-time matching funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Community Living Services program for the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Program (ADSSP) grant.*

State General Funds	\$185,842	\$185,842	\$185,842
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**184.100 Elder Community Living Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,088,879	\$21,088,879	\$21,088,879
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$21,088,879	\$21,088,879	\$21,088,879



<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$48,860,422	\$48,860,422	\$48,860,422

**Elder Support Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older Georgians, so that they may live in their homes and communities, by providing health, employment, nutrition, and other support and education services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324
State General Funds	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592

**185.1 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	(\$407)	(\$407)	(\$407)
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<b>185.100 Elder Support Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older Georgians, so that they may live in their homes and communities, by providing health, employment, nutrition, and other support and education services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,132,917	\$4,132,917	\$4,132,917
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,132,917	\$4,132,917	\$4,132,917
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,749,185	\$10,749,185	\$10,749,185

**Energy Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
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State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027

<b>186.100 Energy Assistance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027

**Federal Eligibility Benefit Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176
State General Funds	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$315,398,887	\$315,398,887	\$315,398,887

**187.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$20,427	\$20,427	\$20,427
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<b>187.100 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$118,499,603	\$118,499,603	\$118,499,603
State General Funds	\$118,499,603	\$118,499,603	\$118,499,603
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$315,419,314	\$315,419,314	\$315,419,314

**Out-of-Home Care****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910
State General Funds	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$276,171	\$276,171	\$276,171
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150

**188.1** *Increase funds for growth in out-of-home care utilization.*

State General Funds	\$28,611,746	\$28,611,746	\$27,011,746
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$4,170,395	\$4,170,395	\$3,937,182
Total Public Funds:	\$32,782,141	\$32,782,141	\$30,948,928

**188.2** *Increase funds for Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) foster parent per diem rates by 57 percent effective April 1, 2017. (S:Increase funds for Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to fully fund an increase in foster parent per diem rates by 57 percent effective April 1, 2017)*

State General Funds	\$974,712	\$2,574,712
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**188.3** Increase funds to implement a \$1 per day increase for relative foster care providers effective April 1, 2017.

State General Funds	\$746,243	\$746,243
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**188.4** Coordinate with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Human Services to recommend and fund an increase in Child Placing Agencies (CPA) foster parent per diem rates. (S: YES)

State General Funds		\$0
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<b>188.100 Out-of-Home Care</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$215,148,656	\$216,869,611	\$216,869,611
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$215,148,656	\$216,869,611	\$216,869,611
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$95,608,635	\$95,608,635	\$95,375,422
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$276,171	\$276,171	\$276,171
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$46,482,004	\$46,482,004	\$46,248,791
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$310,757,291	\$312,478,246	\$312,245,033

**Refugee Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225

<b>189.100 Refugee Assistance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225

**Residential Child Care Licensing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200
State General Funds	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463

**190.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,793)	(\$1,793)	(\$1,793)
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**190.100 Residential Child Care Licensing**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,638,407	\$1,638,407	\$1,638,407
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,638,407	\$1,638,407	\$1,638,407
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,257,670	\$2,257,670	\$2,257,670

**Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$48,406,610</b>	<b>\$48,406,610</b>	<b>\$48,406,610</b>

**191.100 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$48,306,610</b>	<b>\$48,306,610</b>	<b>\$48,306,610</b>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$48,406,610</b>	<b>\$48,406,610</b>	<b>\$48,406,610</b>

**Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,567,755</b>	<b>\$25,567,755</b>	<b>\$25,567,755</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,667,755</b>	<b>\$25,667,755</b>	<b>\$25,667,755</b>

**192.100 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,567,755</b>	<b>\$25,567,755</b>	<b>\$25,567,755</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889

<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755

**Council On Aging**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656
State General Funds	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656

**193.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$159	\$159	\$159
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<b>193.100 Council On Aging</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$238,815	\$238,815	\$238,815
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$238,815	\$238,815	\$238,815
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$238,815	\$238,815	\$238,815

**Family Connection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
State General Funds	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967

<b>194.100 Family Connection</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485
State General Funds	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,206,461	\$3,206,461	\$3,206,461

**195.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$94	\$94	\$94
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<b>195.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$286,579	\$286,579	\$286,579
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$286,579	\$286,579	\$286,579
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,206,555	\$3,206,555	\$3,206,555



**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509
State General Funds	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869

**196.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,552	\$3,552	\$3,552
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**196.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,291,061	\$1,291,061	\$1,291,061
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,291,061	\$1,291,061	\$1,291,061
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,293,421	\$12,293,421	\$12,293,421

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922

<b>197.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334

<b>198.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
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<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Roosevelt Warm Springs Medical Hospital**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide rehabilitative and medical care for individuals to return to the most independent lifestyle possible.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
State General Funds	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

<b>199.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Roosevelt Warm Springs Medical Hospital</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide rehabilitative and medical care for individuals to return to the most independent lifestyle possible.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761
State General Funds	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
Sales and Services	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303

State Funds Transfers	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>

**200.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,258	\$4,258	\$4,258
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<b>200.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,827,019	\$19,827,019	\$19,827,019
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,827,019	\$19,827,019	\$19,827,019
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$102,098,982</b>	<b>\$102,098,982</b>	<b>\$102,098,982</b>

**All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:**

- For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is \$235, and the maximum monthly amount is \$155.**
- For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is \$356, and the maximum monthly amount is \$235.**
- For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is \$424, and the maximum monthly amount is \$280.**
- For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is \$500, and the maximum monthly amount is \$330.**

**For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is \$573, and the maximum monthly amount is \$378.  
 For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is \$621, and the maximum monthly amount is \$410.  
 For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is \$672, and the maximum monthly amount is \$444.  
 For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is \$713, and the maximum monthly amount is \$470.  
 For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is \$751, and the maximum monthly amount is \$496.  
 For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is \$804, and the maximum monthly amount is \$530.  
 For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is \$860, and the maximum monthly amount is \$568.  
 Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.**

*Section 29: Insurance, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395
State General Funds	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
State Funds Transfers	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,145,729	\$21,145,729	\$21,145,729

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,392,155	\$20,392,155	\$20,392,155
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,392,155	\$20,392,155	\$20,392,155
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,162,489	\$21,162,489	\$21,162,489

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and industrial loan transactions and maintain a fire-safe environment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514
State General Funds	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514

**201.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$485	\$485	\$485
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**201.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and industrial loan transactions and maintain a fire-safe environment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,926,999	\$1,926,999	\$1,926,999
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,926,999	\$1,926,999	\$1,926,999
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,926,999	\$1,926,999	\$1,926,999

**Enforcement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, industrial loan, fire safety, and fraud.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778
State General Funds	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778

**202.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$203	\$203	\$203
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**202.100 Enforcement** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, industrial loan, fire safety, and fraud.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$807,981	\$807,981	\$807,981
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$807,981	\$807,981	\$807,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$807,981	\$807,981	\$807,981

**Fire Safety**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777
State General Funds	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
State Funds Transfers	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,819,171</b>	<b>\$7,819,171</b>	<b>\$7,819,171</b>

**203.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$1,910	\$1,910	\$1,910
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**203.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,777	\$1,777	\$1,777
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**203.100 Fire Safety** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from*

*fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,058,464	\$7,058,464	\$7,058,464
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,058,464	\$7,058,464	\$7,058,464
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,822,858	\$7,822,858	\$7,822,858

**Industrial Loan**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and examining finance companies that provide consumer loans of \$3,000 or less.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742
State General Funds	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742

**204.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$172	\$172	\$172
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<b>204.100 Industrial Loan</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and examining finance companies that provide consumer loans of \$3,000 or less.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$683,914	\$683,914	\$683,914
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$683,914	\$683,914	\$683,914
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$683,914	\$683,914	\$683,914



**Insurance Regulation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584
State General Funds	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524

**205.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$9,719	\$9,719	\$9,719
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**205.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,494	\$2,494	\$2,494
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**205.100 Insurance Regulation**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,914,797	\$9,914,797	\$9,914,797
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,914,797	\$9,914,797	\$9,914,797
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,920,737	\$9,920,737	\$9,920,737

**Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511
State General Funds	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
Sales and Services	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
State Funds Transfers	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$234,184,847	\$234,184,847	\$234,184,847

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$142,203,543	\$142,203,543	\$142,203,543
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$142,203,543	\$142,203,543	\$142,203,543
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$244,627,879	\$244,627,879	\$244,627,879

**Bureau Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222
State General Funds	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
State Funds Transfers	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,328,416	\$8,328,416	\$8,328,416

**206.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$680	\$680	\$680
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<b>206.100 Bureau Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,150,902	\$8,150,902	\$8,150,902
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,150,902	\$8,150,902	\$8,150,902
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,329,096	\$8,329,096	\$8,329,096

**Criminal Justice Information Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531
State General Funds	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
Sales and Services	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425

**207.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$5,697	\$5,697	\$5,697
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**207.100 Criminal Justice Information Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,616,228	\$4,616,228	\$4,616,228
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,616,228	\$4,616,228	\$4,616,228
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,925,122	\$10,925,122	\$10,925,122

**Forensic Scientific Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851
State General Funds	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
Sales and Services	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$36,983,400</b>	<b>\$36,983,400</b>	<b>\$36,983,400</b>

**208.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,887	\$1,887	\$1,887
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**208.2** *Increase funds for personnel and operations for six forensic scientist positions.*

State General Funds	\$865,039	\$865,039	\$865,039
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**208.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase four vehicles for the Division of Forensic Science.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
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**208.4** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the replacement of lab equipment, statewide.*

State General Funds	\$1,015,000	\$1,015,000	\$1,015,000
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**208.5** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the purchase of equipment for the GBI Headquarters Morgue Expansion.*

State General Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
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**208.100 Forensic Scientific Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$37,640,777</b>	<b>\$37,640,777</b>	<b>\$37,640,777</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$37,640,777</b>	<b>\$37,640,777</b>	<b>\$37,640,777</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,766,684</b>	<b>\$1,766,684</b>	<b>\$1,766,684</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$1,766,684</b>	<b>\$1,766,684</b>	<b>\$1,766,684</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>	<b>\$157,865</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,565,326</b>	<b>\$39,565,326</b>	<b>\$39,565,326</b>

**Regional Investigative Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969
State General Funds	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
Sales and Services	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692

**209.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$2,804,130	\$2,804,130	\$2,804,130
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**209.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$5,167	\$5,167	\$5,167
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**209.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 12 investigative vehicles, 4 bomb vehicles, and crime response equipment.*

State General Funds	\$1,545,000	\$1,545,000	\$1,545,000
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**209.100 Regional Investigative Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$44,547,266	\$44,547,266	\$44,547,266
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$44,547,266	\$44,547,266	\$44,547,266

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$47,786,989	\$47,786,989	\$47,786,989

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268
State General Funds	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Sales and Services	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244

**210.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$432	\$432	\$432
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**210.2** *Increase funds to pilot a statewide criminal justice e-filing initiative.*

State General Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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**210.3** *Increase funds to develop a single sign-on e-access portal for accountability courts and juvenile incentive grant reporting.*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
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<b>210.100 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$34,451,700	\$34,451,700	\$34,451,700
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$34,451,700	\$34,451,700	\$34,451,700
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$125,224,676	\$125,224,676	\$125,224,676

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability  
Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
State General Funds	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247

<b>211.100 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe shelter and related services for victims of family violence and their dependent children and to provide education about family violence to communities across the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
State General Funds	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423

<b>212.100 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe shelter and related services for victims of family violence and their dependent children and to provide education about family violence to communities across the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423

**Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653
State General Funds	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
Sales and Services	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
Federal Funds Transfers	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$329,686,781	\$329,636,781	\$329,686,781
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$329,686,781	\$329,636,781	\$329,686,781
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$337,831,293	\$337,781,293	\$337,831,293

**Community Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468

**213.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$559,946	\$559,946	\$559,946
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**213.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$12,394)	(\$12,394)	(\$12,394)
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**213.100 Community Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$93,574,417	\$93,574,417	\$93,574,417
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$93,574,417	\$93,574,417	\$93,574,417
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$95,416,020	\$95,416,020	\$95,416,020

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040
State General Funds	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
Sales and Services	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170

**214.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$159,190	\$159,190	\$159,190
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**214.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$3,661)	(\$3,661)	(\$3,661)
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**214.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to replace 40 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$1,090,000	\$1,090,000	\$1,090,000
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**214.4** *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds		(\$50,000)	\$0
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**214.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**214.100 Departmental Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$25,309,569	\$25,259,569	\$25,309,569
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$25,309,569	\$25,259,569	\$25,309,569
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,327,699	\$25,277,699	\$25,327,699

**Secure Commitment (YDCs)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154
State General Funds	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Sales and Services	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334

**215.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$128,207	\$128,207	\$128,207
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**215.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$15,522)	(\$15,522)	(\$15,522)
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**215.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the annual leave payout of all medical staff being transferred to Augusta University effective January 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$184,536	\$184,536	\$184,536
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<b>215.100 Secure Commitment (YDCs)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$91,943,375	\$91,943,375	\$91,943,375
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$91,943,375	\$91,943,375	\$91,943,375
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$96,506,555	\$96,506,555	\$96,506,555

**Secure Detention (RYDCs)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594
State General Funds	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
Sales and Services	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$119,989,193	\$119,989,193	\$119,989,193

**216.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$20,905)	(\$20,905)	(\$20,905)
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**216.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the annual leave payout of all medical staff being transferred to Augusta University effective January 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$355,145	\$355,145	\$355,145
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**216.3** *Increase funds for personnel for 10 months of the Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO) salary differential at Terrell RYDC as provided by HB751 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$257,586	\$257,586	\$257,586
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**216.100 Secure Detention (RYDCs)**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$118,859,420	\$118,859,420	\$118,859,420
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$118,859,420	\$118,859,420	\$118,859,420

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$120,581,019	\$120,581,019	\$120,581,019

*Section 32: Labor, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592
State General Funds	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,291,197	\$13,291,197	\$13,291,197
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,291,197	\$13,291,197	\$13,291,197
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$132,735,578	\$132,735,578	\$132,735,578

**Department of Labor Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work with public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150
State General Funds	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$33,907,300	\$33,907,300	\$33,907,300

**217.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$269)	(\$269)	(\$269)
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<b>217.100 Department of Labor Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to work with public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,681,881	\$1,681,881	\$1,681,881
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,681,881	\$1,681,881	\$1,681,881
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273



<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,907,031	\$33,907,031	\$33,907,031

**Labor Market Information**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639

<b>218.100 Labor Market Information</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639

**Unemployment Insurance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847
State General Funds	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033

**219.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$454)	(\$454)	(\$454)
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<b>219.100 Unemployment Insurance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,314,393	\$4,314,393	\$4,314,393
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,314,393	\$4,314,393	\$4,314,393
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,913,579	\$38,913,579	\$38,913,579

<b>Workforce Solutions</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to assist employers and job seekers with job matching services and to promote economic growth and development.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595
State General Funds	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$57,379,001	\$57,379,001	\$57,379,001

**220.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$672)	(\$672)	(\$672)
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<b>220.100 Workforce Solutions</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to assist employers and job seekers with job matching services and to promote economic growth and development.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,294,923	\$7,294,923	\$7,294,923
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,294,923	\$7,294,923	\$7,294,923
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666

<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$57,378,329	\$57,378,329	\$57,378,329

*Section 33: Law, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108
State General Funds	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740
Sales and Services	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,061,593	\$31,061,593	\$31,061,593
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$31,061,593	\$31,061,593	\$31,061,593
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$71,916,397	\$71,916,397	\$71,916,397

**Law, Department of****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
State General Funds	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629
Sales and Services	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400

**221.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$5,628	\$5,628	\$5,628
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**221.100 Law, Department of****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,720,325	\$29,720,325	\$29,720,325
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$29,720,325	\$29,720,325	\$29,720,325
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074

<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$66,975,028	\$66,975,028	\$66,975,028

**Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
State General Funds	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,940,512</b>	<b>\$4,940,512</b>	<b>\$4,940,512</b>

**222.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$857	\$857	\$857
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**222.100 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,341,268	\$1,341,268	\$1,341,268
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,341,268	\$1,341,268	\$1,341,268
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,941,369</b>	<b>\$4,941,369</b>	<b>\$4,941,369</b>

**There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of \$500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.**

*Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965
State General Funds	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
Royalties and Rents	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
Sales and Services	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
State Funds Transfers	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$275,356,518	\$275,356,518	\$275,356,518

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$121,686,183	\$122,044,817	\$122,119,817
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$121,686,183	\$122,044,817	\$122,119,817
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540

<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$291,239,736	\$291,598,370	\$291,673,370

**Coastal Resources**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904
State General Funds	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
Royalties and Rents	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450

**223.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$45	\$45	\$45
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**223.100 Coastal Resources**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect*

*the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,191,949	\$2,191,949	\$2,191,949
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,191,949	\$2,191,949	\$2,191,949
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,354,495	\$7,354,495	\$7,354,495

#### **Departmental Administration**

#### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522
State General Funds	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
Sales and Services	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587

#### **224.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$166	\$166	\$166
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#### **224.100 Departmental Administration**

#### **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,119,688	\$12,119,688	\$12,119,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,119,688	\$12,119,688	\$12,119,688
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,158,753	\$12,158,753	\$12,158,753



**Environmental Protection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881
State General Funds	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
Sales and Services	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
State Funds Transfers	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$126,551,551	\$126,551,551	\$126,551,551

**225.1** *Utilize other funds to retain criminal investigators (\$7,578).*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$468	\$468	\$468
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**225.100 Environmental Protection** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,508,349	\$30,508,349	\$30,508,349
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,508,349	\$30,508,349	\$30,508,349
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$126,552,019	\$126,552,019	\$126,552,019

**Hazardous Waste Trust Fund** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423

**226.1** *Increase funds for hazardous waste cleanup activities.*

State General Funds	\$8,920,965	\$8,920,965	\$8,920,965
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<b>226.100 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,948,388	\$12,948,388	\$12,948,388
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,948,388	\$12,948,388	\$12,948,388
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,948,388	\$12,948,388	\$12,948,388

**Historic Preservation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, protect, and preserve Georgia's historical sites by administering historic preservation grants, by cataloging all historic resources statewide, by providing research and planning required to list a site on the state and national historic registries, by working with building owners to ensure that renovation plans comply with historic preservation standards, and by executing and sponsoring archaeological research.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258
State General Funds	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045

**227.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$31	\$31	\$31
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<b>227.100 Historic Preservation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, protect, and preserve Georgia's historical sites by administering historic preservation grants, by cataloging all historic resources statewide, by providing research and planning required to list a site on the state and national historic registries, by working with building owners to ensure that renovation plans comply with historic preservation standards, and by executing and sponsoring archaeological research.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,717,289	\$1,717,289	\$1,717,289
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,717,289	\$1,717,289	\$1,717,289
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,738,076	\$2,738,076	\$2,738,076

**Law Enforcement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799
State General Funds	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749

**228.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$1,749,119	\$1,749,119	\$1,749,119
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**228.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$416	\$416	\$416
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**228.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding for law enforcement communications equipment and to replace 37 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$1,620,000	\$1,620,000	\$1,620,000
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**228.100 Law Enforcement****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach*

*hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,482,334	\$22,482,334	\$22,482,334
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,482,334	\$22,482,334	\$22,482,334
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,487,284	\$25,487,284	\$25,487,284

**Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948
State General Funds	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
Sales and Services	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$50,648,768	\$50,648,768	\$50,648,768

**229.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$216	\$216	\$216
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**229.2** *Increase funds for an outdoor recreation trail at Hardman Farm Historic Site. (H and S:Increase funds for recreation trails)*

State General Funds	\$1,592,880	\$1,951,514	\$2,026,514
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**229.3** *Increase funds to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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**229.100 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,646,044	\$18,004,678	\$18,079,678
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$17,646,044	\$18,004,678	\$18,079,678
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$53,241,864	\$53,600,498	\$53,675,498

**Solid Waste Trust Fund****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775
State General Funds	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775

**230.1 Increase funds for solid waste cleanup activities.**

State General Funds	\$438,533	\$438,533	\$438,533
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**230.100 Solid Waste Trust Fund****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,159,308	\$3,159,308	\$3,159,308
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,159,308	\$3,159,308	\$3,159,308
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,159,308	\$3,159,308	\$3,159,308

**Wildlife Resources**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455
State General Funds	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
Royalties and Rents	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
Sales and Services	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
State Funds Transfers	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170

**231.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$354	\$354	\$354
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**231.2** *Increase funds for the Wildlife Endowment Fund based on actual lifetime sportsman's license revenues in FY2016.*

State General Funds	\$560,025	\$560,025	\$560,025
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**231.100 Wildlife Resources**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,912,834	\$18,912,834	\$18,912,834
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,912,834	\$18,912,834	\$18,912,834
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$47,599,549	\$47,599,549	\$47,599,549

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

*Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212
State General Funds	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,763,332	\$16,763,332	\$16,763,332
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$16,763,332	\$16,763,332	\$16,763,332
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,763,332	\$16,763,332	\$16,763,332



**Board Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
State General Funds	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352

**232.100 Board Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352

**Clemency Decisions**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343
State General Funds	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393

**233.1 Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.**

State General Funds	\$311,120	\$311,120	\$311,120
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**233.2 Eliminate funds for federal task forces to reflect the transfer of personnel to the Department of Community Supervision.**

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)
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**233.100 Clemency Decisions** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,179,463	\$15,179,463	\$15,179,463
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,179,463	\$15,179,463	\$15,179,463
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,179,463	\$15,179,463	\$15,179,463

**Victim Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement through the Victim Information Program, to conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, to host victim and visitor days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
State General Funds	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517

**234.100 Victim Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement through the Victim Information Program, to conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, to host victim and visitor days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517

**Section 36: Properties Commission, State**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Funds Transfers	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,480,000	\$6,480,000	\$6,480,000

**Properties Commission, State**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Funds Transfers	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**235.100 Properties Commission, State**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**Payments to Georgia Building Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

**400.1** *Increase funds for one-time funding for major repairs and renovations.*

State General Funds	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
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**400.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide maintenance, repairs, and preparatory work on property owned by the Georgia Building Authority.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide maintenance, repairs, and preparatory work on property owned by the Georgia Building Authority.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide maintenance, repairs, and preparatory work on property owned by the Georgia Building Authority.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>400.100 Payments to Georgia Building Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide maintenance, repairs, and preparatory work on property owned by the Georgia Building Authority.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000

**Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327
State General Funds	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$85,307,627</b>	<b>\$85,307,627</b>	<b>\$85,307,627</b>

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$56,231,024	\$56,431,024	\$56,231,024
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$56,231,024	\$56,431,024	\$56,231,024
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$89,639,324	\$89,839,324	\$89,639,324

**Public Defender Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, and Central Office.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059

**236.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,538)	(\$1,538)	(\$1,538)
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**236.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the replacement of aging computer equipment.*

State General Funds	\$327,164	\$327,164	\$327,164
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**236.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 56 vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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**236.4** *Increase funds for training and related expenses.*

State General Funds		\$200,000	\$0
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**236.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>236.100 Public Defender Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,830,385	\$9,030,385	\$8,830,385
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,830,385	\$9,030,385	\$8,830,385
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,738,685	\$10,938,685	\$10,738,685

**Public Defenders**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
State General Funds	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$75,894,568	\$75,894,568	\$75,894,568

**237.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$8,583)	(\$8,583)	(\$8,583)
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**237.2** *Increase funds to provide for contracted attorneys to ensure geographical coverage and capacity for conflict cases.*

State General Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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**237.3** *Increase funds to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for two newly established accountability courts in the South Georgia and Tifton circuits per HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	\$14,654	\$14,654	\$14,654
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<b>237.100 Public Defenders</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$47,400,639	\$47,400,639	\$47,400,639
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$47,400,639	\$47,400,639	\$47,400,639
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$78,900,639	\$78,900,639	\$78,900,639

**Section 38: Public Health, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772
State General Funds	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977

Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Sales and Services	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$273,878,912</b>	<b>\$273,798,912</b>	<b>\$271,786,780</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$258,835,117</b>	<b>\$258,755,117</b>	<b>\$256,742,985</b>
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	<b>\$13,717,860</b>	<b>\$13,717,860</b>	<b>\$13,717,860</b>
<b>Brain &amp; Spinal Injury Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$367,328,219</b>	<b>\$367,328,219</b>	<b>\$367,328,219</b>
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	<b>\$16,864,606</b>	<b>\$16,864,606</b>	<b>\$16,864,606</b>
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	<b>\$246,842</b>	<b>\$246,842</b>	<b>\$246,842</b>
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	<b>\$2,403,579</b>	<b>\$2,403,579</b>	<b>\$2,403,579</b>
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	<b>\$10,404,529</b>	<b>\$10,404,529</b>	<b>\$10,404,529</b>
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	<b>\$10,404,529</b>	<b>\$10,404,529</b>	<b>\$10,404,529</b>



<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,425,083	\$13,425,083	\$13,425,083
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$685,133,746	\$685,053,746	\$683,041,614

**Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496
State General Funds	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$33,637,277	\$33,637,277	\$33,637,277
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**238.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$206	\$206	\$206
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**238.2** *Replace federal funds to continue providing women's health services. (S:Replace federal funds to continue providing women's health services and the Department shall provide a report to the Georgia General Assembly on the progress of this initiative, with specific outcome measures for FY2017, by January 1, 2018)*

State General Funds	\$651,897	\$651,897	\$651,897
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**238.3** *Reduce funds to meet projected expenditures.*

State General Funds			(\$1,000,000)
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<b>238.100 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,076,599	\$14,076,599	\$13,076,599
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,219,420	\$7,219,420	\$6,219,420
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$34,289,380	\$34,289,380	\$33,289,380

**Adult Essential Health Treatment Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249

**239.100 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334
State General Funds	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707

**240.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,096	\$4,096	\$4,096
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**240.2** *Increase funds for telehealth equipment and maintenance.*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
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**240.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to implement the Enterprise Systems Modernization project.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**240.100 Departmental Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,068,430	\$33,068,430	\$33,068,430
State General Funds	\$32,936,635	\$32,936,635	\$32,936,635
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$45,516,803	\$45,516,803	\$45,516,803

**Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982
State General Funds	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
State Funds Transfers	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976

Agency to Agency Contracts	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$26,448,431</b>	<b>\$26,448,431</b>	<b>\$26,448,431</b>

**241.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$306	\$306	\$306
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**241.100 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,601,288	\$2,601,288	\$2,601,288
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,601,288	\$2,601,288	\$2,601,288
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$26,448,737</b>	<b>\$26,448,737</b>	<b>\$26,448,737</b>

**Epidemiology****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592
State General Funds	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
Sales and Services	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,515,091</b>	<b>\$11,515,091</b>	<b>\$11,515,091</b>

**242.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$270	\$270	\$270
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**242.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for public health laboratory maintenance.*

State General Funds	\$385,000	\$305,000	\$305,000
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<b>242.100 Epidemiology</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,125,862	\$5,045,862	\$5,045,862
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,010,225	\$4,930,225	\$4,930,225
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,900,361	\$11,820,361	\$11,820,361

**Immunization**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604
State General Funds	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,254,792	\$9,254,792	\$9,254,792

**243.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$73	\$73	\$73
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<b>243.100 Immunization</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,543,677	\$2,543,677	\$2,543,677
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,543,677	\$2,543,677	\$2,543,677
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,254,865	\$9,254,865	\$9,254,865

**Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services** **Continuation Budget**  
*The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,796,005	\$50,796,005	\$50,796,005

**244.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$162	\$162	\$162
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**244.100 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,095,003	\$23,095,003	\$23,095,003
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,095,003	\$23,095,003	\$23,095,003
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,796,167	\$50,796,167	\$50,796,167

**Infant and Child Health Promotion**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228
State General Funds	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061

**245.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$441	\$441	\$441
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**245.100 Infant and Child Health Promotion** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,894,669	\$12,894,669	\$12,894,669
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,894,669	\$12,894,669	\$12,894,669
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$276,610,502	\$276,610,502	\$276,610,502

**Infectious Disease Control**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374
State General Funds	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$79,870,044	\$79,870,044	\$79,870,044

**246.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,482	\$1,482	\$1,482
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**246.100 Infectious Disease Control** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,930,856	\$31,930,856	\$31,930,856
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$31,930,856	\$31,930,856	\$31,930,856

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$79,871,526	\$79,871,526	\$79,871,526

**Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103
State General Funds	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
Sales and Services	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300

**247.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$445	\$445	\$445
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**247.100 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,800,548	\$3,800,548	\$3,800,548
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,800,548	\$3,800,548	\$3,800,548
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,872,745	\$4,872,745	\$4,872,745

**Office for Children and Families**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
State General Funds	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428

**248.1** *Reduce funds for personnel.*

State General Funds			(\$628,263)
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**248.100 Office for Children and Families**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$199,165
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$199,165
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$199,165

**Public Health Formula Grants to Counties**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468
State General Funds	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468

**249.1** *Add funds to establish the Fulton County Board of Health per HB885 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$745,223	\$745,223	\$361,354
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**249.100 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$114,166,691	\$114,166,691	\$113,782,822
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$114,166,691	\$114,166,691	\$113,782,822
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$114,166,691	\$114,166,691	\$113,782,822

**Vital Records**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793
State General Funds	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,863,473</b>	<b>\$4,863,473</b>	<b>\$4,863,473</b>

**250.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$507	\$507	\$507
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**250.100 Vital Records** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,333,300	\$4,333,300	\$4,333,300
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,333,300	\$4,333,300	\$4,333,300
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,863,980</b>	<b>\$4,863,980</b>	<b>\$4,863,980</b>

**Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
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State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>

<b>251.100 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>Brain &amp; Spinal Injury Trust Fund</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>	<b>\$1,325,935</b>

**Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345
State General Funds	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$16,385,345</b>	<b>\$16,385,345</b>	<b>\$16,385,345</b>

**252.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$344	\$344	\$344
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**252.2** *Increase funds to reflect collections of Super Speeder and Reinstatement Fees.*

State General Funds	\$1,089,688	\$1,089,688	\$1,089,688
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<b>252.100 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,475,377	\$17,475,377	\$17,475,377
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$17,475,377	\$17,475,377	\$17,475,377
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$17,475,377</b>	<b>\$17,475,377</b>	<b>\$17,475,377</b>

*Section 39: Public Safety, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247
State General Funds	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Sales and Services	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
State Funds Transfers	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$217,346,203	\$217,346,203	\$217,346,203

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$183,931,491	\$183,381,491	\$183,931,491
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$183,931,491	\$183,381,491	\$183,931,491
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000

<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$248,036,447	\$247,486,447	\$248,036,447

**Aviation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442
State General Funds	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,183,476	\$4,183,476	\$4,183,476

**253.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$186,216	\$186,216	\$186,216
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**253.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$286	\$286	\$286
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**253.3** *Increase funds for the installation of one Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) device for a rotary-wing aircraft.*

State General Funds	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
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<b>253.100 Aviation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,709,944	\$4,709,944	\$4,709,944
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,709,944	\$4,709,944	\$4,709,944
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,819,978	\$4,819,978	\$4,819,978

**Capitol Police Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Sales and Services	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321

**254.100 Capitol Police Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321



**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299
State General Funds	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,058,380	\$9,058,380	\$9,058,380

**255.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$150,410	\$150,410	\$150,410
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**255.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$892	\$892	\$892
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**255.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,200,601	\$9,200,601	\$9,200,601
State General Funds	\$9,200,601	\$9,200,601	\$9,200,601
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,209,682	\$9,209,682	\$9,209,682

**Field Offices and Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168
State General Funds	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
Sales and Services	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$120,053,924	\$120,053,924	\$120,053,924

**256.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$7,189,845	\$7,189,845	\$7,189,845
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**256.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$11,020	\$11,020	\$11,020
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**256.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase telecommunications equipment for vehicles, statewide.*

State General Funds	\$915,000	\$915,000	\$915,000
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**256.4** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 251 law enforcement pursuit vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$11,825,000	\$11,825,000	\$11,825,000
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**256.5** *Utilize existing funds of \$4,169,412 for paving and roof repair at headquarters facility and to fund operational costs for a 50 person trooper school. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**256.100 Field Offices and Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$129,504,033	\$129,504,033	\$129,504,033
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$129,504,033	\$129,504,033	\$129,504,033
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$139,994,789	\$139,994,789	\$139,994,789

**Motor Carrier Compliance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

Sales and Services	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
State Funds Transfers	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042

**257.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$1,982,976	\$1,982,976	\$1,982,976
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**257.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,128	\$1,128	\$1,128
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**257.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 105 law enforcement pursuit vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$5,370,000	\$5,370,000	\$5,370,000
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**257.4** *Increase funds for one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of weigh stations for proper inspection and enforcement of commercial motor vehicles.*

State General Funds	\$900,000	\$350,000	\$900,000
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#### **257.100 Motor Carrier Compliance**

#### **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,214,838	\$18,664,838	\$19,214,838
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,214,838	\$18,664,838	\$19,214,838
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$34,341,146	\$33,791,146	\$34,341,146

**Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748
State General Funds	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748

**258.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$40)	(\$40)	(\$40)
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**258.100 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$775,708	\$775,708	\$775,708
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$775,708	\$775,708	\$775,708
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$775,708	\$775,708	\$775,708

**Highway Safety, Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881
State General Funds	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
State Funds Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971

**259.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$60	\$60	\$60
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**259.2** *Increase funds for driver education and training to reflect the intent of Joshua's Law, SB231 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds	\$832,921	\$832,921	\$832,921
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**259.100 Highway Safety, Office of**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,338,862	\$4,338,862	\$4,338,862
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,338,862	\$4,338,862	\$4,338,862
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,680,952	\$24,680,952	\$24,680,952

**Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658
State General Funds	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658

**260.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$103,298	\$103,298	\$103,298
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**260.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$663	\$663	\$663
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**260.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase two vehicles for two criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
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**260.100 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,149,619	\$3,149,619	\$3,149,619
State General Funds	\$3,149,619	\$3,149,619	\$3,149,619
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,149,619	\$3,149,619	\$3,149,619

**Public Safety Training Center, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317
State General Funds	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
Sales and Services	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,204,683	\$22,204,683	\$22,204,683

**261.1** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$526,073	\$526,073	\$526,073
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**261.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$496	\$496	\$496
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**261.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase 10 vehicles, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Program, for the Public Safety Training Center.*

State General Funds	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
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**261.100 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,037,886	\$13,037,886	\$13,037,886
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,037,886	\$13,037,886	\$13,037,886
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,921,252	\$22,921,252	\$22,921,252



**Section 40: Public Service Commission**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823
State General Funds	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,121,934	\$9,121,934	\$9,121,934
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,121,934	\$9,121,934	\$9,121,934
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,465,034	\$10,465,034	\$10,465,034

**Commission Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930
State General Funds	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430

**262.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$324	\$324	\$324
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**262.100 Commission Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,490,254	\$1,490,254	\$1,490,254
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,490,254	\$1,490,254	\$1,490,254
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,573,754	\$1,573,754	\$1,573,754

**Facility Protection****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564
State General Funds	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664

**263.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$261	\$261	\$261
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**263.100 Facility Protection****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,097,825	\$1,097,825	\$1,097,825
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,097,825	\$1,097,825	\$1,097,825
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,328,925	\$2,328,925	\$2,328,925

**Utilities Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329
State General Funds	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829

**264.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,526	\$1,526	\$1,526
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<b>264.100 Utilities Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,533,855	\$6,533,855	\$6,533,855
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,533,855	\$6,533,855	\$6,533,855
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,562,355	\$6,562,355	\$6,562,355

**Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074
State General Funds	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Sales and Services	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331

Agency Funds Transfers	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,370,711,762</b>	<b>\$7,370,711,762</b>	<b>\$7,370,711,762</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,156,993,574	\$2,155,776,009	\$2,152,842,077
State General Funds	\$2,156,993,574	\$2,155,776,009	\$2,152,842,077
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,208,481,386</b>	<b>\$5,208,481,386</b>	<b>\$5,208,481,386</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Sales and Services	\$2,609,470,296	\$2,609,470,296	\$2,609,470,296
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$409,249,219	\$409,249,219	\$409,249,219
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency Funds Transfers	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,382,078,262</b>	<b>\$7,380,860,697</b>	<b>\$7,377,926,765</b>

**Agricultural Experiment Station****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187
State General Funds	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Sales and Services	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>
Agency Funds Transfers	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>

**265.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Agricultural Experiment Station program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$786,586	\$786,586	\$786,586
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<b>265.100 Agricultural Experiment Station</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,549,773</b>	<b>\$39,549,773</b>	<b>\$39,549,773</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$39,549,773</b>	<b>\$39,549,773</b>	<b>\$39,549,773</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$32,069,877</b>	<b>\$32,069,877</b>	<b>\$32,069,877</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,000,000</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$8,069,877</b>	<b>\$8,069,877</b>	<b>\$8,069,877</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$8,069,877</b>	<b>\$8,069,877</b>	<b>\$8,069,877</b>
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>	<b>\$5,483,042</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$77,102,692</b>	<b>\$77,102,692</b>	<b>\$77,102,692</b>

**Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, educational outreach, and consultation for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
Sales and Services	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331

**266.100 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, educational outreach, and consultation for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331

**Cooperative Extension Service****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899
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State General Funds	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Sales and Services	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$7,833,929</b>	<b>\$7,833,929</b>	<b>\$7,833,929</b>
Agency Funds Transfers	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$66,164,828</b>	<b>\$66,164,828</b>	<b>\$66,164,828</b>

**267.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Cooperative Extension Service program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$702,864	\$702,864	\$702,864
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<b>267.100 Cooperative Extension Service</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,533,763	\$35,533,763	\$35,533,763
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$35,533,763	\$35,533,763	\$35,533,763
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Sales and Services	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$7,833,929</b>	<b>\$7,833,929</b>	<b>\$7,833,929</b>
Agency Funds Transfers	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$66,867,692</b>	<b>\$66,867,692</b>	<b>\$66,867,692</b>

**Enterprise Innovation Institute****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
State General Funds	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678

**268.100 Enterprise Innovation Institute****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678



**Forestry Cooperative Extension**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902
State General Funds	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890

**269.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Cooperative Extension program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$19,735	\$19,735	\$19,735
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**269.100 Forestry Cooperative Extension**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$873,637	\$873,637	\$873,637
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$873,637	\$873,637	\$873,637
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,449,625	\$1,449,625	\$1,449,625

**Forestry Research**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563
State General Funds	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
Sales and Services	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989

**270.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Research program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$71,814	\$71,814	\$71,814
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**270.2** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Research program and increase other funds to renovate laboratory space.*

State General Funds	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Total Public Funds:	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

#### **270.100 Forestry Research**

#### **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,872,377	\$2,872,377	\$2,872,377
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,872,377	\$2,872,377	\$2,872,377
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,325,426	\$10,325,426	\$10,325,426
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$734,792	\$734,792	\$734,792
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$734,792	\$734,792	\$734,792
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,197,803	\$13,197,803	\$13,197,803

**Georgia Archives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137
State General Funds	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
Sales and Services	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554

**271.1** *Increase funds for one-time funding to relocate the records center due to the pending sale of the property.*

State General Funds	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
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**271.100 Georgia Archives**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,178,137	\$6,178,137	\$6,178,137
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,178,137	\$6,178,137	\$6,178,137
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000
<b>Record Center Storage Fees</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,072,554	\$7,072,554	\$7,072,554

**Georgia Radiation Therapy Center**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide care and treatment for cancer patients and to administer baccalaureate programs in Medical Dosimetry and Radiation Therapy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754

<b>272.100 Georgia Radiation Therapy Center</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide care and treatment for cancer patients and to administer baccalaureate programs in Medical Dosimetry and Radiation Therapy.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754

**Georgia Research Alliance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
State General Funds	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451

<b>273.100 Georgia Research Alliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451

**Georgia Tech Research Institute****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
State General Funds	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
Sales and Services	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514

**274.100 Georgia Tech Research Institute****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514

**Marine Institute**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055
State General Funds	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,428,336	\$1,428,336	\$1,428,336

**275.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Marine Institute program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$24,502	\$24,502	\$24,502
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**275.100 Marine Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$966,557	\$966,557	\$966,557
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$966,557	\$966,557	\$966,557
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,452,838	\$1,452,838	\$1,452,838

**Marine Resources Extension Center****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822
State General Funds	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Sales and Services	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351

**276.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Marine Resources Extension Center program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$57,215	\$57,215	\$57,215
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**276.100 Marine Resources Extension Center****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,325,037	\$1,325,037	\$1,325,037
State General Funds	\$1,325,037	\$1,325,037	\$1,325,037
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Sales and Services	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,670,566	\$2,670,566	\$2,670,566

**Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide medical education and patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
State General Funds	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518

**277.100 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide medical education and patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
State General Funds	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518

**Public Libraries****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
State General Funds	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
Sales and Services	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407

**278.100 Public Libraries****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
State General Funds	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155



<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407

**Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638
State General Funds	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638

**279.1** *Increase funds to establish the Georgia Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College and State University.*

State General Funds	\$2,364,857	\$2,364,857	\$2,364,857
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**279.2** *Increase funds for the University of Georgia to match the federal Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA) grant.*

State General Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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**279.100 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,424,495	\$26,424,495	\$26,424,495
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,424,495	\$26,424,495	\$26,424,495
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,424,495	\$26,424,495	\$26,424,495

**Regents Central Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
State General Funds	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606

**280.100 Regents Central Office****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606

**Skidaway Institute of Oceanography****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577
State General Funds	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Sales and Services	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,098,197	\$5,098,197	\$5,098,197

**281.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$36,619	\$36,619	\$36,619
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**281.100 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,334,196	\$1,334,196	\$1,334,196
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,334,196	\$1,334,196	\$1,334,196
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,134,816	\$5,134,816	\$5,134,816

**Teaching**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350
State General Funds	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
Sales and Services	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057

**282.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service, Forestry Cooperative Extension, Forestry Research, Marine Institute, Marine Resources Extension Center, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station and Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital programs for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,790,944)	(\$1,790,944)	(\$1,790,944)
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**282.2** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Department of Agriculture Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	(\$71,200)	(\$71,200)	(\$71,200)
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**282.3** *Transfer funds for a legislative commission on government structure from the Teaching program to the Forestry Research program to renovate laboratory space.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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<b>282.100 Teaching</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,903,568,206	\$1,903,568,206	\$1,903,568,206
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,903,568,206	\$1,903,568,206	\$1,903,568,206
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,592,825,913	\$6,592,825,913	\$6,592,825,913

<b>Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032
State General Funds	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032

**283.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$74,027	\$74,027	\$74,027
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**283.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for laboratory equipment at the Poultry Diagnostic Research Center.*

State General Funds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
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**283.100 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,081,059	\$3,081,059	\$3,081,059
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,081,059	\$3,081,059	\$3,081,059
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,081,059	\$3,081,059	\$3,081,059

**Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418
State General Funds	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418

**284.1** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$17,582	\$17,582	\$17,582
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**284.100 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$445,000	\$445,000	\$445,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$445,000	\$445,000	\$445,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$17,445,000	\$17,445,000	\$17,445,000

**Payments to Georgia Military College** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades six through twelve at Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and preparatory school.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401

**285.1 Increase funds for training and experience at the Georgia Military College Preparatory School to reflect corrected data.**

State General Funds	\$146,600	\$146,600	\$146,600
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**285.2 Increase funds for one-time funding for facility major improvements and renovations at the Milledgeville campus.**

State General Funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,282,435	\$480,000
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**285.3 Increase funds for one-time funding towards the cost of annual upkeep at the Milledgeville campus.**

State General Funds			\$1,368,503
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**285.100 Payments to Georgia Military College** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades six through twelve at Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and preparatory school.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,825,001	\$7,607,436	\$7,173,504
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,825,001	\$7,607,436	\$7,173,504
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,825,001	\$7,607,436	\$7,173,504

**Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706
State General Funds	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706

**286.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,243	\$1,243	\$1,243
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**286.2** *Increase funds to develop a formative assessment for the kindergarten through third grade continuum of mathematics and reading skills in partnership with the Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to support flexible grouping and competency-based education pilots. (S:Recognize funding for summative and formative assessments in the Department of Education Testing program)*

State General Funds	\$3,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0
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**286.100 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,654,949	\$17,654,949	\$15,154,949
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,654,949	\$17,654,949	\$15,154,949
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$18,654,949	\$17,654,949	\$15,154,949

**Section 42: Revenue, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819
State General Funds	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$202,611,201	\$202,611,201	\$202,611,201
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$202,177,418	\$202,177,418	\$202,177,418
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$203,430,288	\$203,430,288	\$203,430,288

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662
State General Funds	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662

**287.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$416	\$416	\$416
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**287.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,044,078	\$14,044,078	\$14,044,078
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,044,078	\$14,044,078	\$14,044,078
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,044,078	\$14,044,078	\$14,044,078

**Forestland Protection Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for preferential assessment of qualifying conservation use forestland to counties, municipalities, and school districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5A-2, the Forestland Protection Act, created by HB 1211 and HB 1276 during the 2008 legislative session.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
State General Funds	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351

**288.1** *Increase funds for Forestland Protection Act grant reimbursements.*

State General Funds	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
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**288.100 Forestland Protection Grants****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for preferential assessment of qualifying conservation use forestland to counties, municipalities, and school districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5A-2, the Forestland Protection Act, created by HB 1211 and HB 1276 during the 2008 legislative session.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,072,351	\$29,072,351	\$29,072,351
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$29,072,351	\$29,072,351	\$29,072,351
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$29,072,351	\$29,072,351	\$29,072,351

**Industry Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330
State General Funds	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837

**289.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$215,647	\$215,647	\$215,647
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**289.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$154	\$154	\$154
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**289.100 Industry Regulation** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,284,131	\$7,284,131	\$7,284,131
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,850,348	\$6,850,348	\$6,850,348
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,655,638	\$7,655,638	\$7,655,638

**Local Government Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578
State General Funds	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578

**290.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$149	\$149	\$149
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**290.100 Local Government Services** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,843,727	\$4,843,727	\$4,843,727
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,843,727	\$4,843,727	\$4,843,727
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,843,727	\$4,843,727	\$4,843,727

**Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977
State General Funds	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977

**291.1** *Increase funds for one-time funding to eliminate remaining FY1997 to FY1999 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia deficiency payments.*

State General Funds	\$2,043,128	\$2,043,128	\$2,043,128
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<b>291.100 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,536,105	\$13,536,105	\$13,536,105
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,536,105	\$13,536,105	\$13,536,105
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,536,105	\$13,536,105	\$13,536,105

**Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603
State General Funds	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603

**292.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$350	\$350	\$350
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**292.2** *Increase funds for operations for motor vehicle registration and titling.*

State General Funds	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000
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**292.3** *Transfer funds from the Revenue Processing program to the Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling program for projected expenses.*

State General Funds		\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
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<b>292.100 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$34,284,953	\$35,584,953	\$35,584,953
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$34,284,953	\$35,584,953	\$35,584,953
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$34,284,953	\$35,584,953	\$35,584,953

<b>Office of Special Investigations</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
State General Funds	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876

**293.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$66,348	\$66,348	\$66,348
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**293.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$129	\$129	\$129
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<b>293.100 Office of Special Investigations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,066,353	\$6,066,353	\$6,066,353
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,066,353	\$6,066,353	\$6,066,353
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,066,353	\$6,066,353	\$6,066,353

<b>Revenue Processing</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are received, credited, and deposited according to sound business practices and the law, and to ensure that all tax returns are reviewed and recorded to accurately update taxpayer information.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993
State General Funds	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993

**294.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$228	\$228	\$228
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**294.2** *Transfer funds from the Revenue Processing program to the Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling program for projected expenses.*

State General Funds		(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)
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<b>294.100 Revenue Processing</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are received, credited, and deposited according to sound business practices and the law, and to ensure that all tax returns are reviewed and recorded to accurately update taxpayer information.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,280,221	\$13,980,221	\$13,980,221
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,280,221	\$13,980,221	\$13,980,221
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,280,221	\$13,980,221	\$13,980,221

**Tax Compliance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703
State General Funds	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703

**295.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,390	\$1,390	\$1,390
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<b>295.100 Tax Compliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$59,273,093	\$59,273,093	\$59,273,093
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$59,273,093	\$59,273,093	\$59,273,093
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$59,495,093	\$59,495,093	\$59,495,093

**Tax Policy****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945
State General Funds	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945

**296.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$132	\$132	\$132
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**296.100 Tax Policy****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,241,077	\$4,241,077	\$4,241,077
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,241,077	\$4,241,077	\$4,241,077
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,241,077	\$4,241,077	\$4,241,077

**Taxpayer Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801
State General Funds	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381

**297.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$311	\$311	\$311
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<b>297.100 Taxpayer Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,685,112	\$14,685,112	\$14,685,112
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,685,112	\$14,685,112	\$14,685,112
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,910,692	\$14,910,692	\$14,910,692

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*Section 43: Secretary of State*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702
State General Funds	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Sales and Services	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,637,345	\$24,536,888	\$24,536,888
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,637,345	\$24,536,888	\$24,536,888
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$29,347,941	\$29,247,484	\$29,247,484

**Corporations****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462
State General Funds	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
Sales and Services	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,418,558	\$4,418,558	\$4,418,558

**298.1** *Transfer funds from the Corporations program to the Investigations program for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds		(\$100,457)	(\$100,457)
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**298.100 Corporations****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$643,462	\$543,005	\$543,005
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$643,462	\$543,005	\$543,005
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,418,558	\$4,318,101	\$4,318,101

**Elections****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709
State General Funds	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,560,709	\$5,560,709	\$5,560,709

**299.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$111)	(\$111)	(\$111)
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**299.100 Elections**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,425,598	\$5,425,598	\$5,425,598
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,425,598	\$5,425,598	\$5,425,598
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,560,598	\$5,560,598	\$5,560,598

**Investigations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255
State General Funds	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255

**300.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators. (H and S:Transfer funds from the Corporations program to the Investigations program for personnel to retain criminal investigators)*

State General Funds	\$100,457	\$100,457	\$100,457
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**300.2** *Utilize existing funds to retain criminal investigators (\$6,515). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**300.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$117)	(\$117)	(\$117)
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<b>300.100 Investigations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,954,595	\$2,954,595	\$2,954,595
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,954,595	\$2,954,595	\$2,954,595
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,954,595	\$2,954,595	\$2,954,595

**Office Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355
State General Funds	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Sales and Services	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855

**301.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$131)	(\$131)	(\$131)
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<b>301.100 Office Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,316,224	\$3,316,224	\$3,316,224
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,316,224	\$3,316,224	\$3,316,224
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,321,724	\$3,321,724	\$3,321,724

**Professional Licensing Boards**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753
State General Funds	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753

**302.1** *Utilize existing funds to retain criminal investigators (\$12,106). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**302.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$333)	(\$333)	(\$333)
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**302.100 Professional Licensing Boards**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,296,420	\$8,296,420	\$8,296,420
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,296,420	\$8,296,420	\$8,296,420
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,896,420	\$8,896,420	\$8,896,420

**Securities****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examinations, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817
State General Funds	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$709,817	\$709,817	\$709,817

**303.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$27)	(\$27)	(\$27)
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**303.100 Securities****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examinations, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$684,790	\$684,790	\$684,790
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$684,790	\$684,790	\$684,790
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$709,790	\$709,790	\$709,790

**Commission on the Holocaust, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789
State General Funds	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$291,789</b>	<b>\$291,789</b>	<b>\$291,789</b>

**304.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$202	\$202	\$202
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<b>304.100 Commission on the Holocaust, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$271,991	\$271,991	\$271,991
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$271,991	\$271,991	\$271,991
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$291,991</b>	<b>\$291,991</b>	<b>\$291,991</b>

**Real Estate Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562
State General Funds	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,192,562</b>	<b>\$3,192,562</b>	<b>\$3,192,562</b>

**305.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,703	\$1,703	\$1,703
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**305.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

*House: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

*Governor: The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>305.100 Real Estate Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,044,265	\$3,044,265	\$3,044,265
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,044,265	\$3,044,265	\$3,044,265
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,194,265	\$3,194,265	\$3,194,265

**Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536
State General Funds	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355
Lottery Proceeds	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State Funds Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$825,624,176	\$825,624,176	\$825,624,176
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$109,904,152	\$109,904,152	\$109,904,152

<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$715,720,024	\$715,720,024	\$715,720,024
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$827,262,826	\$827,262,826	\$827,262,826

**Engineer Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
State General Funds	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500

<b>306.100 Engineer Scholarship</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500

**Georgia Military College Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
State General Funds	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240

**307.100 Georgia Military College Scholarship****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240

**HERO Scholarship****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
State General Funds	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000

**308.100 HERO Scholarship****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000

**HOPE Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State Funds Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000



Agency to Agency Contracts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,952,682</b>	<b>\$8,952,682</b>	<b>\$8,952,682</b>

**309.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843
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<b>309.100 HOPE Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,316,875	\$8,316,875	\$8,316,875
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$8,316,875	\$8,316,875	\$8,316,875
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,955,525</b>	<b>\$8,955,525</b>	<b>\$8,955,525</b>

**HOPE GED**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's General Educational Development (GED) recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,930,296</b>	<b>\$1,930,296</b>	<b>\$1,930,296</b>

<b>310.100 HOPE GED</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's General Educational Development (GED) recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,930,296</b>	<b>\$1,930,296</b>	<b>\$1,930,296</b>

**HOPE Grant****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989

**311.100 HOPE Grant****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
Lottery Proceeds	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989

**HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330

**312.100 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
Lottery Proceeds	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330

**HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534

<b>313.100 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534

**Low Interest Loans**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000

<b>314.100 Low Interest Loans</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to*

*work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000

### **Move on When Ready**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue post-secondary study at approved public and private post-secondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219
State General Funds	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219

### **315.1 Increase funds to meet the projected need.**

State General Funds	\$16,794,170	\$16,794,170	\$16,794,170
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### **315.100 Move on When Ready**

### **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue post-secondary study at approved public and private post-secondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$75,112,389	\$75,112,389	\$75,112,389
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$75,112,389	\$75,112,389	\$75,112,389
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$75,112,389	\$75,112,389	\$75,112,389

### **North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend North Georgia College and State University, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
State General Funds	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740

**316.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>316.100 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740

**North Georgia ROTC Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend North Georgia College and State University and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
State General Funds	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500

**317.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**317.100 North Georgia ROTC Grants****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500

**Public Safety Memorial Grant****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public post-secondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State General Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**318.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**318.100 Public Safety Memorial Grant****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**REACH Georgia Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
State General Funds	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000

**319.1** *Increase funds for additional scholarships in participating school systems and to expand into 30 new school systems.*

State General Funds	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
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**319.100 REACH Georgia Scholarship**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,550,000	\$4,550,000	\$4,550,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,550,000	\$4,550,000	\$4,550,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,550,000	\$4,550,000	\$4,550,000

**Service Cancelable Loans**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
State General Funds	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

**320.100 Service Cancelable Loans**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

**Tuition Equalization Grants****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private post-secondary institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
State General Funds	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952

**321.100 Tuition Equalization Grants****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private post-secondary institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
State General Funds	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952

**Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private post-secondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204
State General Funds	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204

**322.1 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	\$627	\$627	\$627
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**322.100 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private post-secondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$977,831	\$977,831	\$977,831
State General Funds	\$977,831	\$977,831	\$977,831
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$977,831	\$977,831	\$977,831



**Section 45: Teachers' Retirement System**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
State General Funds	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
State Funds Transfers	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
Retirement Payments	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190

**Local/Floor COLA**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
State General Funds	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000

**323.100 Local/Floor COLA**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000

**System Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
State Funds Transfers	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
Retirement Payments	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190

**324.100 System Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190

**It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 14.27% for State Fiscal Year 2017.**

**Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165
State General Funds	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Sales and Services	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$350,088,334</b>	<b>\$350,088,334</b>	<b>\$350,088,334</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$350,088,334</b>	<b>\$350,088,334</b>	<b>\$350,088,334</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$75,163,481</b>	<b>\$75,163,481</b>	<b>\$75,163,481</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$72,941,806</b>	<b>\$72,941,806</b>	<b>\$72,941,806</b>
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	<b>\$2,221,675</b>	<b>\$2,221,675</b>	<b>\$2,221,675</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$346,083,660</b>	<b>\$346,083,660</b>	<b>\$346,083,660</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$2,758,118</b>	<b>\$2,758,118</b>	<b>\$2,758,118</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$2,758,118</b>	<b>\$2,758,118</b>	<b>\$2,758,118</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$343,190,597</b>	<b>\$343,190,597</b>	<b>\$343,190,597</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$72,971,782</b>	<b>\$72,971,782</b>	<b>\$72,971,782</b>
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	<b>\$270,218,815</b>	<b>\$270,218,815</b>	<b>\$270,218,815</b>
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$774,436,059</b>	<b>\$774,436,059</b>	<b>\$774,436,059</b>

**Adult Education****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of GED preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151
State General Funds	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Sales and Services	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822

**325.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,179	\$2,179	\$2,179
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**325.100 Adult Education****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of GED preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,075,330	\$16,075,330	\$16,075,330
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$16,075,330	\$16,075,330	\$16,075,330
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$41,822,001	\$41,822,001	\$41,822,001

**Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837
State General Funds	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782

**326.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,209	\$1,209	\$1,209
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**326.100 Departmental Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,017,046	\$9,017,046	\$9,017,046
State General Funds	\$9,017,046	\$9,017,046	\$9,017,046
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,151,991	\$9,151,991	\$9,151,991

**Quick Start and Customized Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152
State General Funds	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
Sales and Services	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,675,575	\$22,675,575	\$22,675,575

**327.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260
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**327.100 Quick Start and Customized Services**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,293,412	\$13,293,412	\$13,293,412
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,293,412	\$13,293,412	\$13,293,412
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,676,835	\$22,676,835	\$22,676,835

**Technical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025
State General Funds	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711

**328.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$47,521	\$47,521	\$47,521
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<b>328.100 Technical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$311,702,546	\$311,702,546	\$311,702,546
State General Funds	\$311,702,546	\$311,702,546	\$311,702,546
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$700,785,232	\$700,785,232	\$700,785,232

*Section 47: Transportation, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424
State General Funds	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Sales and Services	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,397,256,437	\$3,397,256,437	\$3,397,256,437

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,833,277,630	\$1,833,277,630	\$1,833,377,630
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$85,931,130	\$85,931,130	\$86,031,130
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$1,747,346,500	\$1,747,346,500	\$1,747,346,500
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,515,990,643	\$3,515,990,643	\$3,516,090,643

**Capital Construction Projects****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699



TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Sales and Services	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,628,995,154	\$1,628,995,154	\$1,628,995,154

**329.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$68,535,834	\$68,535,834	\$68,535,834
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<b>329.100 Capital Construction Projects</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$766,777,859	\$766,777,859	\$766,777,859
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$766,777,859	\$766,777,859	\$766,777,859
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,697,530,988	\$1,697,530,988	\$1,697,530,988

<b>Capital Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574

Sales and Services	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$391,550,574</b>	<b>\$391,550,574</b>	<b>\$391,550,574</b>

**330.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$17,796,500	\$17,796,500	\$17,796,500
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<b>330.100 Capital Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$127,396,500	\$127,396,500	\$127,396,500
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$127,396,500	\$127,396,500	\$127,396,500
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$409,347,074</b>	<b>\$409,347,074</b>	<b>\$409,347,074</b>

**Construction Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Sales and Services	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$151,299,165</b>	<b>\$151,299,165</b>	<b>\$151,299,165</b>

**331.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
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<b>331.100 Construction Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165

**Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223

<b>332.100 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223

**Departmental Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011
State General Funds	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$78,714,804	\$78,714,804	\$78,714,804

**333.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$8,672	\$8,672	\$8,672
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**333.2** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Intermodal program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)
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**333.3** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,841,328	\$1,841,328	\$1,841,328
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**333.100 Departmental Administration** **Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$68,824,177	\$68,824,177	\$68,824,177
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$68,824,177	\$68,824,177	\$68,824,177
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$80,562,970	\$80,562,970	\$80,562,970

**Intermodal**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports, Rail, Transit and Ports and Waterways to facilitate a complete and seamless statewide transportation system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030
State General Funds	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Sales and Services	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$85,562,631	\$85,562,631	\$85,562,631

**334.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$894)	(\$894)	(\$894)
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**334.2** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Intermodal program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834
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**334.3 Increase funds for Airport Aid.**

State General Funds				\$100,000
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**334.100 Intermodal****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports, Rail, Transit and Ports and Waterways to facilitate a complete and seamless statewide transportation system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,919,970	\$17,919,970	\$18,019,970
State General Funds	\$17,919,970	\$17,919,970	\$18,019,970
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Sales and Services	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$85,563,571	\$85,563,571	\$85,663,571

**Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234

**335.1 Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).**

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$8,352,766	\$8,352,766	\$8,352,766
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**335.100 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$173,915,000	\$173,915,000	\$173,915,000
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$173,915,000	\$173,915,000	\$173,915,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$173,915,000	\$173,915,000	\$173,915,000

**Local Road Assistance Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611

**336.100 Local Road Assistance Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611

**Planning**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$24,542,545	\$24,542,545	\$24,542,545

**337.100 Planning****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,542,545	\$24,542,545	\$24,542,545

**Routine Maintenance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
Sales and Services	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$432,811,607	\$432,811,607	\$432,811,607



**338.1 Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).**

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
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<b>338.100 Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$426,546,251	\$426,546,251	\$426,546,251
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$426,546,251	\$426,546,251	\$426,546,251
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
Sales and Services	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$435,511,607	\$435,511,607	\$435,511,607

<b>Traffic Management and Control</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637

**339.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
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**339.100 Traffic Management and Control****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637

**Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786
State General Funds	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$252,242,252	\$252,242,252	\$252,242,252

**340.1** *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	\$21,452,600	\$21,452,600	\$21,452,600
State Motor Fuel Funds	(\$21,452,600)	(\$21,452,600)	(\$21,452,600)
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**340.2** *Increase funds for one-time funding for Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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<b>340.100 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$111,688,786	\$111,688,786	\$111,688,786
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$68,011,160	\$68,011,160	\$68,011,160
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$43,677,626	\$43,677,626	\$43,677,626
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$262,242,252	\$262,242,252	\$262,242,252

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:

- a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
- b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
- c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
- d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
- e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

*Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346
State General Funds	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,203,335</b>	<b>\$39,203,335</b>	<b>\$39,203,335</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,454,947	\$21,454,947	\$21,454,947
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$21,454,947	\$21,454,947	\$21,454,947
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,294,936</b>	<b>\$39,294,936</b>	<b>\$39,294,936</b>

**Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757
State General Funds	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,859,757</b>	<b>\$1,859,757</b>	<b>\$1,859,757</b>

**341.1 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	(\$206)	(\$206)	(\$206)
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**341.100 Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,859,551	\$1,859,551	\$1,859,551
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,859,551	\$1,859,551	\$1,859,551
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,859,551</b>	<b>\$1,859,551</b>	<b>\$1,859,551</b>

**Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438
State General Funds	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442

**342.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$88)	(\$88)	(\$88)
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<b>342.100 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$670,350	\$670,350	\$670,350
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$670,350	\$670,350	\$670,350
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,598,354	\$1,598,354	\$1,598,354

**Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
State General Funds	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732

<b>343.100 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732

**Veterans Benefits****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964
State General Funds	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404

**344.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$755)	(\$755)	(\$755)
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**344.2** *Increase funds for the replacement of information technology hardware.*

State General Funds	\$67,650	\$67,650	\$67,650
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**344.3** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase one motor vehicle.*

State General Funds	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
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**344.100 Veterans Benefits****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,674,859	\$6,674,859	\$6,674,859
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,674,859	\$6,674,859	\$6,674,859
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,302,299	\$7,302,299	\$7,302,299

*Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071
State General Funds	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
Sales and Services	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,738,785	\$20,738,785	\$20,738,785
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,738,785	\$20,738,785	\$20,738,785
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,112,617	\$21,112,617	\$21,112,617

**Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584
State General Funds	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
Sales and Services	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937

**345.1** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$11,107	\$11,107	\$11,107
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**345.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,211	\$2,211	\$2,211
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**345.100 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,718,902	\$12,718,902	\$12,718,902
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,718,902	\$12,718,902	\$12,718,902
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,027,255	\$13,027,255	\$13,027,255

**Board Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487
State General Funds	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
Sales and Services	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,083,966	\$8,083,966	\$8,083,966

**346.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,396	\$1,396	\$1,396
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**346.100 Board Administration****Appropriation (HB 43)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,019,883	\$8,019,883	\$8,019,883
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,019,883	\$8,019,883	\$8,019,883
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,085,362	\$8,085,362	\$8,085,362

*Section 50: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
State General Funds	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,202,917,891	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
State General Funds	\$1,202,917,891	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,223,128,569	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892

**General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
State General Funds	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234

**347.1** *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	\$73,677	\$0	\$0
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<b>347.100 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,096,884,233	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
State General Funds	\$1,096,884,233	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,117,094,911	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234

**General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New****Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
State General Funds	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658

<b>348.100 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 43)</b>
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
State General Funds	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658

[Bond # 1] From State General Funds, \$14,762,148 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$172,455,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 2] From State General Funds, \$371,076 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$4,335,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 3] From State General Funds, \$2,469,988 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$28,855,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 4] From State General Funds, \$1,422,244 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$16,615,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 5] From State General Funds, \$1,897,048 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$14,285,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.**

**[Bond # 6] From State General Funds, \$164,780 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,925,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 7] From State General Funds, \$57,658 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$635,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 8] From State General Funds, \$208,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 9] From State General Funds, \$1,851,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$8,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 10] From State General Funds, \$85,600 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 11] From State General Funds, \$181,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 12] From State General Funds, \$4,451,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$52,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 13] From State General Funds, \$485,940 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 14] From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 15] From State General Funds, \$323,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 16] From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 17] From State General Funds, \$535,720 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 18] From State General Funds, \$1,624,260 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$18,975,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 19] From State General Funds, \$208,260 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 20] From State General Funds, \$254,540 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 21] From State General Funds, \$578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 22] From State General Funds, \$416,872 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,870,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 23] From State General Funds, \$321,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 24] From State General Funds, \$2,508,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$29,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 25] From State General Funds, \$1,515,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$17,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 26] From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 27] From State General Funds, \$445,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 28] From State General Funds, \$282,480 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities,**

both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 29] From State General Funds, \$971,880 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 30] From State General Funds, \$556,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 31] From State General Funds, \$136,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 32] From State General Funds, \$128,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 33] From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 34] From State General Funds, \$150,410 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$650,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 35] From State General Funds, \$363,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 36] From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 37] From State General Funds, \$454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 38] From State General Funds, \$111,280 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 39] From State General Funds, \$116,857 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$505,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which**



shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 40] From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 41] From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 42] From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 43] From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 44] From State General Funds, \$200,161 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$865,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 45] From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 46] From State General Funds, \$272,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 47] From State General Funds, \$115,560 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 48] From State General Funds, \$327,420 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,825,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 49] From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 50] From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 51] From State General Funds, \$154,080 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 52] From State General Funds, \$1,362,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$15,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 53] From State General Funds, \$2,776,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$12,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 54] From State General Funds, \$2,176,317 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,405,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 55] From State General Funds, \$4,382,916 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$48,270,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 56] From State General Funds, \$454,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 57] From State General Funds, \$1,468,690 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$16,175,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 58] From State General Funds, \$1,139,086 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and**

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$12,545,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 59] From State General Funds, \$817,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 60] From State General Funds, \$45,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 61] From State General Funds, \$90,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 62] From State General Funds, \$433,564 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,065,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 63] From State General Funds, \$694,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 64] From State General Funds, \$94,874 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$410,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 65] From State General Funds, \$1,115,348 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,820,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 66] From State General Funds, \$1,110,720 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 67] From State General Funds, \$92,560 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Health by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 68] From State General Funds, \$256,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 69] From State General Funds, \$227,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 70] From State General Funds, \$351,728 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Supervision by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,520,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 71] From State General Funds, \$134,212 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Supervision by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and**

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$580,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 72] From State General Funds, \$694,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 73] From State General Funds, \$537,568 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,280,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 74] From State General Funds, \$593,541 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,565,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 75] From State General Funds, \$960,432 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,220,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 76] From State General Funds, \$160,024 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,205,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.

[Bond # 77] From State General Funds, \$521,807 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,255,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 78] From State General Funds, \$1,175,716 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$13,735,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 79] From State General Funds, \$333,412 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,895,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 80] From State General Funds, \$168,922 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$730,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 81] From State General Funds, \$17,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 82] From State General Funds, \$1,914,835 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$8,275,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 83] From State General Funds, \$48,594 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Driver Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$210,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 84] From State General Funds, \$234,871 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and**

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,015,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 85] From State General Funds, \$163,137 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$705,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 86] From State General Funds, \$399,165 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,725,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 87] From State General Funds, \$38,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$450,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 88] From State General Funds, \$69,420 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 89] From State General Funds, \$246,441 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,065,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 90] From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.



**[Bond # 91]** From State General Funds, \$430,404 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,860,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 92]** From State General Funds, \$470,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 93]** From State General Funds, \$1,426,581 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,165,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 94]** From State General Funds, \$647,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 95]** From State General Funds, \$330,416 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,860,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 96]** From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 97]** From State General Funds, \$199,004 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$860,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 98] From State General Funds, \$174,707 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$755,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 99] From State General Funds, \$1,470,547 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,355,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 100] From State General Funds, \$300,820 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 101] From State General Funds, \$86,775 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$375,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 102] From State General Funds, \$312,440 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,650,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 103] From State General Funds, \$578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Accounting Office by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 104]** From State General Funds, \$578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Banking and Finance by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 105]** From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 106]** From State General Funds, \$556,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 107]** From State General Funds, \$578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 108]** From State General Funds, \$419,991 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia House of Representatives by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,815,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 109]** From State General Funds, \$138,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Labor by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

**[Bond # 110]** From State General Funds, \$173,550 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Defender Council by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 111] From State General Funds, \$416,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Public Service Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 112] From State General Funds, \$5,322,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Revenue by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$23,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 113] From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Revenue by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 114] From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 115] From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 117] From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

**[Bond # 118] From State General Funds, \$856,000 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than \$10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 119] From State General Funds, \$342,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Jekyll Island State Park Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 120] From State General Funds, \$858,494 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,710,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 121] From State General Funds, \$1,747,900 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$19,250,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 122] From State General Funds, \$347,100 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

**[Bond # 123] From State General Funds, \$29,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$350,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

**[Bond # 124] From State General Funds, \$1,707,040 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and**

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$18,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 125] From State General Funds, \$417,677 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Transportation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,805,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

[Bond # 126] From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Transportation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 127] From State General Funds, \$573,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 128] From State General Funds, \$8,560,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$100,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 129] From State General Funds, \$170,250 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,875,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 130] From State General Funds, \$558,420 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and

personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,150,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 131] From State General Funds, \$272,400 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

[Bond # 132] From State General Funds, \$363,200 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

*Section 51: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated*

The following paragraph of Section 50 of the General Appropriations Act for State Fiscal Year 2014 2015 (Ga. L. 2014, Volume One Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 139, 134, Act No. 632, 2014 Regular Session, H.B. 744) signed by the Governor on April 28, 2014, carried forward in Section 50 of the Supplementary General Appropriations Act for State Fiscal Year 2014 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, Volume One Appendix, commencing at p. 1 of 98, 92, Act No. 1, 2015 Regular Session, H.B. 75) signed by the Governor on February 19, 2015, and which reads as follows:

[Bond # 110] From State General Funds, \$694,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Secretary of State by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$ 3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

is hereby repealed in its entirety.

***Section 52: Salary Adjustments***

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, to be administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

- 1.) Additional funds for personal services for employees of the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches, excluding Board of Regents faculty and Technical College System of Georgia teachers and support personnel, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2016 and salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 2.) Before Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address employee retention needs for certain employees in the job titles specified in the appropriations stated above to the Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Corrections, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Law, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Prosecuting Attorneys, and Georgia Public Defender Council. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 3.) In lieu of other numbered items, funds to provide a twenty percent salary adjustment to law enforcement personnel and to provide salary enhancements for criminal investigators. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of January 1, 2017.
- 4.) In lieu of other numbered items, funds for the State Board of Education for the Quality Basic Education program, such funds to be used by the Quality Basic Education program for the purpose of reducing or eliminating furlough days, increasing instructional days, and providing salary increases to teachers in local education authorities. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 5.) In lieu of other numbered items, funds for the Department of Early Care and Learning for pre-kindergarten teachers to be used for employee recruitment and retention initiatives. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.



- 6.) Before Item 5 above, but not in lieu of it, additional funds for the Department of Early Care and Learning to implement a new compensation model to retain lead teachers, increase assistant teacher salaries, and maintain classroom quality. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 7.) In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for non-faculty employees of the Board of Regents, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2016 and salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or to keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 8.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address needs for the recruitment and retention of Board of Regents faculty, funded through the Teaching program appropriation stated above. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 9.) In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for public librarians, funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2016 and salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or keep successful performers in critical jobs as administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.
- 10.) In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for teachers and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2016 and salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or to keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2016.

*Section 53: Refunds*

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

*Section 54: Leases*

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to

satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

*Section 55: Budgetary Control and Interpretation*

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number that has a 100 or a higher number after the decimal and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. The most specific level of detail for authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 50 shall be the authorizing paragraphs.

Similarly, text in a group of lines that has a number less than 100 after the decimal (01 through 99) is not part of a statement of purpose but constitutes information as to how the appropriation was derived. Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total Intra-State Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" are for informational purposes only. Sections 51, 52, 53 and 54 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

*Section 56: Flex*

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

**For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.**

**For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added."**

***Part II: Effective Date***

**This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.**

***Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws***

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 43, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Hill of the 4th moved that HB 43 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 43 was immediately transmitted.

SB 48. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th, Tippins of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to freeze the cost of certain hunting licenses that are renewed before expiration; to provide for prospective application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	N Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

SB 48, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 52. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to mental health and authorizing a licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts, Act No. 546, approved April 21, 2014 (Ga L. 2014, p. 347), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 10, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4), so as to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jeffares	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
E Harbison	N McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 3.

SB 52, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 9, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Matt Brass to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Ethics Committee meeting on February 9, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

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February 9, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
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Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Lindsey Tippins to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Ethics Committee meeting on February 9, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

2/9/17

Hon. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please remove my name as a cosponsor of SB 72.

/s/ William T. Ligon, Jr., 3rd District

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Friday, February 10, 2017  
Sixteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:08 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 64. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 134th, Hatchett of the 150th, England of the 116th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to provide for the compensation of health insurance agents in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 75. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, Beskin of the 54th and Silcox of the 52nd:

A BILL to amend Code Section 49-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, so as to exclude certain records from disclosure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 126. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Meadows of the 5th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kelley of the 16th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for courts, so as

to change provisions relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; to expand the membership of the commission and provide for panels; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of members, filling of vacancies, and confirmation; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules; to provide for confidentiality and exceptions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 176. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th and LaRicca of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enter into agreements with the federal government to enforce provisions of certain federal laws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 145. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to sexual offenses, so as to revise the offense of rape for applicability to victims across genders, gender identities, and sexual orientations; to amend Code Section 9-3-33.1, Title 15, Title 16, Title 17, Chapter 2 of Title 20, Chapter 4 of Title 24, Title 31, Title 42, and Code Section 49-2-14.1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to actions for childhood sexual abuse, courts, crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, elementary and secondary education, relevant evidence and its limits, health, penal institutions, and overcrowding of prison system as creating state of emergency, paroling inmates to reduce prison system population to capacity and report of inmates paroled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 146. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Davenport of the 44th and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require that electroconvulsive therapy be

performed only by physicians; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of electroconvulsive therapy on persons who are less than 16 years of age and on certain other individuals in certain circumstances; to require informed, written consent prior to the performance of electroconvulsive therapy on an individual; to provide for physician reports on the use of electroconvulsive therapy; to provide for public reporting of the use of electroconvulsive therapy; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 147. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to permit a cemetery or cemetery company to request a trustee to distribute income earned by an irrevocable trust fund utilizing certain unitrust distribution method provisions; to provide for a definition; to modify a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 148. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Jeffares of the 17th, Cowser of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonprofit corporations, so as to allow for a nonprofit corporation organized in a foreign jurisdiction to change its jurisdiction of organization to this state; to allow for a nonprofit corporation organized in this state to change its jurisdiction of organization to a foreign jurisdiction; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 149. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and

regulations by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 150. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to provide for certain provisions in written agreements between local boards of education and law enforcement officials; to provide for a code of conduct for law enforcement officers in school settings; to provide for a School Resource Officer Student Reference Guide; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 151. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Lucas of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide that local boards of education have the sole authority and responsibility with regard to decisions relating to the initiation and defense of any civil actions, including decisions on whether to pursue appeals; to prohibit the delegation or attempted delegation of such authority; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 152. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that it is the policy of the state that students who are subject to compulsory attendance shall not be assigned to an alternative education program for more than two semesters except under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 153. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers, so as to exempt certain activities of hearing aid dealers, hearing aid dispensers, and others related to the manufacture and sale of certain nonprescription hearing aids from the applicability of said chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SR 195. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Jones of the 25th, Martin of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Congress call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

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to exclude certain records from disclosure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for courts, so as to change provisions relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; to expand the membership of the commission and provide for panels; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of members, filling of vacancies, and confirmation; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules; to provide for confidentiality and exceptions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 176. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enter into agreements with the federal government to enforce provisions of certain federal laws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 47	Do Pass by substitute
SB 81	Do Pass by substitute
SB 102	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 15      Do Pass by substitute  
 SB 45      Do Pass by substitute  
 SB 71      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 88      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 73          SB 87          SB 107          SR 95

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Jackson of the 2nd          James of the 35th

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Henson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Mullis
Anderson, L	Henson	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Payne

Beach	Hill, Ju	Rhett
Black	Hufstetler	Seay
Brass	Jeffares	Shafer
Burke	Jones, B	Sims
Butler	Jones, E	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kirk	Tillery
Fort	Ligon	Unterman
Ginn	Martin	Walker
Gooch	McKoon	Watson
Harbin	Millar	Wilkinson
Harbison	Miller	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Harper	Hill, H.	Jackson (Excused)
James (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)
Thompson, C.	Tippins	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Tippins of the 37th Harper of the 7th

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. George Dillard of Peachtree City, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President announced that the Senate would take up the confirmations to the Judicial Qualifications Commission as a special order of business immediately preceding the third reading and consideration of bills and resolutions. There was no objection.

The names of appointees as well as the report of the Committee on Assignments had been placed on the desks.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th recognized John Schuerholz on his outstanding service with the Braves franchise, commended by SR 193, adopted previously. Vice Chairman John Schuerholz addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:



- SR 194. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 20, 2017, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 196. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11-18, 2017, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 197. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Unterman of the 45th, Dugan of the 30th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2017, as Prosecution-based Victim Advocacy Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 198. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Chandler Sherry upon being named Miss Apple Capital's Outstanding Teen 2017; and for other purposes.

- SR 199. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Williams of the 27th, Tippins of the 37th, Martin of the 9th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars on Academic Recognition Day for 2017; and for other purposes.

- SR 200. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (GFRW) for its 60th year of continued service supporting objectives and policies of the Georgia Republican Party and the National Federation of Republican Women and working for the election of Republican nominees; and for other purposes.

- SR 201. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION honoring Bill Simonds for his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Burke of the 11th

Hill of the 6th

Wilkinson of the 50th

The President announced that the next order of business was the confirmation of appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the reading of the names of appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission be dispensed with. There was no objection.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that one roll call suffice to confirm all appointments unless any Senator designates an appointee be removed from the list and voted on individually.

Senator McKoon of the 29th objected and called for division of the question on each appointee.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission be approved as submitted.

Pursuant to Senate Rules, each Senator has the right to divide the question on confirmation of appointees, and because a division was called for, a separate roll call was ordered on the confirmation of each appointment.

On the confirmation of the Honorable Edward Tolley, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker

Y Harbison	N McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Henson	Y Mullis	

On the confirmation, the yeas were 45, nays 3; and the Honorable Edward Tolley was confirmed.

On the confirmation of Mr. Lester B. Johnson III, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the confirmation, the yeas were 46, nays 3; and Mr. Lester B. Johnson III was confirmed.

On the confirmation of Mr. Paul Holmes, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer

E Burke	Y Jeffares	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the confirmation, the yeas were 46, nays 3; and Mr. Paul Holmes was confirmed.

On the confirmation of Mr. Richard Lee Hyde, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Tate
N Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	Y Mullis	

On the confirmation, the yeas were 43, nays 6; and Mr. Richard Lee Hyde was confirmed.

On the confirmation of the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the confirmation, the yeas were 49, nays 1; and the Honorable Patsy Y. Porter was confirmed.

On the confirmation of the Honorable Tillman Self, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman

Y Harbin  
 Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 N Henson

Y Martin  
 Y McKoon  
 Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Walker  
 Y Watson  
 E Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the confirmation, the yeas were 48, nays 2; and the Honorable Tillman Self was confirmed.

The following communications were transmitted by the Secretary:



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February 10, 2017

Honorable Nathan Deal  
 Governor of Georgia  
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Dear Governor:

I have the honor to report to you that, on February 10, 2017, the following action was taken by the Georgia Senate on your appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

The Honorable Edward Tolley of Clarke County, as the Chairman of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2017. The vote on this appointment was yeas 45, nays 3, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,

/s/ David A. Cook



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Honorable Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia  
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Dear Lieutenant Governor:

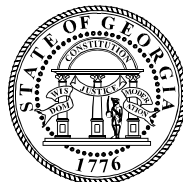
I have the honor to report to you that, on February 10, 2017, the following actions were taken by the Georgia Senate on your appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

Mr. Lester B. Johnson III, as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2017. The vote on this appointment was yeas 46, nays 3, and the appointment was confirmed.

Mr. Paul Holmes, as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2017. The vote on this appointment was yeas 46, nays 3, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,

/s/ David A. Cook



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February 10, 2017

Honorable David Ralston  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
332 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to report to you that, on February 10, 2017, the following action was taken by the Georgia Senate on your appointment to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

Mr. Richard Lee Hyde, as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term beginning January 1, 2017, and expiring June 30, 2017. The vote on this appointment was yeas 43, nays 6, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,

/s/ David A. Cook



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February 10, 2017

The Honorable Justice David E. Nahmais  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia  
c/o Therese S. Barnes, Clerk  
244 Washington Street, Rm. 572  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334



Dear Justice Nahmais:

I have the honor to report to you that, on February 10, 2017, the following actions were taken by the Georgia Senate on the court's appointments to the Judicial Qualifications Commission:

The Honorable Patsy Y. Porter, as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2017. The vote on this appointment was yeas 49, nays 1, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Honorable Tillman E. Self III, as a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 2017. The vote on this appointment was yeas 48, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

Respectfully,

/s/ David A. Cook

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017  
SIXTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 12      Dental Hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize licensed dental hygienists (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)
- SB 18      Georgia Public Safety Training Center; any member of security police force; retain his/her weapon and badge under certain conditions (Substitute)(PUB SAF-7th)
- SB 40      Mental Health; transport certain mentally ill patients; authorization of emergency medical services personnel (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 12. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Seay of the 34th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for criteria; to require professional liability insurance by licensed dental hygienists performing under general supervision; to provide for definitions; to provide for intent; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 12:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Statistics show that nearly one-third of older adults have untreated tooth decay and nearly 25 percent of adults ages 65 to 74 have severe gum disease. Statistics also show that a significant percentage of lower income children in Georgia do not have adequate access to dental care, putting them at significant risk of developing tooth decay and other oral health conditions;
- (2) Professional preventative hygiene services can help prevent such conditions before they begin;
- (3) Preventative care is the most cost-effective care that can be delivered to the public;
- (4) In 2016, 4,106 Georgians sought emergency dental care at Grady Memorial Hospital at a cost of \$1.75 million; and
- (5) Of Georgia's 159 counties, 118 are considered dental health professional shortage areas, meaning there are not enough licensed dentists in those areas to meet the dental

care needs of the public, resulting in individuals seeking emergency care for dental issues.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to increase access to preventative dental care for underserved and needy populations. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that the rules and regulations promulgated by the Georgia Board of Dentistry pursuant to this Act effectuate this purpose to the greatest extent allowable.

## SECTION 2.

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, is amended by revising Code Section 43-11-74, relating to direct supervision requirements, scope of duties, and exceptions to required supervision for dental screenings, as follows:

"43-11-74.

(a) As used in this Code section the term:

(1) 'Direct supervision' means that a licensed dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedure is being performed by the dental hygienist, and before dismissal of the patient, examines the patient.

(2) 'General supervision' means that a licensed dentist has authorized the delegable duties of a licensed dental hygienist but does not require that a licensed dentist be present when such duties are performed.

(b) Licensed dental ~~Dental~~ hygienists shall perform their duties only under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, except as otherwise provided in this Code section. No licensed dental hygienist shall diagnose, prescribe, determine the initial dosage, or increase the initial dosage of nitrous oxide, practice dentistry, or do any kind of dental work other than to remove calcareous deposits, secretions, and stains from the surfaces of the teeth, to apply ordinary wash or washes of a soothing character, and to perform those acts, services, procedures, and practices which the board shall prescribe by rule or regulation. The board shall not delegate to dental hygienists the authority to administer local anesthesia, except that this restriction shall automatically expire July 1, 1992.

~~(b)~~(c) After meeting such additional education and training requirements as the board may require by rule or regulation, a licensed dental hygienist may perform such other acts, practices, services, or procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, which the board may prescribe by rule or regulation subject, however, to the limitations set forth in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(d) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the educational training of dental hygiene students at an institution approved by the board and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, when such instruction is carried out under such degree of supervision by a licensed dentist as the board may prescribe by rule or regulation.

~~(d)~~(e) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of dental hygiene duties at approved dental facilities of the Department of Public Health,

county boards of health, or the Department of Corrections or the performance of dental hygiene duties by personnel of the Department of Public Health or county boards of health at approved offsite locations. ~~The board shall provide by rule or regulation for criteria for approval of such facilities and for the appropriate degree of supervision by a licensed dentist over dental hygienists performing duties in such facilities.~~

~~(e)~~(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'dental screening' means a visual assessment of the oral cavity without the use of X-rays, laboratory tests, or diagnostic models to determine if it appears that a more thorough clinical examination and diagnosis should be conducted by a licensed dentist.

(2) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of licensed dental hygienists providing dental screenings in settings which include: schools; hospitals; ~~and~~ clinics; ~~and~~ state, county, local, and federal public health programs; federally qualified health centers; volunteer community health settings; senior centers; and family violence shelters, as defined in Code Section 19-13-20. Other health fair settings must be preapproved by the board.

(3) Each person who receives a dental screening pursuant to this subsection, or the parent or legal guardian if the person is a minor, must be informed in writing of the purpose and limitations of a dental screening and advised to seek a more thorough clinical examination by a licensed dentist to determine whether or not problems exist that might not be discovered in a dental screening. There shall be no fees charged for providing a dental screening pursuant to this subsection except for dental screenings provided by employees of the Department of Public Health or county boards of health. These fees must be paid directly to that department or county board of health and not to the individual who performs the dental screening.

(g)(1) In a private dental office setting, a licensed dental hygienist may perform only the following functions under general supervision:

(A) Application of sealants and oral prophylaxis and assessment;

(B) Fluoride treatment;

(C) Oral hygiene instruction and education; and

(D) Exposure and processing of radiographs if provided for by specific standing orders of the authorizing licensed dentist, including any protocols regarding urgent dental issues that arise.

(2) A licensed dentist in a private dental office setting may authorize general supervision of a licensed dental hygienist only upon meeting the following criteria:

(A) A new patient of record must be clinically examined by the authorizing licensed dentist during the initial visit;

(B) A patient must be examined by the authorizing licensed dentist at a minimum of twelve-month intervals; and

(C) A patient must be notified in advance of the appointment that he or she will be treated by the licensed dental hygienist under general supervision without the authorizing licensed dentist being present or being examined by the authorizing licensed dentist.

(h) In school settings, licensed dental hygienists may apply topical fluoride and

perform the application of sealants and oral prophylaxis under general supervision, with written permission of the student's parent or guardian. Such written permission may be obtained by the school in the same manner as other parental permissions are obtained. Licensed dental hygienists may also, without prior written permission of the student's parent or guardian, provide oral hygiene instruction and counseling. Confidentiality of any records related to services provided to a student pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained by the licensed dental hygienist and authorizing licensed dentist in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g. School settings shall include only schools that are Title I schools under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, schools in which at least 65 percent of the student population is eligible for free or reduced price lunch under federal guidelines, Head Start programs, and Georgia's Pre-K Program.

(i) In hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, health facilities operated by federal, state, county, or local governments, hospices, family violence shelters as defined in Code Section 19-13-20, and free health clinics as defined in Code Section 51-1-29.4, licensed dental hygienists may apply topical fluoride and perform the application of sealants and oral prophylaxis under general supervision.

(j) A licensed dental hygienist providing dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section shall:

(1) Not perform any dental hygiene services on a patient that has dental pain or clearly visible evidence of widespread dental disease. The licensed dental hygienist shall immediately refer such patient to the authorizing licensed dentist for clinical examination and treatment. The licensed dental hygienist shall notate such patient's file and the patient shall not be eligible to receive dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section until a licensed dentist provides written authorization that such services may be performed on the patient;

(2) Prior to providing any dental hygiene services, obtain, study, and comprehend the school's or facility's protocols and procedures regarding medical emergencies and implement and comply with such protocols and procedures if a medical emergency arises during the provision of dental hygiene services; and

(3) Provide to each patient receiving such services written notice containing:

(A) The name and license number of the licensed dental hygienist and the authorizing licensed dentist;

(B) Any dental hygiene issues that the licensed dental hygienist identified during the performance of dental hygiene duties. If dental hygiene services are not performed on the patient pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the written notice shall include a statement that the patient is not eligible to receive dental hygiene services until a clinical examination is performed by a licensed dentist and a licensed dentist provides written authorization that services may be performed; and

(C) A statement advising each patient who receives dental hygiene services to seek a more thorough clinical examination by a licensed dentist within 90 days, unless

the authorizing licensed dentist performed an initial clinical examination of the patient.

The licensed dental hygienist shall make all reasonable efforts to provide such written notice to parents or legal guardians of minors or incapacitated adults who receive dental hygiene services and to the long-term care facility or nursing home for residents of such facilities who receive dental hygiene services.

(k)(1) Any licensed dental hygienist performing dental hygiene services under general supervision pursuant to this Code section shall have at least two years of experience in the practice of dental hygiene, shall be in compliance with continuing education requirements pursuant to Code Section 43-11-73.1 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements contained in Code Section 43-11-73, and shall be licensed in good standing.

(2) Licensed dental hygienists practicing under general supervision shall maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with board rules and regulations.

(l)(1) No licensed dentist shall be required to authorize a licensed dental hygienist or dental hygienists to perform dental hygiene duties pursuant to subsection (g), (h), or (i) of this Code section.

(2) It shall be in the sole discretion of the authorizing licensed dentist as to whether or not to require an initial examination of the patient prior to the performance by a licensed dental hygienist of dental hygiene services under general supervision.

(3) A licensed dentist may only authorize up to four licensed dental hygienists to provide dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (g), (h), or (i) of this Code section at any one time.

(4) A licensed dentist authorizing one or more licensed dental hygienists to provide dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section shall practice dentistry and treat patients in a physical and operational dental office located in this state within 50 miles of the setting in which the dental hygiene services are to be provided under general supervision.

(m) Dental hygiene services provided by licensed dental hygienists in mobile dental vans shall always be provided under direct supervision.

(n) Dental assistants may use rubber cup prophylaxis on a patient with primary dentition under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with any guidelines or rules established by the board. Dental assistants shall meet any education, training, or other requirements as established by the board.

(o)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a school or facility receiving dental hygiene services provided pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section to purchase any equipment.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to establish independent dental hygiene practice.

(p) The Department of Community Health shall collect or cause to be collected data regarding changes to utilization rates for dental services provided to recipients of Medicaid and shall make such data readily available to members of the General Assembly upon written request.

(q) The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall provide a report to the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee by January 1 in 2018, 2019, and 2020 on the number of licensed dentists providing dental hygienist services under general supervision in each of the following settings: hospitals; nursing homes; long-term care facilities; rural health clinics; federally qualified health centers; health facilities operated by federal, state, county, or local governments; hospices; family violence shelters as defined in Code Section 19-13-20; and free health clinics as defined in Code Section 51-1-29.4."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

### SECTION 4.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	P Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

SB 12, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 18. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-5-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to security police force within the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to provide that any member of the security police force, upon his or her retirement or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty, shall be entitled to retain his or her weapon and badge under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 18:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to authorize certain persons who are citizens of this state and have retired with at least ten years of aggregate service as a law enforcement officer with powers of arrest under the laws of any state of the United States or of the United States to carry a handgun anywhere within this state; to require such persons to possess and to meet the standards for issuance of an identification card for retired law enforcement officers as issued by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide that police officers employed by a state entity shall be entitled to retain the weapon and badge issued to them upon their retirement or upon leaving such employment as a result of disability arising in the line of duty; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions and conditions; to provide for rules, regulations, and policies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:



"(c) Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2 shall not apply to or affect any:

(1) Sheriff, retired sheriff, deputy sheriff, or retired deputy sheriff if such retired sheriff or deputy sheriff is eligible to receive or is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided under Chapter 17 of Title 47, the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia provided under Chapter 16 of Title 47, or any other public retirement system established under the laws of this state for service as a law enforcement officer;

(2) Member of the Georgia State Patrol, ~~or~~ agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, ~~or~~ retired member of the Georgia State Patrol, or retired agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation if such retired member or agent is receiving benefits under the Employees' Retirement System;

(3) Full-time law enforcement chief executive engaging in the management of a county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university law enforcement chief executive ~~that~~ who is registered or certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; or retired law enforcement chief executive ~~that~~ who formerly managed a county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university law enforcement chief executive ~~that~~ who was registered or certified at the time of his or her retirement by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, if such retired law enforcement chief executive is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or is retired in good standing and receiving benefits from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state authority, or federal retirement system; ~~or~~

(4) Police officer of any county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university police officer ~~that~~ who is registered or certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, or retired police officer of any county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university police officer ~~that~~ who was registered or certified at the time of his or her retirement by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, if such retired ~~employee~~ police officer is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or is retired in good standing and receiving benefits from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state authority, or federal retirement system; or

(5) Person who is a citizen of this state and:

(A) Has retired with at least ten years of aggregate service as a law enforcement officer with powers of arrest under the laws of any state of the United States or of the United States;

(B) Separated from service in good standing, as determined by criteria established by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, from employment with his or her most recent law enforcement agency; and

(C) Possesses on his or her person an identification card for retired law enforcement

officers as issued by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; provided, however, that such person meets the standards for the issuance of such card as provided for by the council, including, but not limited to, maintenance of qualification in firearms training.

In addition, any such sheriff, retired sheriff, deputy sheriff, retired deputy sheriff, member of the Georgia State Patrol, retired member of the Georgia State Patrol, agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, retired agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, active or retired law enforcement chief executive, person who is a retired law enforcement officer as provided for in paragraph (5) of this subsection, or other law enforcement officer referred to in this subsection shall be authorized to carry a handgun on or off duty anywhere within ~~the~~ this state and the provisions of Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2 shall not apply to the carrying of such firearms."

### SECTION 2.

Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by revising Code Section 35-1-20, relating to retention of weapons by officers following employment, as follows:

"35-1-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Honorable conditions' means conditions of having satisfied, met, or exceeded the conduct and performance standards established by the state entity for sworn police officers.

(2) 'State entity' means any state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, system, or authority.

(b) The governing authority of each municipality and county in this state and each board of education which employs sworn police officers who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council may adopt policies under which such sworn police officers, upon their retirement from employment by such municipality, county, or board of education or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty, shall be entitled, as part of ~~his or her~~ their compensation, to retain ~~his or her~~ their weapon and badge.

(c) Except where otherwise provided for by law for a state entity, each state entity which employs sworn police officers who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council shall adopt rules, regulations, or policies under which such sworn police officers, upon their retirement from employment by such state entity or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty, shall be entitled, as part of their compensation, to retain their weapon and badge; provided, however, that such sworn police officers retire or leave under honorable conditions."

### SECTION 3.

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

Senators Heath of the 31st and McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the committee substitute (LC 41 0976S) to SB 18 by adding before "or" on Line 69 the following, "any current or former Georgia legislator who has not had his or her rights to carry a weapon revoked."

Senator Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #1a:

Amend the committee substitute (LC 41 0976S) to SB 18 by adding behind the word "has" on Line 2 the words "a current valid concealed carry permit and has"

Senator Parent of the 42nd requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the Heath, McKoon amendment #1.

The President ruled the Heath, McKoon amendment #1 germane.

On the adoption of the Tillery amendment #1a, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Ginn of the 47th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 35, nays 1, and the Tillery amendment #1a to the Heath, McKoon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the Heath, McKoon amendment #1 as amended, Senator Henson of the 41st called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hill, Ju	N Payne
N Beach	Y Hufstetler	N Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	N Seay
N Brass	E James	P Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, E	N Tate
N Davenport	N Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	N Kirk	N Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
N Gooch	N Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	N Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	N Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Miller	Y Williams, M
N Henson	E Mullis	

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 23, nays 26, and the Heath, McKoon amendment #1 to the committee substitute as amended was lost.

The Tillery amendment #1a was rendered moot.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	P Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SB 18, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/10/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 18. Had I been present, I would have voted "AYE".

/s/ Jack Hill  
District 4

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 40. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination, hospitalization, and treatment of involuntary patients, so as to provide for authorization of emergency medical services personnel to transport certain mentally ill patients under certain circumstances; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 40:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination, hospitalization, and treatment of involuntary patients, so as to provide for authorization of emergency medical services personnel and peace officers to transport certain mentally ill patients under certain circumstances; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination, hospitalization, and treatment of involuntary patients, is amended by revising Code Section 37-3-42, relating to emergency admission of persons arrested for penal offenses, report by officer, and entry of report into clinical record, as follows:

"37-3-42.

(a) A peace officer may take any person to a physician within the county or an adjoining county for emergency examination by the physician, as provided in Code Section 37-3-41, or directly to an emergency receiving facility if (1) the person is committing a penal offense, and (2) the peace officer has probable cause for believing that the person is a mentally ill person requiring involuntary treatment. The peace officer need not formally tender charges against the individual prior to taking the individual to a physician or an emergency receiving facility under this Code section. The peace officer shall execute a written report detailing the circumstances under which the person was taken into custody; and this report shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record. A peace officer may also transport a person to an emergency receiving facility pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(b)(1) Emergency medical services personnel, which shall include emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians, paramedics, or first responders certified pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 may transport any person within the county directly to an emergency receiving facility if (1) any such services personnel have been dispatched in response to an emergency, (2) any such services personnel have probable cause for believing that the person is a mentally ill person requiring involuntary treatment, and (3) any such services personnel have consulted with the emergency receiving facility physician and it is the opinion of the physician that it is in the best interest of such person and the public that such person be transported immediately to the facility. The services personnel shall execute a written report detailing the circumstances under which the person was transported, and this report shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record.

(2) Emergency medical services personnel under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be liable for any civil damages to such person, their heirs, or assigns as a result of any act or omission by such emergency medical services personnel in transporting a person under this subsection.

(3) A physician shall not be liable for any civil damages to such person, their heirs, or assigns as a result of any act or omission by such physician acting as a medical adviser under this subsection unless those damages are a result of such physician's willful and wanton negligence.

~~(b)~~(c) Any psychologist may perform any act specified by this Code section to be performed by a physician. Any reference in any part of this chapter to a physician acting under this Code section shall be deemed to refer equally to a psychologist acting under this Code section. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'psychologist' means any person authorized under the laws of this state to practice as a licensed psychologist."

## **SECTION 2.**

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

Senators McKoon of the 29th and Ligon of the 3rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend LC 37 2332S Substitute to SB 40

by at Line 39 striking the word "transporting" and replacing it with the following: "making the decision to transport";

Adding at Line 40 after the word "subsection" and before the symbol "." the following: "unless those damages are a result of such personnel's willful and wanton negligence"

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the McKoon, Ligon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hill, Ju	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Hufstetler	Y Rhett
Y Black	E Jackson, L	Y Seay
Y Brass	E James	P Shafer
E Burke	Y Jeffares	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, B	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, E	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Jones, H	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Kirk	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Ligon	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Lucas	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	E Martin	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y McKoon	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Millar	E Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Miller	Y Williams, M
Y Henson	Y Mullis	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

SB 40, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, announced the Senate adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
Seventeenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

### **Georgia Senate**

**Judson Hill**  
SENATOR  
THIRTY SECOND DISTRICT

STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 13, 2017

The Honorable Nathan Deal  
Governor of Georgia  
111 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

*via hand delivery*

Dear Governor Deal,

I write to inform you of my resignation from the Georgia Senate effective February 13, 2017. Today I qualified with the Georgia Secretary of State as a candidate in the special election for Congressional District 6. I will not be able to serve the remainder of the term for which I was elected on November 8, 2016 and sworn in on January 10, 2017. Accordingly, I have chosen to resign from the Senate now in order to fully comply with all election laws in Georgia.



My service in the General Assembly of Georgia has been a tremendous honor. I thank you personally for the kindness you and your staff have displayed toward me throughout your term as Governor. I look forward to the potential that this new opportunity brings to serve the people of Georgia. If you need anything further from me in this regard or any other, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

/s/ Judson H. Hill  
Senator

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 83. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investment and real estate investments, so as to provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 84. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-87 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, so as to provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of its assets in alternative investments; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 154. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th, Abrams of the 89th, Hawkins of the 27th and Henson of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 191. By Representative Pirkle of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Ben Hill County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 219. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Stover of the 71st, Trammell of the 132nd and Bonner of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Coweta County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 272. By Representatives Collins of the 68th, Nix of the 69th, Smith of the 70th, Cooke of the 18th, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 282. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for the County of Grady, approved December 22, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess. p. 837), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the board; to remove the board's authority to fix the salary of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 70. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Cowser of the 46th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 154. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to amend Code Section 45-9-85 of the O.C.G.A., relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imputable negligence, so as to provide that tort liability shall be unlimited for parents and guardians having custody and control over a minor child or children under the age of 18 for willful or malicious acts against a public safety officer under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 155. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to create the Local

Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; to provide for membership; to provide for assignment to the Department of Administrative Services; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 156. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide certain restrictions with regard to equalized homestead option sales and use taxes; to provide for limitations on the collection of certain other taxes while such equalized homestead option sales and use tax is being levied; to provide for the sales on which such tax may be levied; to provide limitation on the use of special purpose local option sales taxes which are levied in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 157. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Jackson of the 2nd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health planning and development, so as to create additional exemptions to the certificate of need requirement; to add a definition; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 158. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th, Jackson of the 2nd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health planning and development, so as to create additional exemptions from the certificate of need requirement; to create a certificate of need process for freestanding emergency services; to provide for department application standards for freestanding emergency services; to provide for additional exemptions from certificate of need for hospital expenditures, multi-specialty surgical centers, and the sale of single

specialty surgery centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 159. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Hill of the 4th, Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to criminal trespass and damage to property, so as to provide for the crime of criminal trespass upon the knowing entry upon land or premises of another that has been marked with purple paint; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 160. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to revise the jurisdiction, definition, and penalties for certain crimes and offenses; to add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault or aggravated battery upon a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to clarify the definition of a class A designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 161. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Stone of the 23rd, Dugan of the 30th, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to require horizontal orientations for the form of all drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to applicants who are citizens of the United States; to require vertical orientations for the form of all drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to applicants who are not citizens of the United States; to provide for

related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 162. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hill of the 4th, Jeffares of the 17th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eminent domain, so as to require the payment of certain fees by the condemnor if the award in a condemnation proceeding exceeds by 10 percent or more the highest offer made by the condemnor in negotiations prior to the proceeding or exceeds by 10 percent or more the award established by assessors; to expand the definition of 'condemnor'; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 163. By Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to require the reporting of weapons carry license and renewal license information to the Georgia Crime Information Center for affiliation with certain records such that, for the safety of officers and citizens, law enforcement officers may have foreknowledge of the possible presence of a firearm when effecting a traffic stop or other investigative encounter; to provide for an exception; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, to provide for restricted access to information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SR 204. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Kyle Gilbert and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 205. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Heath of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Shafer of the 48th, Beach of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United States to eliminate all requirements for the use of ethanol as a fuel for vehicles and equipment; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SR 206. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 32nd, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Work and Save Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 83. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investment and real estate investments, so as to provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 84. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-87 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, so as to provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of its assets in alternative investments; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 154. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th, Abrams of the 89th, Hawkins of the 27th and Henson of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 191. By Representative Pirkle of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Ben Hill County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 282. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for the County of Grady, approved December 22, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess. p. 837), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the board; to remove the board's authority to fix the salary of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 3            Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 117        Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Thompson of the 14th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 15            SB 45            SB 47            SB 71            SB 81            SB 88  
SB 102

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Kennedy of the 18th            Tillery of the 19th

Senator Henson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senators Fort of the 39th, Lucas of the 26th, and James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Fort, Lucas and James were excused.

Senator Stone of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 24th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Parent of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Jones of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Rhett and Jones were excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Parent
Anderson, T	Henson	Payne
Beach	Hill, H	Seay
Brass	Hill, Ja	Shafer
Burke	Hufstetler	Sims
Butler	Jackson, L	Stone
Cowsert	Jeffares	Tate
Davenport	Jones, E	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kirk	Tippins
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Gooch	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Millar	Watson
Harbison	Mullis	Wilkinson
Harper	Orrock	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, L. (Excused)	Black	Fort (Excused)
James (Excused)	Jones, B.	Jones II, H. (Excused)
Kennedy (Excused)	Lucas (Excused)	Martin
Miller	Rhett (Excused)	Thompson, C.
Tillery (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Jones of the 25th Lucas of the 26th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Thompson of the 14th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Jeremy Morton of Cartersville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Thompson of the 14th recognized Garrett Geros, commended by SR 97, adopted previously. Garrett Geros addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Thompson of the 14th recognized Olivia Glenn for her constant strength and hope throughout her battle with pediatric cancer, commended by SR 98, adopted previously. Matt Glenn, Olivia's father, addressed the Senate briefly.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Kelly M. DeGraffenreid.

Senator Anderson of the 24th congratulated Evans "Duck" Moore on his 100th birthday, commended by SR 142, adopted previously. Mr. Duck Moore addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 211. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Tippins of the 37th, Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Senator Judson Hill for his outstanding service in the Georgia General Assembly; and for other purposes.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd recognized Senator Judson Hill who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 202. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators for its contributions to education and to educators and recognizing February 21, 2017, as PAGE/GAEL/GACTE Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 203. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May, 2017, as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and May 15 through 19, 2017, as Bike to Work Week; and for other purposes.

SR 207. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th, Harbison of the 15th, Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and congratulating Tom Price; and for other purposes.

SR 208. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and for other purposes.

SR 209. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 22, 2017, as Albany-Dougherty County Day at the state capitol and commending the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce; and for other purposes.

SR 210. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Senator Parent of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that the following resolution be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Judiciary and committed to the Senate Committee on Rules:

SR 167. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Sally Yates for her outstanding career in law and public service; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SR 167 was committed to the Senate Committee on Rules.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Tate of the 38th

Thompson of the 14th

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017  
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 41      Pharmacists and Pharmacies; durable medical equipment suppliers; provide for the licensure; definition; requirements; discipline and revocation (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)
- SB 87      Bankruptcy; judgments against exempt property; provide for the discharge (B&FI-23rd)
- SR 95      Sales and Use Tax; net proceeds; educational purposes; county school system; independent school systems; provide for distribution-CA (Substitute)(ED&Y-8th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 41.    By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the licensure of durable medical equipment suppliers; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure; to provide for discipline and revocation; to provide for inspections; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 41:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the licensure of durable medical equipment suppliers; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure;

to provide for discipline and revocation; to provide for inspections; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended in Code Section 26-4-5, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(14.05) 'Durable medical equipment' means equipment for which a prescription is required, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, and which:

- (A) Can withstand repeated use;
- (B) Has an expected life of at least three years;
- (C) Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;
- (D) Generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and
- (E) Is appropriate for use in the home."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 26-4-28, relating to the powers, duties, and authority of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(14.1) The issuance, suspension, denial, and renewal of licenses for suppliers of durable medical equipment pursuant to Code Section 26-4-51;"

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-4-51.

(a) Any person who supplies durable medical equipment to a consumer and submits a claim for reimbursement by a third party, either directly or through a contractual arrangement, shall possess a durable medical equipment supplier license issued by the board pursuant to this Code section.

(b) The board shall be authorized to issue a license to an applicant for licensure as a durable medical equipment supplier if the applicant:

- (1) Submits an application in the form prescribed by the board;
- (2) Maintains an office or place of business within this state;
- (3) Pays the license fee established by the board pursuant to paragraph (37) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-28; and
- (4) Meets all safety standards and requirements established by the board, including but not limited to the establishment of written procedures for:
  - (A) Ensuring that all personnel engaged in delivery, maintenance, and repair of durable medical equipment receives annual continuing education;

- (B) Instructing the patient or patient's caregiver on how to use the durable medical equipment provided;
  - (C) Receiving and responding to complaints from patients;
  - (D) Maintaining records of all patients receiving durable medical equipment; and
  - (E) Management, maintenance, and servicing of durable medical equipment.
- (c) Licenses issued pursuant to this Code section shall be effective for 36 months from the date of issuance and shall not be transferable or assignable.
- (d) The board may refuse to issue or renew, or may suspend, revoke, or restrict the licenses of, or fine any person pursuant to the procedures set forth in Code Section 26-4-60 for any of the grounds set forth in subsection (a) of such Code section or upon a finding that the applicant or licensee:
- (1) Has violated any state or federal law or regulation related to the provision of durable medical equipment; or
  - (2) Fails to meet the safety standards established by the board.
- (e) The board reserves the right to initially and periodically inspect the applicant's or licensee's office or place of business within this state. Such applicant or licensee shall be required to pay a reasonable and adequate fee established by the board pursuant to paragraph (37) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-28 to cover the cost of such inspections.
- (f) The following persons and entities shall be exempt from the requirements of this Code section unless any such person or entity has a separate company, corporation, or division that is in the business of supplying durable medical equipment to consumers and submits a claim for reimbursement by a third party:
- (1) Pharmacies and pharmacists;
  - (2) Hospitals;
  - (3) Ambulatory surgical centers;
  - (4) Health care facilities owned or operated by the state or federal government;
  - (5) Skilled nursing facilities;
  - (6) Assisted living facilities;
  - (7) Health care practitioners who:
    - (A) Provide durable medical equipment within the scope of practice of the health care practitioner's profession; and
    - (B) Are licensed in this state to practice the health care practitioner's profession;
  - (8) Suppliers of insulin infusion pumps and related supplies or services;
  - (9) Manufacturers or wholesale distributors that do not sell or rent durable medical equipment directly to consumers; and
  - (10) Renal dialysis providers licensed under Code Section 31-44-4.
- (g) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section. Such rules and regulations shall be established with the intent of ensuring patient safety and quality of durable medical equipment. The board may provide by rules and regulations that any person accredited by organizations recognized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is deemed to meet all or some of the requirements of this Code section. Further, the board shall be

authorized to require the completion of background checks, including, but not limited to, criminal history record checks, on any applicants or licensees, on any persons who will have direct contact with patients, and on any other licensee personnel deemed necessary for purposes of patient safety.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to restrict or prohibit the ability of a person or business to engage in a private transaction between two parties."

#### SECTION 4.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
E Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	N Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	E Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
E Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 8.

SB 41, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.



The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/14/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 41. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Lee Anderson  
District 24

SB 87. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to provide for the discharge of judgments against exempt property in bankruptcy; to provide for procedure; to provide for the effect of an order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	N Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
E Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SB 87, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SR 95. By Senators Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

#### A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for distribution of the net proceeds of a sales and use tax for educational purposes between a county school system and one or more independent school systems located in such county; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### SECTION 1.

Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (g) as follows:

"(g) The net proceeds of the tax shall be distributed to the school system or systems in which the tax is collected; provided, however, that if such a tax is simultaneously collected by a county school system and one or more participating independent school systems within such county, then the net proceeds of the tax shall be distributed between the county school ~~district~~ system and the participating independent school ~~districts~~ system or systems, or portion thereof, located in such county according to an agreement between the county school system and the independent school system or systems or, if no agreement can be reached, according to the ratio the student enrollment in each school ~~district~~ system, or portion thereof, bears to the total student enrollment of all school ~~districts~~ systems in the county ~~or upon such other formula for distribution as may be authorized by local law.~~ For purposes of this subparagraph, student enrollment shall be based on the latest FTE full-time equivalent count prior to the referendum on imposing the tax."

#### SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for distribution of a sales and use tax for education among all the school systems within a county?"  
( ) NO

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SR 95:

### A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county to call for a referendum for a sales and use tax for education; to provide that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### SECTION 1.

Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraphs (a) and (g) as follows:

"(a) The board of education of each school district in a county in which no independent school district is located may by resolution and the board of education of each county school district and the board of education of each independent school district located within such county may by concurrent resolutions impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes of such school districts conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the local taxing jurisdiction voting in a referendum thereon. In addition, when a county school district has one or more independent school districts located within such county, the school district or combination of school districts that has a majority of the students enrolled within the county, based on the latest full-time equivalent count, shall be authorized to call for a referendum to impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes of such school districts conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the county voting in a referendum thereon. This tax shall be at the rate of 1 percent and shall be imposed for a period of time not to exceed five years, but in all other respects, except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, shall

correspond to and be levied in the same manner as the tax provided for by Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the special county 1 percent sales and use tax, as now or hereafter amended. Proceedings for the reimposition of such tax shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax, but the newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect."

"(g) The net proceeds of the tax shall be distributed between the county school district and the independent school districts, or portion thereof, located in such county according to an agreement between the county school system and the independent school district or districts or, if no agreement can be reached, according to the ratio the student enrollment in each school district, or portion thereof, bears to the total student enrollment of all school districts in the county ~~or upon such other formula for distribution as may be authorized by local law.~~ For purposes of this subparagraph, student enrollment shall be based on the latest ~~FTE~~ full-time equivalent count prior to the referendum on imposing the tax."

## SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

- "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize a referendum for a sales and use tax for education by a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county and to provide that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution?"
- ( ) NO

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senators Heath and Unterman offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the substitute to SR 95 (LC 33 6843S) by deleting line 24 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

of the county voting in a referendum thereon; provided, however, that if the boundaries of an independent school district cross county lines, the provisions of this subparagraph (a) shall not apply. This tax shall be at the rate of 1 percent and

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Black of the 8th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Unterman of the 45th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
N Black	E James	N Seay
N Brass	N Jeffares	N Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	N Thompson, C
E Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
N Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 6, nays 46, and the Heath, Unterman amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senators Unterman of the 45th and Heath of the 31st offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to SR 95 (LC 33 6843S) by deleting line 24 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

of the county voting in a referendum thereon, provided that any independent school district has the option by resolution thereof to exclude itself from any such referendum, and if such option is exercised, no such tax shall be collected by the county school board within the limits of such independent school district. Further, if such county-wide referendum fails or an independent school district exercises its right to be excluded therefrom, each such independent school district is authorized to call for a referendum to impose, levy, and collect a sales and use tax for educational purposes within the limits of

such independent school district conditioned upon approval by a majority of the qualified voters residing within the limits of the independent school district voting in a referendum thereon. This tax shall be at the rate of 1 percent and

*By inserting after "tax" on line 32 "collected from a county-wide tax".*

*By deleting the quotation mark at the end of line 39 and inserting: "The net proceeds of any tax levied solely by an independent school district shall be retained by and used solely by such district."*

On the adoption of the amendment, the President ordered a roll call, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
N Black	E James	N Seay
N Brass	N Jeffares	N Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	Y Thompson, C
E Fort	N Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	N Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
N Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 5, nays 47, and the Unterman, Heath amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
E Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 47, nays 5.

SR 95, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 43. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending

June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 43. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:





<b>6.5</b>		<b>Judicial Qualifications Commission</b>							
6.5.2.	19.2	Reduce funds to reflect savings in personal services.	-	-	(20,000)	(20,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000) (40,000)
<b>Section 10: Supreme Court</b>									
<b>10.1</b>		<b>Supreme Court of Georgia</b>							
10.1.7.	29.7	Reduce funds to reflect actual mileage expenses. <i>[Administration]</i>	-	-	(28,000)	(28,000)	(14,000)	(14,000)	(14,000) (14,000)
<b>Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of</b>									
<b>12.9</b>		<b>Office of State Administrative Hearings</b>							
12.9.2.	43.2	Increase funds for the Georgia Tax Tribunal to cover operating expenses for the tax judge.	133,220	133,220	133,220	133,220	63,220	63,220	100,000 100,000
<b>Section 17: Community Health, Department of</b>									
<b>17.4</b>		<b>Health Care Access and Improvement</b>							
17.4.2.	86.2	Reduce funds for the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) grant program to account for unawarded grant funds. <i>(S:No)</i>	-	-	(210,000)	(210,000)	0	0	(85,000) (85,000)
<b>17.6</b>		<b>Indigent Care Trust Fund</b>							
17.6.2.	88.2	Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program to provide match for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for private deemed and non-deemed hospitals.	-	-	-	-	11,057,334	34,350,231	11,057,334 34,350,231
<b>17.7</b>		<b>Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled</b>							
17.7.8.	89.8	Transfer funds to the Indigent Care Trust Fund program to provide match for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments for private deemed and non-deemed hospitals.	-	-	-	-	(11,057,334)	(34,350,231)	(11,057,334) (34,350,231)

<b>Section 19: Corrections, Department of</b>										
<b>19.6</b>		<b>Offender Management</b>								
19.6.2.	111.2	Reduce funds for education incentives to meet projected need. <i>(CC:No)</i>	-	-	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)	0	0
<b>Section 23: Economic Development, Department of</b>										
<b>23.9</b>		<b>Tourism</b>								
23.9.3.	133.3	Increase funds for music promotion. <i>[Tourism, Marketing and Promotion]</i>	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
<b>Section 24: Education, Department of</b>										
<b>24.1</b>		<b>Agricultural Education</b>								
24.1.3.	134.3	Transfer funds from the Business and Finance Administration program to align budget to projected expenditures. <i>[Extended Day/Year] (S:Increase funds to align budget to projected expenditures.) (CC:Transfer funds from the Business and Finance Administration program to align budget to projected expenditures.)</i>	-	-	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
<b>24.2</b>		<b>Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants</b>								
24.2.1.	135.1	Reduce funds to meet projected expenditures. <i>[Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants]</i>	-	-	-	-	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)
<b>24.3</b>		<b>Business and Finance Administration</b>								
24.3.2.	136.2	Transfer funds to the Agricultural Education program to align budget to projected expenditures. <i>[Business and Finance Administration]</i>	-	-	(35,000)	(35,000)	0	0	(35,000)	(35,000)



<b>24.23</b>	24.23.2. 156.2	<b>Testing</b> Increase funds to contract with a nationally recognized vendor upon consultation with districts that have vetted assessments for reliability for currently available, research-based reading assessment tools to complement any local-approved reading program and provide summative and formative assessments which place the students into interactive instruction based on skill level and provide summative assessment conversion component and real-time data analysis for students, teachers, school leaders and parents on reading progress. <i>[State Mandated] (CC:Upon consultation with districts that have vetted assessments for reliability and using a competitive bidding process, increase funds for research-based reading and math assessment tools that provide real-time data analysis on progress.)</i>	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
<b>Section 28: Human Services, Department of</b>										
<b>28.15</b>	28.15.1. 188.1	<b>Out-of-Home Care</b> Increase funds for growth in out-of-home care utilization. <i>[RBWO (Room Board &amp; Watchful Oversight)]</i>	28,611,746	32,782,141	28,611,746	32,782,141	27,011,746	30,948,928	28,611,746	32,782,141

28.15.2.	188.2	Increase funds for Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) foster parent per diem rates by 57% effective April 1, 2017. <i>[Family Foster Care]</i> <i>(S:Increase funds for Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to fully fund an increase in foster parent per diem rates by 57 percent effective April 1, 2017.)(CC:No)</i>	-	-	974,712	974,712	2,574,712	2,574,712	0	0
28.15.3.	188.3	Provide funds to implement a \$1 per day increase for relative foster care providers effective April 1, 2017. <i>[Family Foster Care]</i> <i>(CC:No)</i>	-	-	746,243	746,243	746,243	746,243	0	0
28.15.4.	188.4	Coordinate with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Human Services to recommend and fund an increase in Child Placing Agencies (CPA) foster parent per diem rates. <i>[Family Foster Care]</i> <i>(S:Yes)(CC:Yes; Coordinate with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Human Services to recommend an increase in foster parent per diem rates.)</i>	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
<b>Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of</b>										
<b>31.2</b>		<b>Departmental Administration</b>								
31.2.5.	214.4	Reduce funds. <i>[Administration]</i> <i>(S:No)(CC:No)</i>	-	-	(50,000)	(50,000)	0	0	0	0



38.1.3.	238.3	Reduce funds to meet projected expenditures. <i>[Adolescent Health and Youth Development]</i>	-	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
<b>38.11</b>		<b>Office for Children and Families</b>								
38.11.1.	248.1	Reduce funds for personnel. <i>[Office for Children and Families]</i>	-	-	-	-	(628,263)	(628,263)	(628,263)	(628,263)
<b>38.12</b>		<b>Public Health Formula Grants to Counties</b>								
38.12.1.	249.1	Provide funds to establish the Fulton County Board of Health per HB 885 (2016 Session).	745,223	745,223	745,223	745,223	361,354	361,354	745,223	745,223
<b>Section 39: Public Safety, Department of</b>										
<b>39.5</b>		<b>Motor Carrier Compliance</b>								
39.5.4.	257.4	Provide one-time funds for the maintenance and repair of weigh stations for proper inspection and enforcement of commercial motor vehicles.	900,000	900,000	350,000	350,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000
<b>Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia</b>										
<b>41.21</b>		<b>Payments to Georgia Military College</b>								
41.21.2.	285.2	Provide one-time funds for facility major improvements and renovations at the Milledgeville campus.	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,282,435	2,282,435	480,000	480,000	480,000	480,000
41.21.3.	285.3	Increase funds for one-time funding towards the cost of annual upkeep at the Milledgeville campus. <i>(CC:Increase funds for upkeep at the Milledgeville campus.)</i>	-	-	-	-	1,368,503	1,368,503	1,493,848	1,493,848



<b>41.22</b>		<b>Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission</b>								
41.22.2.	286.2	Provide funds to develop a formative assessment for the kindergarten through third grade continuum of mathematics and reading skills in partnership with the Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement to support flexible grouping and competency-based education pilots.(S:Yes; Recognize funding for summative and formative assessments in the Department of Education Testing program.)(CC:No)	3,500,000	3,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Section 47: Transportation, Department of</b>										
<b>47.6</b>		<b>Intermodal</b>								
47.6.3.	334.3	Increase funds for airport aid. [Airport Aid] (CC:No)	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	0	0
<b>Section 50: General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund</b>										
<b>50.1</b>		<b>GO Bonds Issued</b>								
50.1.1.	347.1	Increase funds for debt service.(H & S:No)(CC:Yes)	73,677	73,677	0	0	0	0	1,845,525	1,845,525

Senator Hill of the 4th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 43.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
E Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 43.

Senator Hill of the 4th moved that HB 43 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 43 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Eighteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:14 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Albers of the 56th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 42. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Fleming of the 121st, Caldwell of the 131st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize election superintendents to correct mistakes and omissions on ballots for a primary or election; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 143. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Morris of the 156th, Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 119th and Hilton of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to financial institutions; to amend Code Section 13-1-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the charging of convenience fees by a lender or merchant, so as to allow for such fees on loans made pursuant to Chapter 1 of Title 7; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trusts, so as to revise a definition; to provide for the authority of a foreign entity to act in a fiduciary capacity; to prohibit the establishment of a place of business by a foreign entity acting as a fiduciary not transacting business in the state; to provide for a filing statement with the Secretary of State and appointment

of an agent for service by a foreign entity; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 169. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Charlton County, who also serves as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Charlton County, shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to recreate the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council under the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for definitions; to provide that all documents and data of the current Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council that is under the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources shall be transferred to the new council; to provide for appointment of members to the council, selection of a chairperson, and payment of certain expenses; to provide for availability of reports generated by the council; to provide for promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 284. By Representative Harden of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a merger of the independent school system of the City of Cordele and the school districts in the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said City, approved February 11, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2066), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4125), so as to change the compensation of members of the Crisp County Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 294. By Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Pirkle of the 155th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of education of Coffee County, approved March 10, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2441), as

amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5804), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 295. By Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th and Pirkle of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Douglas, approved March 10, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4022), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3776), so as to revise the provisions for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 296. By Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Pirkle of the 155th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Douglas to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 164. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th and Williams of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to prohibit certain insurers from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible amount greater than such charges imposed on a physician or an osteopath to an insured for services rendered by a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, or chiropractor; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

- SB 165. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to solid waste management, so as to impose liability on any producer of coal ash who disposes of such coal ash in this state in the event of a release; to provide for definitions; to require financial security and testing measures; to provide for causes of action; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

- SB 166. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to nurses, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Nurse Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to exercise certain powers with respect to the compact; to provide for general provisions and jurisdiction; to provide for a coordinated licensure information system and exchange of information between the party states; to provide for the establishment of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for an effective date, withdrawal, and amendment of the compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 167. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 27th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the amount of the homestead exemption allowable for disabled veterans and certain relatives; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- SB 168. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to extend the

persons and agencies permitted to access child abuse records by the department or a county or other state or local agency; to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Central Child Abuse Registry, so as to permit access to information in the child abuse registry to certain governmental entities investigating allegations of child abuse; to permit access to child abuse registry to certain child-placing entities conducting foster and adoptive parent background checks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 169. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 170. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Gooch of the 51st, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to provide for the certification of volunteers to provide child care services for foster children and their families; to provide for limited immunity; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment by the Department of Human Services of a uniform certification system including varying levels of certification; to provide for statutory construction; to establish the Georgia SERVES Act Advisory Committee and provide for its membership and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Judiciary.

SB 171. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to clarify

that exploding targets are fireworks that are subject to the permitting, contraband, and penalty provisions of said chapter; to provide for and revise definitions; to revise criminal penalties for a violation of said chapter by selling, using, exploding, or detonating exploding targets; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 172. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to provide for a refundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 173. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to captive insurance companies, so as to extensively revise certain provisions; to provide for change and revision of certain definitions; to provide for scope of provisions and lines of businesses a captive insurance company may engage to add an agency captive insurance company with certain restrictions; to change certificate of authority requirements; to provide for board of managers; to provide for captive corporate organization requirements making certain captives subject to Title 14; to provide for certain exemptions; to provide for exceptions, fees, and articles of incorporation requirements; to provide for powers and requirements by the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 174. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts, the Department of Community Supervision, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and enact reforms recommended by the



Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to amend Title 15 and Code Section 49-3-6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts and functions of a county or district department of family and children services; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17, Title 42, and Code Section 51-1-54 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, penal institutions, and the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 175. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to enact reforms relating to juvenile court proceedings recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to allow juvenile courts to impose certain conditions on parents, guardians, and legal custodians of children who are in need of services, delinquent, or involved in a court's community based risk reduction program; to provide for procedure; to change provisions relating to the detention of a delinquent child who has been determined to be incompetent to proceed in juvenile court proceedings; to provide for professional input as to the detention of a child who has been determined to be incompetent to proceed; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 176. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to enact reforms relating to driving privileges recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to change and provide for the procedure of issuing bench warrants for individuals charged with certain traffic, motorist, and road violations; to remove a barrier to obtaining a habitual violator probationary license; to change provisions relating to third and subsequent convictions under Code Section 40-6-391 involving controlled substances or marijuana; to change provisions relating to reinstatement of certain licenses under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 177. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to revise provisions of law regarding the use or possession of any handgun in a park, historic site, or recreational area; to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to carrying and possession of firearms; to amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to transportation passenger safety; to amend Title 27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to game and fish; to amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to parking for persons with disabilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 178. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that all meetings of caucuses of the General Assembly shall be open to the public; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 179. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the General Assembly, so as to provide that all votes by committees and subcommittees of the General Assembly and all floor votes in the Senate and House of Representatives are recorded; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 222. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Watson of the 1st, Williams of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 224. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Harper of the 7th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 227. By Senator Beach of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION recommending the Georgia congressional delegation to intercede with the United States Department of Transportation, and to initiate or support whatever federal legislative action may be necessary, to prevent loss of aviation fuel tax revenue use in Clayton County; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 228. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of certain state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

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lender or merchant, so as to allow for such fees on loans made pursuant to Chapter 1 of Title 7; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trusts, so as to revise a definition; to provide for the authority of a foreign entity to act in a fiduciary capacity; to prohibit the establishment of a place of business by a foreign entity acting as a fiduciary not transacting business in the state; to provide for a filing statement with the Secretary of State and appointment of an agent for service by a foreign entity; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 295. By Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Corbett of the 174th and Pirkle of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Douglas, approved March 10, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4022), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3776), so as to revise the provisions for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 296. By Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Pirkle of the 155th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Douglas to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 2            Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Dugan of the 30th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 106        Do Pass  
SB 125        Do Pass  
SB 137        Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 118        Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 49 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 272 Do Pass  
 SB 124 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 3 SB 117

Senator Harper of the 7th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Henson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Henson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Williams of the 27th asked unanimous consent that Senator Unterman of the 45th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Unterman was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Parent
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Payne
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Beach	Jackson, L	Seay
Black	Jeffares	Shafer
Brass	Jones, B	Sims

Burke	Jones, E	Stone
Butler	Jones, H	Tate
Cowsert	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kirk	Tillery
Dugan	Ligon	Tippins
Fort	Lucas	Walker
Ginn	Martin	Watson
Gooch	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harbin	Mullis	Williams, M
Harbison	Orrock	

Not answering were Senators:

Harper (Excused)	Henson (Excused)	Hufstetler
James (Excused)	Millar	Miller
Thompson, C. (Excused)	Unterman (Excused)	

Senator Millar of the 40th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th introduced the chaplain of the day, Bishop D. Michael Franklin of Demorest, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Hill of the 6th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Dana Neacsu.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th recognized February 15, 2017, as Georgia Farm Bureau Federation Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 82, adopted previously. President Gerald Long addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tippins of the 37th recognized Marietta City Schools for being named Georgia Charter System Innovator of the Year, commended by SR 178, adopted previously. Leigh Colburn addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd recognized Calhoun City Schools for being named the 2016 Charter System of the Year, commended by SR 179, adopted previously. Superintendent Dr. Michele Taylor addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Gooch of the 51st recognized Taylor Burrell, Miss Apple Capital 2017, commended by SR 183, adopted previously. Taylor Burrell addressed the Senate briefly.



Senator Gooch of the 51st recognized Chandler Sherry upon being named Miss Apple Capital's Outstanding Teen 2017, commended by SR 198, adopted previously. Chandler Sherry addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 213. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the annual Cordele-Crisp County Fish Fry and the Cordele City Commission, the Board of Commissioners of Crisp County, the Cordele/Crisp Industrial Development Authority, the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, and commending the Cordele-Crisp County Fish Fry cooking team; and for other purposes.

Senator Kirk of the 13th recognized the annual Cordele-Crisp County Fish Fry and the citizens of Cordele-Crisp County.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 212. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly, among other programs, that cultivate youth civic engagement; and for other purposes.

SR 214. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Preston Mixon on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 215. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Rome High School football team on winning the GHSA 5A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 216. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Thompson of the 14th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Kennesaw State University and recognizing February 16, 2017, as Kennesaw State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 217. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Brass of the 28th, Dugan of the 30th, Seay of the 34th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Pinewood Atlanta Studios; and for other purposes.

- SR 218. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Anderson of the 24th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending William Anderson Dilworth for his lifelong service within his community and state; and for other purposes.

- SR 219. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Thompson of the 14th, Millar of the 40th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bert's Big Adventure's 15 year anniversary; and for other purposes.

- SR 220. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the NAACP for its dedication to promoting civil and human rights; and for other purposes.

- SR 221. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Belisa Urbina, the founder of Ser Familia; and for other purposes.

- SR 223. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones of the 25th, Ginn of the 47th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION declaring February 22, 2017, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol and recognizing the restaurant industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 225. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Harper of the 7th, Black of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the McDuffie-Warren Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission's 2016 North Georgia Unit of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 226. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the winners of the David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest; and for other purposes.

Senator Butler of the 55th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

**SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wednesday February 15, 2017  
Eighteenth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 124 Parent of the 42nd

**CITY OF DECATUR**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to exempt the property and revenue bonds of the authority from taxation; to provide for the separate enactment of a certain provision of this Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 272 Dugan of the 30th

**VILLA RICA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
E Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/15/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Bruce Thompson  
District 14

Senator Dugan of the 30th moved that HB 272 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 272 was immediately transmitted.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017  
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 45        Invasions of Privacy; to film under or through a person's clothing; prohibit the use of a device (Substitute)(JUDY-20th)
- SB 46        Torts; space flight activities; provide facilitation; definitions; exceptions (Substitute)(S&T-3rd)
- SB 89        Transportation Department Officers; railways and railroad facilities and equipment; provide for state investment (Substitute)(TRANS-48th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 45.    By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Stone of the 23rd, Parent of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit the use of a device to film under or through a person's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 45:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit the use of a device to film under or through a person's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-11-91.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Device' means an instrument or apparatus used for observing, photographing, videotaping, recording, or transmitting visual images. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such term shall specifically include a camera, photographic equipment, video equipment, mobile phone, or other similar equipment.

(2) 'Intimate parts' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-6-22.1.

(3) 'Person' means an individual who is 16 years of age or older.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-90, it shall be unlawful for any individual to, knowingly and without the consent of the person observed, use or install a device for the purpose of surreptitiously observing, photographing, videotaping, filming, or video recording such person under or through such person's clothing, for the purpose of viewing the intimate parts of the body of or the undergarments worn by such person, under circumstances in which such person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, regardless of whether such act occurs in a public place.

(2) It shall be unlawful to disseminate any image or recording with knowledge that it was taken or obtained in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) Any individual convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years, a fine of not more than \$100,000.00, or both, or in the discretion of the court, as for a misdemeanor.

(d) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The activities of law enforcement and prosecution agencies in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses; or

(2) A retailer that surveils a customer changing room, provided that signage conspicuously warns customers of the retailer's surveillance.

(e) Any violation of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense and shall not merge with any other crimes set forth in this title."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 45, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/15/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 45. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

Senator Hill of the 4th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 46. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Thompson of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight

activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology offered the following substitute to SB 46:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended by adding a new article to Chapter 3, relating to liability of landowners and occupiers of land, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

51-3-41.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Crew member' means any employee of a space flight entity or any contractor or subcontractor of a space flight entity who performs activities directly relating to the launch, reentry, or other operation of or in a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle.

(2) 'Launch' means a placement or attempted placement of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft in a suborbital trajectory, in Earth orbit, or in outer space, including activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft for such placement or attempted placement.

(3) 'Launch vehicle' means any contrivance and its stages or components designed to operate or place a spacecraft in a suborbital trajectory, in Earth orbit, or in outer space.

(4) 'Local government' means a county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government of the State of Georgia.



(5) 'Local governmental unit' means a local government and any office, agency, department, commission, board, body, division, instrumentality, or institution thereof.

(6) 'Person' means an individual, proprietorship, corporation, firm, partnership, association, or other such entity.

(7) 'Reentry' means a return or attempt to return of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft from a suborbital trajectory, from Earth orbit, or from outer space to Earth, including activities involved in the recovery of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft.

(8) 'Reentry vehicle' means any contrivance and its stages or components designed to return from Earth orbit or outer space to Earth substantially intact. The term 'reentry vehicle' shall include a reusable launch vehicle.

(9) 'Reusable launch vehicle' means a launch vehicle that is designed to return to Earth substantially intact for use in more than one launch or that contains vehicle stages that may be recovered for future use in the operation of a substantially similar launch vehicle.

(10) 'Spacecraft' means any object and its components designed to be launched for operations in a suborbital trajectory, in Earth orbit, or in outer space, including, but not limited to, a satellite, a payload, an object carrying a crew member or space flight participant, and any subcomponents of the launch vehicle or reentry vehicle specifically designed or adapted for such object.

(11) 'Space flight activities' means activities and training in any phase of preparing for or undertaking space flight, including, but not limited to, the:

(A) Preparation of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, payload, spacecraft, crew member, or space flight participant for launch, space flight, or reentry;

(B) Conduct of the launch;

(C) Conduct occurring between the launch and reentry;

(D) Conduct of reentry and descent;

(E) Conduct of the landing;

(F) Conduct of post landing recovery of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, payload, spacecraft, crew member, or space flight participant; and

(G) Conduct of embarking or disembarking of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, payload, spacecraft, crew member, or space flight participant.

(12) 'Space flight entity' means:

(A) A person which conducts space flight activities and which, to the extent required by federal law, has obtained the appropriate Federal Aviation Administration license or other authorization, including any safety approval and a payload determination that may be required under federal law or the laws of the State of Georgia;

(B) A manufacturer or supplier of components, services, spacecrafts, launch vehicles, or reentry vehicles used in space flight activities;

(C) An employee, officer, director, owner, stockholder, member, manager, advisor, or partner of the entity, manufacturer, or supplier;

(D) An owner or lessor of real property on which space flight activities are

conducted;

(E) A state agency or local governmental unit with a contractual relationship with any person described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this paragraph; or

(F) A state agency or local governmental unit having jurisdiction in the territory in which space flight activities are conducted.

(13) 'Space flight participant' means an individual who:

(A) Is not a crew member; and

(B)(i) Is carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle; or

(ii) Has indicated a desire to be carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle as demonstrated by paying any deposit or fee required, if any, to be carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle or by participating in any training program or orientation session that may be required by a space flight entity.

(14) 'Space flight participant injury' means harm or damage sustained by a space flight participant, including bodily harm, emotional distress, death, disability, or any other loss.

(15) 'State agency' means any department, commission, or other institution of the executive branch of the government of the State of Georgia.

(16) 'This state' means the State of Georgia, all land and water over which it has either exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction, and the airspace above such land and water.

51-3-42.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a space flight entity shall not be civilly liable to or criminally responsible for any person for a space flight participant injury arising out of inherent risks associated with any space flight activities occurring in or originating from this state if the space flight participant has:

(1) Signed the warning and agreement required by Code Section 51-3-43; and

(2) Given written informed consent as may be required by 51 U.S.C. Section 50905 or other federal law.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall:

(1) Limit liability for a space flight participant injury:

(A) Proximately caused by the space flight entity's gross negligence for the safety of the space flight participant; or

(B) Intentionally caused by the space flight entity;

(2) Limit the liability of any space flight entity against any person other than a space flight participant who meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section;

(3) Limit liability for the breach of a contract for use of real property by a space flight entity; or

(4) Preclude an action by the federal government, the State of Georgia, or any state agency to enforce a valid statute or rule or regulation.

(c) The limitations on legal liability afforded to a space flight entity by the provisions

of this article shall be in addition to any other limitations of legal liability provided by federal law or the laws of this state.

51-3-43.

(a) A space flight participant shall sign a warning and agreement before participating in any space flight activity. Such warning and agreement shall be in writing and include the following language:

'WARNING AND AGREEMENT

UNDER GEORGIA LAW THERE IS NO LIABILITY FOR INJURY, DEATH, OR OTHER LOSS RESULTING FROM ANY INHERENT RISKS OF SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES. SUCH INHERENT RISKS OF SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, SICKNESS, PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND LOSS OF LIFE; EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES; ACCIDENTS, CONTACT, OR COLLISION WITH OTHER SPACE FLIGHT PARTICIPANTS, SPACE FLIGHT VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT; AND DANGERS ARISING FROM ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY SIGNING THIS WARNING AND AGREEMENT, I HAVE EXPRESSLY ACCEPTED AND ASSUMED ALL RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INJURY, DEATH, AND OTHER LOSS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE INHERENT RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT BY SIGNING THIS WARNING AND AGREEMENT, I HAVE EXPRESSLY WAIVED ALL CLAIMS OF MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNEES FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH, AND OTHER LOSS THAT MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES DUE TO THE INHERENT RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES.

FURTHER WARNING: DO NOT SIGN UNLESS YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS WARNING AND AGREEMENT.'

(b) The warning and agreement under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be considered effective and enforceable if it is:

- (1) In writing;
- (2) In a document separate from any other agreement between the space flight participant and the space flight entity other than a warning, consent, or assumption of risk statement required under federal law or under applicable laws of another state;
- (3) Printed in capital letters in not less than 10-point bold type;
- (4) Signed by the space flight participant;

(5) Signed by a competent witness; and

(6) Provided to the space flight participant at least 24 hours prior to such space flight participant's participation in any space flight activity.

(c) A warning and agreement that is in writing and signed by a space flight participant that is in compliance with the requirements of this Code section shall be considered effective and enforceable as to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assignees of the space flight participant with respect to a space flight entity's civil liability or criminal responsibility for a space flight participant injury to such space flight participant.

(d) A warning and agreement executed pursuant to this Code section shall not limit liability for a space flight participant injury:

(1) Proximately caused by the space flight entity's gross negligence evidencing willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the space flight participant; or

(2) Intentionally caused by a space flight entity.

(e) A warning and agreement executed in compliance with this Code section shall not be deemed unconscionable or against public policy.

51-3-44.

Any litigation, action, suit, or other arbitral, administrative, or judicial proceeding at law or equity against a space flight entity pertaining to space flight activities shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

SB 46, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 89. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers in the Department of Transportation, so as to provide for state investment in railways and railroad facilities and equipment; to provide that the commissioner of transportation may administer a Georgia Freight Railroad Program; to provide for subprograms within such program; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SB 89:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers in the Department of Transportation, so as to provide for state investment in railways and railroad facilities and equipment; to provide that the commissioner of transportation may administer a Georgia Freight Railroad Program; to provide for subprograms within such program; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Right Track Act."

**SECTION 2.**

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) There are 4,643 miles of main line railroad track in Georgia;
- (2) The State of Georgia owns approximately 1,012 miles of such track, with over 500 route miles operated under leases to various railroad companies;
- (3) There are 189 million tons of freight moved by rail in Georgia by 3.9 million rail cars originating in or traveling through this state;
- (4) The Department of Transportation developed its State Rail Plan in 2015 for the purpose of guiding the state's rail freight and passenger transportation planning through the year 2040;
- (5) The expansion of the Port of Savannah will place significantly more traffic on the rails and roads of this state by 2040;
- (6) The 2015 Rail Plan estimates that total highway freight truck travel demand will grow by 41 percent by 2040;
- (7) Additional freight rail capacity will be needed to provide highway traffic congestion relief;
- (8) The promotion and enhancement of rail safety will require funding for the public grade crossing improvement program;
- (9) Railroad facilities will need substantial improvement and maintenance to ensure safe travel on the roads and highways of this state;
- (10) The state notes that shippers need increased rail access and service to existing and prospective new businesses and industries within this state, which could decrease overall shipping costs, better optimize the state's rail network, and remove more trucks from tax maintained roads;
- (11) The Georgia Freight Rail program would increase safety and reduce the number of trucks on state maintained highways, while providing Georgia businesses safe access to national and international markets via this state's rail networks, including state owned railroad facilities and ports;
- (12) This Georgia Freight Railroad Program is designed to enhance the state's investment in eligible freight rail projects and is not intended to supplant current funding;
- (13) Rail has particularly important impacts on rural areas, as agricultural, manufacturing, and local industries connect with global and national marketplaces; and
- (14) It is in this state's public interest that a safe, balanced, and efficient transportation system is consistently improved upon, developed, and maintained.

**SECTION 3.**

Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers in the Department of Transportation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-2-41.3.

- (a) The Georgia Freight Railroad Program shall be administered, subject to

appropriations, at the discretion of the commissioner, in order to enhance the state's investment in freight rail projects for public benefit and to support a safe and balanced transportation system for the state.

(b) The Georgia Freight Railroad Program shall be composed of three subprograms as follows:

(1) The Rail Enhancement Plan shall acquire, lease, or improve railways or railroad equipment, including rail crossings, rolling stock, rights of way, or rail facilities;

(2) The Rail Preservation Plan shall acquire, lease, or improve short line railways or assist other appropriate entities to acquire, lease, or improve short line railways; and

(3) The Rail Industrial Plan shall build, construct, restructure, or improve industrial access to railroad tracks and related facilities.

(c) In administering the program, the commissioner shall make every effort to balance such program among all regions of this state and among the various applicants.

(d) Following the end of each fiscal year, the commissioner, or his or her appointee, shall submit an annual report on the activities of the Georgia Freight Railroad Program to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall make such report available to the members of the General Assembly.

(e) Nothing authorized by this Code section shall violate the gratuities clause."

**SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery

Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	E Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 89, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, February 16, 2017  
Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:04 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Hill of the 4th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication from His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, was received by the Secretary:

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

February 15, 2017

The Honorable Judson Hill  
3102 Raines Court  
Marietta, Georgia 30062

Dear Senator Hill:

Thank you for the service you have rendered as District 32 Senator in the Georgia State Senate. I appreciate you taking the time to apprise me of your resignation, effective February 13, 2017.

Your resignation as a member of the Georgia State Senate is hereby accepted, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Once again, thank you for your service to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nathan Deal

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 61. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, Meadows of the 5th, Abrams of the 89th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition of tax, rates, and collection, so as to require certain retailers to either collect and remit sales and use taxes or provide certain notifications to each purchaser and the state; to define a term; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 117. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Kelley of the 16th, Corbett of the 174th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes, so as to exclude from the definition of retail sales certain voluntary contributions for admission; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 139. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Powell of the 171st, Beskin of the 54th, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to provide transparency of financial information of local school systems and schools to the greatest extent practicable; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for accessibility to certain financial data of a local board of education; to provide for school level budget and expenditure data; to require local school systems and schools to provide certain information on their websites; to provide for certain data and reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 185. By Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Willard of the 51st, Hitchens of the 161st, Golick of the 40th and Belton of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-9-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment, compensation, term, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate probate court judges, so as to change provisions relating to the practice of law outside of serving as an associate probate court judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 195. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Gardner of the 57th, Oliver of the 82nd and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to allow certain for profit corporations to participate in the indirect ownership of a home for the mentally disabled for primarily financing purposes; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 180. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- SB 181. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change a certain definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 182. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Administrative Services, so as to define certain terms; to create the Division of Supplier Diversity; to provide for appointment of a director; to create the position of minority and women owned business enterprises state-wide advocate; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties; to provide for provisions for state contracts; to provide for a state-wide disparity study; to provide for contents; to provide for the structure of procurement contracts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for the implementation of rules and regulations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

- SB 183. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th and Miller of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for powers of the authority; to allow for the indefinite collection of tolls in certain instances; to provide for letting of contracts by competitive bids; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

- SB 184. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office of Planning and Budget, so as to establish the Integrated Population Health Data Project; to create a governing board and provide for its membership and terms; to provide for oversight of the project; to provide for board responsibilities; to provide for reporting; to provide for funding; to provide for data sharing; to provide for immunity; to provide for open records and meetings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

- SB 185. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Millar of the 40th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th and Tate of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-7-131 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to proceedings upon a plea of insanity or mental incompetency at the time of a crime, so as to change the standard of proof when a defendant pleads guilty but mentally retarded; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 186. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Millar of the 40th, Brass of the 28th, Sims of the 12th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to clarify language relating to the effect of dual credit courses on HOPE scholarship and grant applicability; to provide that students who earned a high school diploma through certain dual credit coursework are eligible for a HOPE grant toward an associate degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 187. By Senators James of the 35th, Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-3-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assessments against lot owners as constituting lien in favor of association, additional charges against lot owners,

procedure for foreclosing lien, and obligation to provide statement of amounts due, so as to set forth conditions for the foreclosure of liens; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 188. By Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to require each local board of education to adopt a policy prohibiting school personnel from taking certain actions in regards to a parent or guardian placing, or not placing, a student on psychotropic medication; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SR 229. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 4th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Bleckley, Cherokee, Douglas, Evans, Glynn, Hall, Laurens, Rockdale, Upson, and Walton Counties; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

SR 230. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Minority Business Participation in State Contracts; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SR 238. By Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Electroshock Therapy Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 49	Do Pass
HB 176	Do Pass
SR 205	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Wilkinson of the 50th District, Chairman



Mr. President:

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 134      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 133      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 127      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 128      Do Pass  
SR 152      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 149      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 2              SB 49              SB 106              SB 118              SB 125              SB 137

Senator James of the 35th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, H	Parent
Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Payne
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Rhett
Beach	Jackson, L	Seay
Black	Jeffares	Shafer
Brass	Jones, B	Sims
Burke	Jones, E	Stone
Butler	Jones, H	Tate
Cowsert	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kirk	Tillery
Dugan	Ligon	Tippins
Fort	Martin	Unterman
Gooch	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Millar	Watson
Harbison	Miller	Wilkinson
Harper	Mullis	Williams, M
Heath	Orrock	

Not answering were Senators:

Ginn	Henson	James (Excused)
Lucas	Thompson, C.	

Senator Thompson of the 5th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Gooch of the 51st introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Michael Rodgers of Dahlonga, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Kirk of the 13th recognized the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth. Dr. John Oester and Executive Director Sherrie Williams addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Henson of the 41st recognized March 7, 2017, as New Americans Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 137, adopted previously. Frances McBrayer addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Miller of the 49th recognized the Georgia Science Teachers Association, commended by SR 60, adopted previously. Former President Brian Butler addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones of the 25th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Eddie Richardson, Jr.

Senator Anderson of the 24th recognized the Harlem High School softball team on winning the 2016 GHSA Class AA State Championship, commended by SR 111, adopted previously. Lexi Mays addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tippins of the 37th recognized Kennesaw State University and recognizing February 16, 2017, as Kennesaw State University Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 216, adopted previously. President Sam Olens addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harbin of the 16th recognized Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), commended by SR 161, adopted previously. Dean Linda Kirk Fox addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harbin of the 16th recognized Pinewood Atlanta Studios, commended by SR 217, adopted previously. Brian Cooper addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd recognized the Rome High School football team on winning the GHSA 5A State Football Championship, commended by SR 215, adopted previously. Head Coach John Reid addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 231. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th and Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION commending Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and recognizing March 14, 2017, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 232. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Davenport of the 44th, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Grady Jarrett; and for other purposes.

- SR 233. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Annette P. Walker on February 21, 2017, on Female Veterans Legislative Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 234. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Jil Hinds for her outstanding service with the American armed forces and recognizing February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 235. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Alisa Clark for her outstanding service with the American armed forces and recognizing February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 236. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Ruth Wade-Taylor for her outstanding service with the American armed forces and recognizing February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 237. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harbison of the 15th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Tincie Marie Lynch for her outstanding public service with the American armed forces and recognizing February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Senator Hill of the 6th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017  
NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 15 Crimes and Offenses; weapons carry license; add to the category of former law enforcement officers (Substitute)(JUDY-33rd)
- SB 16 Low THC Oil; definition; provisions relating to conditions eligible for use; change (Substitute)(H&HS-1st)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 15. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Henson of the 41st, Harper of the 7th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so as to add to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a weapons carry license without the payment of certain fees; to provide conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SB 15:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so as to add to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a weapons carry license without the payment of certain fees; to provide conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, is amended by revising subsection (h) as follows:

"(h)(1) **Licenses for former law enforcement officers.** Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 16-11-130, any person who has served as a law enforcement officer for at least ~~ten~~:

(A) Ten of the 12 years immediately preceding the retirement of such person as a law enforcement officer; or

(B) Ten years and left such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty; and

retired or left such employment in good standing with a state or federal certifying agency and receives benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided for under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state authority, federal, private sector, individual, or educational institution retirement system or program shall be entitled to be issued a weapons carry license as provided for in this Code section without the payment of any of the fees provided for in this Code section.

(2) Such person as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall comply with all the other provisions of this Code section relative to the issuance of such licenses, including, but not limited to the requirements under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section. Any person seeking to be issued a license pursuant to this subsection shall state his or her qualifications for eligibility under this subsection on his or her application under oath as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

(3) As used in this subsection, the term 'law enforcement officer' means any peace officer who is employed by the United States government or by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof and who is required by the terms of his or her employment, whether by election or appointment, to give his or her full time to the preservation of public order or the protection of life and property or the prevention of crime. Such term shall include conservation rangers."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay

Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 15, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/16/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 15. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr.  
District 26

SB 16. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 16:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil, is amended by revising Code Section 16-12-190, relating to the definition of low THC oil, as follows:

"16-12-190.

As used in this article, the term 'low THC oil' means an oil that contains an amount of cannabidiol and not more than  $\frac{5}{3}$  percent by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination of tetrahydrocannabinol and tetrahydrocannabinolic acid which does not contain plant material exhibiting the external morphological features of the plant of the genus Cannabis."

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, is amended in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) by deleting "or" at the end of subparagraph (G), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of subparagraph (H), and by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(I) Autism spectrum disorder, when such diagnosis is made for a patient 18 years of age or older, or severe autism, as determined by the treating physician, when a patient is less than 18 years of age."

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senator Brass of the 28th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the committee substitute to SB 16 (LC 37 2331S) by striking after the word "disorder" remainder of line 24 and lines 25 and 26.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 15, nays 32, and the Brass amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.



Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Heath of the 31st, Stone of the 23rd, Tippins of the 37th, Mullis of the 53rd, and others offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 16 (LC 37 2331S) by deleting line 14 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

cannabidiol and not more than ~~5~~ 1 percent by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol,

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 13, nays 34, and the Ligon, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Henson of the 41st and Brass of the 28th offered the following amendment #3:

*Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute to SB 16 (LC 37 2331S) by replacing lines 1 through 4 with the following:*

To amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, so as to

*By deleting lines 9 through 18 and redesignating Section 3 as Section 2.*

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Henson of the 41st called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
N Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	N Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	N Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Harbin	N McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	Y Miller	N Wilkinson
N Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 21, nays 32, and the Martin, et al. amendment #3 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
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N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 12.

SB 16, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 16, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator John Albers to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Ethics Committee meeting on February 16, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 17, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Friday, February 17, 2017  
Twentieth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:11 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 1. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stephens of the 164th, Corbett of the 174th, Setzler of the 35th, Jones of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 73. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 171st, Meadows of the 5th, Shaw of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts; to provide for definitions; to delineate

procedures, conditions, eligibility, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of economic development, and the revenue commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 125. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st, Williams of the 168th, Gordon of the 163rd and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to create an exemption for certain tangible personal property sold or used to maintain, refit, or repair a boat during a single event to the extent that the aggregate value of such property exceeds \$500,000.00; to provide definitions; to provide for related rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 160. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Coomer of the 14th, Shaw of the 176th, Smyre of the 135th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mass transportation, so as to create the Georgia Commission on Transit Governance and Funding; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the commission; to provide for a report and proposal by the commission; to provide for assignment of the commission to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes; to provide for cooperation of other government entities with the commission; to provide for other services to the commission; to provide for compensation and expenses; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 198. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 43rd, Newton of the 123rd, Gardner of the 57th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on influenza and its vaccine whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 214. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Smith of the 134th, Reeves of the 34th, Coomer of the 14th, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to forgery and related offenses, so to provide consistent punishment for the unlawful manufacture, sale, or distribution of a proof of insurance document and the issuing of fake or counterfeit insurance identification cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 231. By Representatives Broadrick of the 4th, Hawkins of the 27th and Gravley of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions relating to Schedules I, II, IV, and V controlled substances; to change certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drug; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 255. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the composition and election of the Board of Education of Emanuel County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3741), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 189. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Stone of the 23rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, so as to change provisions relating to the legal defense of indigents; to change and clarify provisions relating to the authority and responsibilities of the Georgia Public Defender Council and its director; to authorize the creation of more divisions within the council; to clarify the obligation of the council and circuit public defender offices in representing

individuals and providing services; to change provisions relating to the circuit public defender supervisory panel; to provide for reporting of certain information; to provide a method for an alternative delivery system to become a circuit public defender office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 190. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to transfer intake services of the Juvenile Court of Newton County to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Code Section 15-11-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 191. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd, Watson of the 1st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12, 22, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, eminent domain, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines in this state; to provide for the issuance of certain permits by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for appeals of the decision of the director; to require certain notices; to provide for the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to place conditions on the use of eminent domain for construction, expansion, and extension of petroleum pipelines; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

SB 192. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Stone of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of district attorneys, sheriffs, coroners, tax commissioners, and clerks of superior court; to provide for the qualifying for such offices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 193. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Burke of the 11th, Thompson of the 14th and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, so as to revise the program mission and practice; to remove certain references to medically indigent women; to revise the definition of contract management agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 194. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and Harbin of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to garnishment proceedings, so as to change the maximum part of disposable earnings subject to garnishment and conform the form used therewith; to clarify various provisions; to change provisions relating to serving the defendant; to change provisions relating to the introduction of evidence and how judgments are paid; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 195. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Tillery of the 19th, Heath of the 31st, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to provide for notice from employers that receive benefits from the state and then move facilities or operations from the state; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 196. By Senator Black of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, so as to change a certain provision relating to the chairperson of the board of trustees of such retirement system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.



SB 197. By Senator Black of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to change a certain provision relating to the chairperson of the board of trustees of such retirement system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 198. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jones of the 10th and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 7-3-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited false advertising relative to industrial loans, so as to prohibit persons engaged in the business of making industrial loans from issuing payment instruments which create a loan contract upon redemption, unless a previous contract has been entered into between the two parties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SB 199. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd and Hill of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for the recognition and regulation of professional employer organizations operating in the State of Georgia; to provide for applicability of Chapter 8 of Title 34, the "Employment Security Law"; to provide for certain powers, duties, and authority of the Commissioner of Labor and the Department of Labor; to express the authority of the Commissioner of Insurance to enforce Chapter 23 of Title 33; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to provide for inspections; to change certain Code sections for purposes of conformity; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 200. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide

for synchronizing patients' chronic medications; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 201. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions to take leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 202. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd and James of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 240. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Berrong family and dedicating a bridge in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 243. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Tyler Perry and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 42      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Burke of the 11th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 8        Do Pass by substitute  
 SB 96       Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 95	Do Pass by substitute	SB 130	Do Pass by substitute
SB 131	Do Pass	SB 132	Do Pass by substitute
SB 148	Do Pass	SB 159	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 109       Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 140	Do Pass	SB 141	Do Pass
SB 147	Do Pass	SR 224	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 195      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 130      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Thompson of the 14th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 191	Do Pass	HB 219	Do Pass
HB 282	Do Pass	HB 294	Do Pass
HB 295	Do Pass	HB 296	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The President received the Appointments of the Governor that require Senate confirmation and referred them to the Committee on Assignments.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the Senate  
**From:** David Cook  
**Date:** February 17, 2017  
**Re:** Governor's Appointments

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-3.1, I am notifying the Senate that the appointments made by the Governor that require Senate confirmation have been received and referred to the Committee on Assignments. They are attached for your review. The Committee on Assignments will report its recommendations to the Senate after which the Senate may proceed to consider confirmation.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Nathan Deal  
Governor

February 15, 2017

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334



Dear Governor Cagle:

Attached is the list of appointments to various boards, commission, authorities, and other entities requiring Senate confirmation. The list is submitted pursuant to Senate Rules 3-3.1, et seq. If we can provide you with any additional information to assist your office in the confirmation process, please let us know.

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nathan Deal  
Governor of Georgia

The Honorable William Bowen of Tift County, as a member of the State Board of Funeral Service, for the term of office beginning 2/13/2016, and ending 2/13/2022.

The Honorable Wendy Johnson of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2011, and ending 6/30/2016.

The Honorable Dale Mayfield of Fayette County, as a member of the Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 8/1/2011, and ending 8/1/2016.

The Honorable Lisa Colbert of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2015, and ending 7/6/2020.

The Honorable Tracey Blalock of Houston County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2017.

The Honorable Rafael Salazar of Richmond County, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapists, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2014, and ending 12/31/2018.

The Honorable Lurue Lord of Bulloch County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2014, and ending 3/16/2018.

The Honorable Diane Drake of Butts County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2016, and ending 3/16/2020.

The Honorable Dave Meldrum of Fulton County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2016, and ending 3/16/2020.

The Honorable James Scott of Tift County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, for the term of office beginning 1/31/2012, and ending 1/31/2018.

The Honorable Jeff Porter of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, for the term of office beginning 1/31/2014, and ending 1/31/2020.

The Honorable Bob Reynolds of Fulton County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2015, and ending 3/16/2019.

The Honorable Stephen Burton of Brooks County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2011, and ending 8/14/2016.

The Honorable Larry "Bo" Benton of Jones County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2015, and ending 8/14/2020.

The Honorable Roy Cates of Wilkes County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2020, and ending 8/14/2020.

The Honorable Charles Gay of Floyd County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2020, and ending 8/14/2020.

The Honorable Rossie Ross of Stewart County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2020, and ending 8/14/2020.

The Honorable Patricia Ross of Houston County, as a member of the Veterans Service Board, for the term of office beginning 4/1/2016, and ending 4/1/2023.

The Honorable Russell Crutchfield of Coweta County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2017.

The Honorable Pat Burd of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, for the term of office beginning 3/15/2016, and ending 3/15/2022.

The Honorable Arthur "Mid" Ramsey of Clarke County, as a member of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, for the term of office beginning 3/15/2016, and ending 3/15/2022.

The Honorable Glen Morris of Richmond County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/31/2013, and ending 3/31/2017.

The Honorable Anna "Miki" Thomaston of Wayne County, as a member of the At Large Representative on the Board of Natural Resources, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2016, and ending 3/16/2023.

The Honorable Dennis Chastain of Gwinnett County, as a member of the At Large Representative on the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2011, and ending 7/1/2016.

The Honorable John "Jay" Neely III of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2011, and ending 7/1/2016.

The Honorable Jarrett McIntosh of Fulton County, as a member of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Seth Millican of Cobb County, as a member of the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission, for the term of office beginning 12/20/2013, and ending 12/20/2017.

The Honorable Robert Alpert of Butts County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for the term of office beginning 8/20/2015, and ending 8/20/2020.

The Honorable Kim Hembree of Carroll County, as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Analysts, for the term of office beginning 8/17/2015, and ending 8/17/2019.

The Honorable Kenny Green of McDuffie County, as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Analysts, for the term of office beginning 8/17/2015, and ending 8/17/2019.

The Honorable David Wren of Lee County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for the term of office beginning 8/20/2015, and ending 8/20/2020.

The Honorable Laura Marsh of Bulloch County, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2013, and ending 1/1/2020.

The Honorable Mitch Rodriguez of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Public Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable James Curran of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Public Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Robert Harshman of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Public Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Rick Muggridge of Lee County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Thomas Coleman of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Kelly Stewart of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Angie Holt of Houston County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Willie Bolton of Clarke County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Dick Yarbrough of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Jacqueline Bunn of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2009, and ending 12/31/2016.

The Honorable Ellice Martin of Clinch County, as a member of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Jean Sumner of Johnson County, as a member of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Lauren Eckman of Bibb County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable John "Jay" Neely III of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Dennis Chastain of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Allen Gudenrath of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Eric Johnson of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Wendy Johnson of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2021.

The Honorable Bart Gobeil of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, for the term of office beginning 12/15/2011, and ending 12/15/2016.

The Honorable Carolyn Crayton of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Vann Parrott of Brooks County, as a member of the State Board of Education, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2013, and ending 1/1/2020.

The Honorable Fred Stephens of White County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Elaine Snow of Floyd County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Amanda Miliner of Houston County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Christy Van Meter of Columbia County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Shan Cooper of Cobb County, as a member of the Technical College System of Georgia Board, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2015, and ending 6/30/2020.

The Honorable Julia Skinner of Fulton County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2012, and ending 12/31/2017.

The Honorable Lillie Crowe of Greene County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2015, and ending 1/1/2020.

The Honorable Linda Most of Lowndes County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2015, and ending 12/31/2020.

The Honorable Judith Dryer of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2014, and ending 12/31/2019.

The Honorable Leon Grant of Cobb County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Emily Watson of Colquitt County, as a member of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2015, and ending 6/30/2019.

The Honorable Gretchen Collins of DeKalb County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable Scott Bohlke of Bulloch County, as a member of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, for the term of office beginning 10/6/2015, and ending 10/6/2021.

The Honorable Carolyn Hill of Glynn County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/29/2015, and ending 12/29/2018.

The Honorable Barbara Baxter of Cherokee County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/29/2018, and ending 12/29/2018.

The Honorable Kerry Smith of Habersham County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/29/2015, and ending 12/29/2018.

The Honorable Richard Weil of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable Connie Jee of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office beginning 9/29/2015, and ending 9/29/2018.

The Honorable Travis Stegall of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office beginning 9/29/2015, and ending 9/29/2018.

The Honorable Dare Domico of Gwinnett County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/28/2015, and ending 12/29/2018.

The Honorable Terry Cook of Telfair County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 6/4/2016, and ending 6/4/2019.

The Honorable Mark Chastain of Gilmer County, as a member of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the term of office beginning 6/1/2016, and ending 6/1/2021.

The Honorable Daniel DeLoach of Chatham County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable Ashley Addison of Bryan County, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020.

The Honorable Craig Smith of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020.

The Honorable James Martin of Hart County, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020.

The Honorable Penny Penn of Forsyth County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021.

The Honorable Chris Clark of Forsyth County, as a member of the Board of Corrections, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Mike Coggins of Echols County, as a member of the Board of Corrections, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2013, and ending 1/1/2018.

The Honorable Jody Whisenant of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of Optometry, for the term of office beginning 9/6/2016, and ending 9/6/2019.

The Honorable Gerald Prchal of Dougherty County, as a member of the State Board of Optometry, for the term of office beginning 9/6/2016, and ending 9/6/2019.

The Honorable Dale Mayfield of Fayette County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 8/1/2016, and ending 8/1/2021.

The Honorable John "Bart" Mitcham of Bartow County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable J. Tripp Mitchell of Carroll County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable John Villines of White County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable Timothy Williams of Fayette County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Scott Woodward of Coweta County, as a member of the State Board of Used Car Dealers and Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2015, and ending 6/30/2019.

The Honorable Kim Hagen of Carroll County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2016, and ending 8/14/2021.

The Honorable Stephen Burton of Brooks County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2016, and ending 8/14/2021.

The Honorable Carole Pacheco of Chatham County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 8/9/2016, and ending 8/9/2021.

The Honorable Janice Wittschiebe of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 3/5/2016, and ending 3/5/2021.

The Honorable Wesley Langdale of Lowndes County, as a member of the Georgia Forestry Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2023.



The Honorable Tony Biello of Cobb County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable Allana Cummings of Hall County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Norman Boyd of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Roger Folsom of Laurens County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Steve Gautney of Dooly County, as a member of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, for the term of office beginning 10/6/2012, and ending 10/6/2018.

The Honorable Susan Watts of Glynn County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Andrew Pace of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 1/17/2014, and ending 1/17/2019.

The Honorable Isiah Hill of Cobb County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Rodney Green of Bulloch County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Anne Thompson of Chatham County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018.

The Honorable James Valbrun of Douglas County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Rebecca Cummiskey of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, for the term of office beginning 12/15/2014, and ending 12/15/2019.

The Honorable Taylor Haley of Glynn County, as a member of the State Personnel Board, for the term of office beginning 1/3/2015, and ending 1/3/2020.

The Honorable Rob Joseph of Fulton County, as a member of the State Personnel Board, for the term of office beginning 1/3/2016, and ending 1/3/2021.

The Honorable Glianny Fagundo of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Personnel Board, for the term of office beginning 1/3/2014, and ending 1/3/2019.

The Honorable Cindy Rampley of Meriwether County, as a member of the Georgia Real Estate Commission, for the term of office beginning 1/25/2013, and ending 1/25/2018.

The Honorable Lee Cavender of Forsyth County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Car Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2014, and ending 6/30/2018.

The Honorable Jason Reaves of Bibb County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Car Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020.

The Honorable Tiena Fletcher of Peach County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2018.

The Honorable Monica Walters of Lamar County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2018.

The Honorable Randy Smith of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2017.

The Honorable Judy Brownell of Hall County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Jack Williams of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Scott Johnson of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019.

The Honorable Janice Izlar of Chatham County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office beginning 9/23/2016, and ending 9/23/2019.

The Honorable Indran Krishnan of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, for the term of office beginning 10/6/2016, and ending 10/6/2022.

The Honorable WD Strickland of Pierce County, as a member of the Board of Corrections, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021.

The Honorable Craig Knowles of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020.

The Honorable Monty Strickland of Cobb County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018.

The Honorable Stefanie Palma of Lumpkin County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018.

The Honorable Reid Lawson of Franklin County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018.

The Honorable Chad Whitefield of Floyd County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018.

The Honorable Jesse Crews of Charlton County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2019.

The Honorable Brittany Myers of Clayton County, as a member of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Honorable Jacqueline Bunn of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office ending 12/31/2023.

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 49	HB 127	HB 176	SB 128	SB 133	SB 134
SR 149	SR 152	SR 205			

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the call of the roll be dispensed with. The consent was granted, and the roll call was dispensed with.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Martin of the 9th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Randy Rainwater of Lawrenceville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Burke of the 11th recognized physicians who have completed the "Scholarship Program" (formerly known as the Country Doctor Program), through the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, commended by SR 117, adopted previously.

Dr. Jason NeSmith addressed the Senate briefly and served as the doctor of the day.

Senator Brass of the 28th recognized the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (GFRW) for its 60th year of continued service supporting objectives and policies of the Georgia Republican Party and the National Federation of Republican Women and working for the election of Republican nominees, commended by SR 200, adopted previously. Barbara Hickey addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Stone of the 23rd recognized February 11-18, 2017, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the capitol, commended by SR 196, adopted previously. Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association President Rhonda Eubanks addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 239. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and for other purposes.

SR 241. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia AIDS Coalition; and for other purposes.

SR 242. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Black of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at the University of Georgia on the occasion of its 90th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 244. By Senator Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia High School Fencing League; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

James of the 35th

Millar of the 40th

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Friday February 17, 2017  
Twentieth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 219 Brass of the 28th

#### **COWETA COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Coweta County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 282 Burke of the 11th

#### **GRADY COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for the County of Grady, approved December 22, 1937 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess. p. 837), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the board; to remove the board's authority to fix the salary of the chairperson; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone

Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017  
TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 2        "The FAST Act - Fairness, Accountability, Simplification, and Transparency - Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed" (Substitute)(ED&T-30th)
- SB 3        "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; enact (Substitute)(ED&Y-37th)
- SB 117     Georgia Technology Authority; definition of the term "agency"; change; establishment of certain policies and standards used by all agencies; provide (S&T-9th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 2.        By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36, Chapter 1 of Title 43, and Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions applicable

to counties and municipal corporations, general provisions regarding professions and businesses, and state government, respectively, so as to enhance accountability and notice requirements for agency rule making so as to reduce regulatory burdens on businesses; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to SB 2:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36, Chapter 1 of Title 43, and Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, general provisions regarding professions and businesses, and state government, respectively, so as to modify the imposition of regulations on businesses and professions at the state and local levels; to provide for definitions; to provide for schedules of fees and timelines for permits, licenses, and other regulatory requirements; to provide for reduced fees when such deadlines are not met; to provide for expedited processing of licenses and permits; to provide for certain transferred professional licenses; to provide for exceptions; to streamline the collection of personal information; to provide for notices and timing for certain regulatory inspections; to provide for the development of a ready for partnership certification for each county and municipality by the Department of Community Affairs; to revise the procedure by which a state agency modifies its rules; to change the vote requirement for legislative objections to proposed rule making; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "FAST Act - Fairness, Accountability, Simplification, and Transparency - Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"36-60-27.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Administrative fee' means a component of an occupation tax which approximates the reasonable cost of handling and processing the occupation tax.

(2) 'Occupation tax' means a tax levied on persons, partnerships, corporations, or

other entities for engaging in an occupation, profession, or business and enacted by a local government as a revenue-raising ordinance or resolution.

(3) 'Regulatory fee' means payments, whether designated as license fees, permit fees, or by another name, which are required by a local government as an exercise of its police power and as a part of or as an aid to regulation of an occupation, profession, or business other than occupation taxes and administrative fees.

(4) 'Regulatory requirement' means an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation that affects an occupation, a profession, or the establishment or operation of a business.

(b) Each county or municipality which imposes regulatory fees or regulatory requirements within its jurisdiction shall establish a schedule of such regulatory fees and regulatory requirements within its jurisdiction which shall include timelines necessary for processing completed applications and a list of all documentation related to such regulatory requirements.

(c)(1) Upon receipt of any application related to regulatory requirements that necessitates a regulatory fee, a county or municipality shall require the applicant to pay 50 percent of regulatory fees due.

(2) Each county or municipality shall notify each applicant upon receipt and verification that an application is complete.

(3) Whenever the county or municipality does not meet an established deadline for processing a completed application, the regulatory fees associated with such deadline shall be reduced by 10 percent of the original fee for each ten days that the county or municipality fails to meet its established deadline.

(4)(A) Upon approval of an application, each county or municipality shall notify and inform the applicant of the amount of regulatory fees due, reduced by the amount, if any, required by paragraph (3) of this subsection, and shall require payment of such fees due prior to the issuance of any license, certificate, or permit.

(B) If the amount of regulatory fees due has been reduced by more than 50 percent of the original fee, such county or municipality shall issue the license, certificate, or permit along with any refund of regulatory fees due to the applicant.

(5) Any delay in the processing of an application outside the control of the county or municipality that is processing the application and that is directly caused by or attributable to a natural disaster, a state of emergency, or a mandated federal or state agency review or approval shall not count toward days for the purposes of this subsection; provided, however, that the possibility of such delay is included in the schedule required pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Each county or municipality which imposes regulatory requirements shall establish an expedited licensing and permitting process which will give priority processing for such licenses or permits for which the county or municipality is authorized to charge an additional fee in an amount not to exceed two times the regulatory fee for the license or permit for which the applicant is requesting expedited processing. The expedited licensing and permitting process shall remain subject to the conditions imposed by subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) Each county or municipality in this state shall annually review its activities which



require the collection of personal information and determine whether such information could be shared with or acquired from other agencies of government rather than requiring licensed or regulated individuals or entities to provide such information to multiple agencies.

(f) This Code section shall not apply to any proprietary function of a county or municipality.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to create a private cause of action in any person or entity other than the applicant for the license or permit.

(h) To the extent, if any, that a provision of this Code section prevents a county or municipality from receiving federal funds, such provision shall not apply."

### SECTION 3.

Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding professions and businesses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-8, which was previously reserved, as follows:

"43-1-8.

(a)(1) Each professional licensing board established pursuant to this title shall, not later than January 1, 2018, or six months after the creation of such board, whichever is later, establish provisions for the issuance of transferred licenses to individuals whose legal residence is located in this state who have been licensed for such profession in another state whose criteria for licensing has been determined by such board to meet or exceed the qualifications for licensing in this state; provided, however, that, if a professional licensing board promulgates by rule that the issuance of such transferred licenses would pose a significant danger to the life, health, or safety of the public, then the board shall not be required to issue such transferred licenses.

(2) A transferred license shall not be issued to an individual whose comparable license was ever suspended or revoked.

(b) Each professional licensing board established pursuant to this title shall, not later than January 1, 2018, or six months after the creation of such board, whichever is later, review its activities which require the collection of personal information and determine whether such information could be shared with or acquired from other government agencies rather than requiring licensed or regulated individuals and businesses to provide such information to multiple agencies.

(c)(1) Effective January 1, 2018, each professional licensing board which engages in site visits for the purpose of verifying compliance with its rules and regulations by licensees shall only make such site visits after providing reasonable notice to the licensee of the date and time of such site visit. When possible, such site visits shall be scheduled during nonpeak hours of the licensee to minimize disruption of the licensee's business.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, surprise visits or inspections related to health, safety, or welfare may continue unabated.

(d) During each interaction with a licensee, each professional licensing board shall offer to provide information on how such licensee can participate in the rule-making

processes of the board and how to request waivers or variances from related rules and regulations, if any are available.

(e) To the extent, if any, that a provision of this Code section prevents a professional licensing board from receiving federal funds, such provision shall not apply. Reserved."

#### SECTION 4.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended in Chapter 1, relating to general provisions regarding state government, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-1-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Regulatory fee' means payments, whether designated as license fees, permit fees, or by another name, which are required by a state agency as a part of or as an aid to regulation of an occupation, profession, or business.

(2) 'Regulatory requirement' means an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation that affects an occupation, a profession, or the establishment or operation of a business.

(3) 'State agency' means every state department, agency, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, and authority.

(b) Each state agency which imposes regulatory fees or regulatory requirements within its jurisdiction shall establish a schedule of such regulatory fees and regulatory requirements which shall include timelines necessary for processing completed applications and a list of all documentation related to such regulatory requirements.

(c)(1) Upon receipt of any application related to regulatory requirements that necessitates a regulatory fee, a state agency shall require the applicant to pay 50 percent of regulatory fees due.

(2) Each state agency shall notify each applicant upon receipt and verification that an application is complete.

(3) Whenever the state agency does not meet an established deadline for processing a completed application, the regulatory fees associated with such deadline shall be reduced by 10 percent of the original fee for each ten days that the state agency fails to meet its established deadline.

(4)(A) Upon approval of an application, each state agency shall notify and inform the applicant of the amount of regulatory fees due, reduced by the amount, if any, required by paragraph (3) of this subsection, and shall require payment of such fees due prior to the issuance of any license, certificate, or permit.

(B) If the amount of regulatory fees due has been reduced by more than 50 percent of the original fee, such state agency shall issue the license, certificate, or permit along with any refund of regulatory fees due to the applicant.

(5) Any delay in the processing of an application outside the control of the state agency that is processing the application and that is directly caused by or attributable to a natural disaster, a state of emergency, a mandated federal review or approval, or another state agency's review or approval shall not count toward days for the purposes

of this subsection; provided, however, that the possibility of such delay is included in the schedule required pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Each state agency which imposes regulatory requirements shall establish an expedited licensing and permitting process which will give priority processing for such licenses or permits for which the state agency is authorized to charge an additional fee in an amount not to exceed two times the regulatory fee for the license or permit for which the applicant is requesting expedited processing. The expedited licensing and permitting process shall remain subject to the conditions imposed by subsection (c) of this Code section.

(e) Each state agency shall annually review its activities which require the collection of personal information and determine whether such information could be shared with or acquired from other agencies of government rather than requiring licensed or regulated individuals or entities to provide such information to multiple agencies.

(f)(1) Effective January 1, 2018, each state agency which engages in site visits for the purpose of verifying compliance with its rules and regulations by licensees shall only make such site visits after providing reasonable notice to the licensee of the date and time of such site visit. When possible, such site visits shall be scheduled during nonpeak hours of the licensee to minimize disruption of the licensee's business.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, surprise visits or inspections related to health, safety, or welfare may continue unabated.

(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be applicable to the licensing and permitting duties of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources under Chapter 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, or 14 of Title 12 or to the responsibilities of the Environmental Protection Division for licensing and permitting or other delegated duties under the federal Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, or any other federal statute or regulation, or contract or agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(h) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to create a private cause of action in any person or entity other than the applicant for the license or permit.

(i) During each interaction with a licensee, each professional licensing board shall offer to provide information on how such licensee can participate in the rule-making processes of the board and how to request waivers or variances from related rules and regulations, if any are available.

(j) To the extent, if any, that a provision of this Code section prevents a state agency from receiving federal funds, such provision shall not apply."

## **SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended in Chapter 8, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, by adding a new article to read as follows:

### "ARTICLE 13

50-8-300.

(a) The Department of Community Affairs shall establish a voluntary certification

program for each county and municipality in this state that shall be known as Ready for Partnership Georgia.

(b)(1) There shall be a council created to establish metrics in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section for certifying counties and municipalities as Ready for Partnership Georgia certified and to provide for a process of review, renewal, and revocation of such certifications.

(2) Such council shall be chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, who shall be a voting member, and shall be composed of 12 additional members as follows:

(A) Three members to be appointed by the Governor;

(B) Three members to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(C) Three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(D) One member to be recommended by the Georgia Municipal Association and approved by the Governor;

(E) One member to be recommended by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and approved by the Governor; and

(F) One member to be recommended by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and approved by the Governor.

(c) The certification shall be based upon metrics which shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Licensing and permitting fees charged by the county or municipality;

(2) The time required by the county or municipality to process applications for licenses and permits and other regulatory requirements for businesses and professions in the county or municipality;

(3) The manner by which dispute resolution over such licensing, permitting, and regulatory requirements is handled;

(4) The consolidation of forms and documents to avoid repetitive or duplicative requests for information; and

(5) Other items which are determined by the council to be relevant to the development of such certification."

### **SECTION 6.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-13-4, relating to procedural requirements for adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules, emergency rules, limitation on action to contest rule, and legislative override, by revising subsections (a) and (f) as follows:

"(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule, other than interpretive rules or general statements of policy, the agency shall:

(1) Give at least 30 days' notice of its ~~intended action~~ intent to modify its rules. The notice shall include an exact copy of the proposed ~~rule~~ modification to its rules and a synopsis of the proposed ~~rule~~ modification to its rules. The synopsis shall be distributed with and in the same manner as the proposed ~~rule~~ modification to its rules. The synopsis shall contain a statement of the purpose and the main features of the

~~proposed rule, and, in the case of a proposed amendatory rule, the synopsis also shall indicate~~ modification to its rules, and, when applicable, the differences between the existing rule and the proposed rule. The notice shall also include the exact date on which the agency shall consider the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the rule and shall include the time and place in order that interested persons may present their views thereon. The notice shall also contain a citation to and concise explanation of the statutory authority pursuant to which the rule is proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal and, if the proposal is an amendment or repeal of an existing rule, the rule modification to the rules shall be clearly identified. The notice shall also include a certification that such proposed modification to its rules has been reviewed by the Attorney General and that the Attorney General has found such proposed modification to be within the agency's statutory authority to adopt. The notice shall be mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list which shall be maintained by the agency for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings and who have tendered the actual cost of such mailing as from time to time estimated by the agency. Such notice shall also be published on the agency's web page and sent to each individual or entity regulated by the agency by e-mail to the extent the agency has a record of a valid e-mail address for such individual or entity;

(1.1) Prepare an economic impact analysis for each proposed modification to its rules that would affect revenue for or require expenditures by the state or a local government which shall state the name and title of the officer or employee responsible for its preparation or approval and which shall state for each year of the first five years that the proposed rule would be in effect:

(A) The additional estimated costs to the state and to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rules as modified;

(B) The estimated reduction in costs to the state and to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rules as modified;

(C) The estimated loss or increase in revenue to the state or to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rules as modified; and

(D) If applicable, that enforcement or administration of the rules as modified would not have foreseeable implications relating to costs or revenues of the state or local governments;

(1.2) Prepare a note about public benefits and costs showing the name and title of the officer or employee responsible for preparing or approving the note and stating for each year of the first five years that the proposed modification to its rules would be in effect:

(A) The public benefits expected as a result of the modification of its rules; and

(B) The probable economic costs to persons required to comply with the rules as modified;

(2) Afford to all interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the case of substantive rules, opportunity for oral hearing must be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by

the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members. The agency shall consider fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed rule. Upon adoption of a rule, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption;

(3) In the formulation and adoption of any rule which will have an economic impact on businesses in the state, reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses which are independently owned and operated, are not dominant in their field, and employ 100 employees or less by implementing one or more of the following actions when it is legal and feasible in meeting the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule:

(A) Establish differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables for small businesses;

(B) Clarify, consolidate, or simplify the compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for small businesses;

(C) Establish performance rather than design standards for small businesses; or

(D) Exempt small businesses from any or all requirements of the rules; and

(4) In the formulation and adoption of any rule, an agency shall choose an alternative that does not impose excessive regulatory costs on any regulated person or entity which costs could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the stated objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule."

"(f)(1) In the event a standing committee to which a notice is assigned as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section files an objection which has been approved by a majority vote of such committee to a proposed rule prior to its adoption and the agency adopts the proposed rule over the objection, the rule may be considered by the branch of the General Assembly whose committee objected to its adoption by the introduction of a resolution for the purpose of overriding the rule at any time within the first 30 days of the next regular session of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of any agency which adopts a proposed rule over such objection so to notify the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the Senate and House committees to which the rule was referred, and the legislative counsel within ten days after the adoption of the rule. In the event the resolution is adopted by such branch of the General Assembly, it shall be immediately transmitted to the other branch of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the other branch of the General Assembly to have such branch, within five days after the receipt of the resolution, to consider the resolution for the purpose of overriding the rule. In the event the resolution is adopted by ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the votes of each branch of the General Assembly, the rule shall be void on the day after the adoption of the resolution by the second branch of the General Assembly. ~~In the event the resolution is ratified by less than two-thirds of the votes of either branch, the resolution shall be submitted to the Governor for his or her approval or veto. In~~

~~the event of his or her veto, the rule shall remain in effect. In the event of his or her approval, the rule shall be void on the day after the date of his or her approval.~~

(2) In the event each standing committee to which a notice is assigned as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section files an objection to a proposed rule prior to its adoption by a two-thirds' vote of the members of the committee who were voting members on the tenth day of the current session, after having given public notice of the time, place, and purpose of such vote at least 48 hours in advance, as well as the opportunity for members of the public including the promulgating agency, to have a reasonable time to comment on the proposed committee action at the hearing, the effectiveness of such rule shall be stayed until the next legislative session at which time the rule may be considered by the General Assembly by the introduction of a resolution in either branch of the General Assembly for the purpose of overriding the rule at any time within the first 30 days of the next regular session of the General Assembly. In the event the resolution is adopted by the branch of the General Assembly in which it was introduced, it shall be immediately transmitted to the other branch of the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the other branch of the General Assembly to have such branch, within five days after the receipt of the resolution, to consider the resolution for the purpose of overriding the rule. In the event the resolution is adopted by ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of the votes of each branch of the General Assembly, the rule shall be void on the day after the adoption of the resolution by the second branch of the General Assembly. ~~In the event the resolution is ratified by less than two-thirds of the votes of either branch, the resolution shall be submitted to the Governor for his or her approval or veto. In the event of his or her veto, the rule shall remain in effect. In the event of his or her approval, the rule shall be void on the day after the date of his or her approval.~~ If after the thirtieth legislative day of the legislative session of which the challenged rule was to be considered the General Assembly has not considered an override of the challenged rule pursuant to this subsection, the rule shall then immediately take effect."

#### **SECTION 7.**

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

Senators Jones of the 10th and Dugan of the 30th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 2 (LC 43 0566S) by:

On line 180, strike to word "licensee" and replace with words "regulated entity"; strike the words "professional licensing board and replace with the words "state agency"

On line 181, strike the word "licensee" and replace with the words "regulated entity"

On line 182, strike the word "board" and replace with the words "State Agency"

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Jones of the 10th, Dugan amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 2, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Cowsert of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for



industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 3:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-145.1, relating to career education, as follows:

"20-2-145.1.

The State Board of Education shall prescribe a minimum course of study in career education for students in grades ~~kindergarten~~ six through 12. Such minimum course of study shall be age appropriate and shall include, but not be limited to, ~~career awareness,~~ career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences. Career oriented learning experiences shall include, but not be limited to, participation in work based learning programs such as internships, apprenticeships, cooperative education, or employability skill development. The State Board of Education shall ensure that career oriented learning experiences include rigorous industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, if such rigorous industry credentialing has been created or endorsed by Georgia employers."

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-159.1, relating to focused programs of study, as follows:

"20-2-159.1.

(a) The No later than July 1, 2013, the Department of Education shall develop, and the State Board of Education shall approve, state models and industry required content standards, after consultation with industries in Georgia and in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia to ensure alignment with postsecondary opportunities, for the following focused programs of study, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- (2) Architecture and construction;
- (3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
- (4) Business, management, and administration;
- (5) Education and training;
- (6) Finance;
- (7) Health science;
- (8) Hospitality and tourism;
- (9) Human services;
- (10) Information technology;
- (11) Law, public safety, and security;
- (12) Manufacturing;
- (13) Government and public administration;
- (14) Marketing, sales, and service;
- (15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; ~~and~~
- (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics; and
- (17) Energy.

Such focused programs of study may be combined around these and other related clusters.

(b) The focused programs of study established pursuant to this Code section may include or be revised to include industry certifications or industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, pertinent to any such focused program of study. After consultation with employers and industries in Georgia, the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia shall jointly establish a list of industry credentials that are required by Georgia employers. Such list shall be made available on the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia websites. Such list shall be annually reviewed and updated as appropriate and made available prior to the beginning of the annual competitive grant application process provided for in subsection (j) of Code Section 20-2-260."

#### **SECTION 4.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-159.4, relating to policies and guidelines for awarding units of high school credit based on demonstrated proficiency, as follows:

"(c) The state board shall identify assessments, including various commercial assessments, for immediate use for students to demonstrate subject area competency,

which may include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Advanced placement exams;
- (2) ACT course assessment;
- (3) Industry-specific certificates and ~~credentials~~ industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, for career, technical, and agricultural education courses;
- (4) College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams; and
- (5) Nationally recognized foreign language performance assessments.

The state board shall establish a process for reviewing and approving performance based assessments developed commercially, by the state, or by a local school system. Initially, the state board shall limit the number of credits earned through such educational options to three credits per student until the practice is proven to yield student outcomes at least equivalent to those found in standard seat-time courses. The policy shall ensure that credit for demonstrated proficiency is reported on student transcripts in the same way that seat-time credit is recorded. The state board shall review such policy after three years to determine if student outcomes from these educational options are equivalent to, if not better than, student outcomes in traditional courses."

#### **SECTION 5.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161.2, relating to work based learning programs, as follows:

"(b) Any student aged ~~16~~ 15 or over in any public school in this state may enroll in a work based learning program which is offered at that public school and which is approved for secondary credit by the department. Such student shall be granted release time from the public school to work as a student learner for any business or governmental enterprise which is approved by the local work based learning coordinator as a qualified employer pursuant to this Code section and work based learning program guidelines established by the department. A student shall receive secondary credit for such work based learning only under the conditions established by the department. The department is authorized to establish work based learning programs and guidelines to assist local school systems in operating such programs and to promulgate such policies, standards, procedures, criteria, and administrative requirements as may be necessary to implement the program by rules and regulations. The work based learning programs established pursuant to this Code section may include, but not be limited to, employability skill development, ~~service-learning~~, cooperative education, internships, and youth apprenticeships. The department shall collaborate with the Department of Labor and the Technical College System of Georgia in developing such policies and procedures. The department's work based learning programs shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) A detailed training agreement and training plan between employer and student that identifies specific work tasks that will develop workplace competency;
- (2) A minimum of one unit of credit in a career pathway course related to the work based learning placement;

- (3) A minimum number of hours of on-the-job training as required in the department's guidelines for awarding secondary credit;
- (4) On-site evaluation of the student's performance;
- (5) Training remediation as necessary at the school site;
- (6) A broad range of skills but shall be focused on skills related to the student's career pathway;
- (7) Development of materials by the business, industry, and labor community in conjunction with the department to promote the awareness of work based learning opportunities for high school students and encourage recruitment; and
- (8) Structural linkage between secondary and postsecondary components of the program leading to the awarding of a high school diploma and a postsecondary credential, which may include industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, related to the student's career pathway."

#### SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) and by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) and subsections (j) and (k) of Code Section 20-2-260, relating to capital outlay funds generally, as follows:

"(5) 'Educational facilities' shall include buildings, fixtures, and equipment necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the program of public education required by this article, which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include classrooms, libraries, rooms and space for physical education, space for fine arts, restrooms, specialized laboratories, cafeterias, media centers, building equipment, building fixtures, furnishings, career, technical, and agricultural education labs and facilities to support industry credentialing, related exterior facilities, landscaping and paving, and similar items which the State Board of Education may determine necessary. The following facilities are specifically excluded: swimming pools, tracks, stadiums, and other facilities or portions of facilities used primarily for athletic competition and the central and area administrative offices of local units of administration."

"(8.1) 'Industry credentialing' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 20-2-326."

"(5) To develop a state-wide needs assessment for purposes of planning and developing policies, anticipating state-wide needs for educational facilities, and providing assistance to local school systems in developing educational facilities plans. The state-wide needs assessment shall be developed from, among other sources, vital statistics published by the Department of Public Health, census data published by the Bureau of the Census, local school system educational facilities and real property inventories, educational facilities surveys, full-time equivalent student projection research, and educational facilities construction plans; shall reflect circumstances where rapid population growth is caused by factors not reflected in full-time equivalent student projection research; and shall give priority to elementary school construction. In addition, the state board shall develop a consistent, systematic

research approach to full-time equivalent student projections which will be used in the development of needs within each local unit. Projections shall not be confined to full-time equivalent resident students but shall be based on full-time equivalent student counts which include full-time equivalent nonresident students, whether or not such full-time equivalent nonresident students attend school pursuant to a contract between local school systems and shall also account for properties owned by the Technical College System of Georgia for the purposes of a college and career academy. The full-time equivalent projection shall be calculated in accordance with subsection (m) of this Code section. The survey team will use such projections in determining the improvements needed for the five-year planning period. The state board shall also develop schedules for allowable square footage and cost per square foot and review these schedules annually. The cost estimate for each recommended improvement included in the plan shall be based on these schedules. Any increase in cost or square footage for a project beyond that allowed by state board schedules for such projects shall be the responsibility of the local school system and shall not count toward present or future required local participation. The schedules for allowable square footage and cost per square foot shall be specified in regulations by the State Board of Education;"

"(j) The State Board of Education shall establish an annual competitive grant program for renovation, modernization, replacement, or purchase of equipment for the enhancement of programs that are currently certified or in the process of achieving industry certification in educational facilities that align with industry credentials on the list developed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-159.1 or have been (1) linked to an occupation that addresses a critical local or state-wide workforce need, (2) linked to an occupation that is identified as part of the skilled trade industry, or (3) linked to an occupation that is identified in an emerging field or technology. The State Board of Education in awarding grants shall give priority to local programs that demonstrate local industry support and postsecondary partnerships that are linked to the verified industry need. Reserved.

(k) The State Board of Education shall request separate appropriations for each of the following categories:

- (1) Regular entitlements pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section;
- (2) Regular advance funding projects pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (h) of this Code section;
- (3) Construction projects resulting from the consolidation of schools across local school system lines pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (h) of this Code section;
- (4) Construction projects resulting from merger of local school systems pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-291 or by agreement between two or more local school systems; and
- (5) Advance funding projects for consolidation or reorganization of schools pursuant to subsection (i) of this Code section; and
- (6) Equipment grants to enhance industry credentialing pursuant to subsection (j) of this Code section."

**SECTION 7.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-326, relating to definitions relative to the "Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy Act," as follows:

"20-2-326.

For purposes of this part, the term:

(1) 'Articulation' means agreement between a high school and a postsecondary institution regarding the awarding of both secondary and postsecondary credit for a dual enrollment course.

(2) 'Choice technical high school' means a high school, other than the high school to which a student is assigned by virtue of his or her residence and attendance zone, which is designed to prepare a high school student for postsecondary education and for employment in a career field. A choice technical high school may be operated by a local school system or a technical school or college. A choice technical high school may also be operated as a charter school under a governance board composed of parents, employers, and representatives from the local board of education.

(3) 'Chronically low-performing high school' means a public high school in this state that has a graduation rate of less than 60 percent for three consecutive years, as determined in accordance with methodology established by the National Governors Association's Compact on High School Graduation Data, or that has received an unacceptable rating for three consecutive years, as defined by the Office of Student Achievement.

(4) 'College and career academy' means a specialized school established as a charter school or pursuant to a contract for a strategic waivers school system or charter system, which formalizes a partnership that demonstrates a collaboration between business, industry, and community stakeholders to advance work force development between one or more local boards of education, a private individual, a private organization, or a state or local public entity in cooperation with one or more postsecondary institutions.

(5) 'Focused program of study' means a rigorous academic core combined with a focus in mathematics and science; a focus in humanities, fine arts, and foreign language; or a coherent sequence of career pathway courses that is aligned with graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and content standards established pursuant to Part 2 of this article that prepares a student for postsecondary education or immediate employment after high school graduation.

(6) 'Graduation plan' means a student specific plan developed in accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327 detailing the courses necessary for a high school student to graduate from high school and to successfully transition to postsecondary education and the work force.

(7) 'Industry certification' means a process of program evaluation that ensures that individual programs meet state, national, or international industry standards in the areas of curriculum, teacher qualification, lab specifications, equipment, and industry involvement.

(7.1) 'Industry credentialing' means a process through which students are assessed by an independent third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies, resulting in the award of individual certification or state licensure or an occupational competency that is state, nationally, or internationally recognized.

(8) 'Public college or university' means a two-year or four-year college, university, or other institution under the auspices of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

(9) 'Small learning community' means an autonomous or semiautonomous small learning environment within a large high school which is made up of a subset of students and teachers for a two-year, three-year, or four-year period. The goal of a small learning community is to achieve greater personalization of learning with each community led by a principal or instructional leader. A small learning community blends academic studies around a broad career or academic theme where teachers have common planning time to connect teacher assignments and assessments to college and career readiness standards. Students voluntarily apply for enrollment in a small learning community but must be accepted, and such enrollment must be approved by the student's parent or guardian. A small learning community also includes a college and career academy organized around a specific career theme which integrates academic and career instruction, provides work based learning opportunities, and prepares students for postsecondary education and employment, with support through partnerships with local employers, community organizations, and postsecondary institutions.

(10) 'Teacher adviser system' means a system where an individual professional educator in the school assists a small group of students and their parents or guardians throughout the students' high school careers to set postsecondary goals and help them prepare programs of study, utilizing assessments and other data to track academic progress on a regular basis; communicates frequently with parents or guardians; and provides advisement, support, and encouragement as needed.

(11) 'Technical school or college' means a ~~school~~, college, institution, or other branch of the Technical College System of Georgia."

## **SECTION 8.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327, relating to recognition of advanced proficiency/honors courses and counseling and development of individual graduation plans, as follows:

"(c) Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades shall be provided counseling, advisement, career awareness, career interest and career demand inventories, and information to assist them in evaluating their academic skills and career interests. Before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade, students shall develop an individual graduation plan in consultation with their parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians to serve as their designee. High school students shall be provided guidance, advisement, and

counseling annually that will enable them to successfully complete their individual graduation plans, preparing them for a seamless transition to postsecondary study, further training, or employment, including information regarding occupations, degrees, industry credentials, certifications, and technical skills; work-ready skills in demand by Georgia employers through the department's career pipeline website; and other career related inventories made available through the Technical College System of Georgia or the Office of Student Achievement. An individual graduation plan shall:

- (1) Include rigorous academic core subjects and focused ~~course-work~~ coursework in mathematics and science or in humanities, fine arts, and foreign language or sequenced career pathway ~~course-work~~ coursework;
- (2) Incorporate provisions of a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), where applicable;
- (3) Align educational and broad career goals and a student's course of study;
- (4) Be based on the student's selected academic and career focus area as approved by the student's parent or guardian;
- (5) Include experience based, career oriented learning experiences which may include, but not be limited to, participation in work based learning programs such as internships, apprenticeships, cooperative education, ~~service-learning~~, and employability skill development;
- (6) Include any applicable industry credentialing that pertains to the student's focused program of study;
- ~~(6)~~(7) Include opportunities for postsecondary studies through articulation, dual enrollment, and joint enrollment;
- ~~(7)~~(8) Be flexible to allow change in the course of study but be sufficiently structured to meet graduation requirements and qualify the student for admission to postsecondary education; and
- ~~(8)~~(9) Be approved by the student and the student's parent or guardian with guidance from the student's school counselor or teacher adviser.

An individual graduation plan shall be reviewed annually, and revised, if appropriate, upon approval by the student and the student's parent or guardian with guidance from the student's school counselor or teacher adviser. An individual graduation plan may be changed at any time throughout a student's high school career upon approval by the student and the student's parent or guardian with guidance from the student's school counselor or teacher adviser."

#### **SECTION 9.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-327.1.

(a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, shall facilitate and encourage industry credentialing for career, technical, and agricultural education programs utilizing existing career pathways and individual graduation plans. Further, local school systems are authorized and encouraged to align competency based career education, along with enhanced work based learning



experiences, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.2, to facilitate and make available to students opportunities to receive industry credentialing in critical and emerging occupations in Georgia.

(b) No later than December 31, 2017, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall produce a report identifying the industry credentialing attainment levels for the previous calendar year. Such report shall include the current and projected regional business and industry needs for the purpose of establishing annual goals and strategies to increase attainment rates of industry credentialing, including the development of additional industry credentials to enhance current industry certified programs."

### SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-328, relating to a competitive grant program, as follows:

"20-2-328.

(a) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education shall establish a competitive grant program for local school systems to implement school reform measures in selected high schools. The state board shall establish program requirements in accordance with the provisions of this Code section and shall establish grant criteria, which shall ~~include that priority~~ encourage alignment with industry credentialing, including postsecondary partnerships between the Technical College System of Georgia and college and career academies and other career, technical, and agricultural education programs in high schools. Priority for reform grants shall be given to chronically low-performing high schools in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section or to high schools enhancing career, technical, and agricultural education programs to allow for greater attainment of industry credentialing in accordance with subsection (b.1) of this Code section.

(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall develop an evidence based model program for chronically low-performing high schools receiving a reform grant pursuant to this Code section for addressing at-risk students, which shall include various programs and curricula that have proven to be effective for at-risk students focusing on:

- (A) Identification of students at risk for being poorly prepared for the next grade level or for dropping out of school;
- (B) Strengthening retention of ninth grade students in school and reducing high failure rates;
- (C) Improving more students' performances to grade level standards in reading and mathematics by the end of ninth grade;
- (D) Assisting students and their parents or guardians in setting an outcome career and educational goal and identifying a focused program of study to achieve such goal; and
- (E) Assisting students in learning and applying study skills, coping skills, and other habits that produce successful students and adults.

(2) The at-risk model program shall include:

- (A) Diagnostic assessments to identify strengths and weaknesses in the core academic areas;
  - (B) A process for identifying at-risk students, closely monitored by the Department of Education in collaboration with local school systems to ensure that students are being properly identified and provided timely, appropriate guidance and assistance and to ensure that no group is disproportionately represented; and
  - (C) An evaluation component in each high school to ensure the programs are providing students an opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma.
- (3) The at-risk model program may include various components designed to result in more students facilitating a successful start in high school and passing ninth grade such as:
- (A) Utilizing a flexible schedule that increases students' time in core language arts/reading and mathematics studies designed to eliminate academic deficiencies;
  - (B) Maintaining a student-teacher ratio in ninth grade that is no higher than any other grade level ratio in high school;
  - (C) Utilizing experienced and effective teachers as leaders for teacher teams in ninth grade to improve instructional planning, delivery, and reteaching strategies;
  - (D) Assigning students to a teacher mentor who will meet with them frequently to provide planned lessons on study skills and other habits of success that help students become independent learners and who will help them receive the assistance they need to successfully pass ninth grade; and
  - (E) Including ninth grade career courses which incorporate a series of miniprojects throughout the school year that require the application of ninth grade level reading, mathematics, and science skills to complete while students learn to use a range of technology and help students explore a range of educational and career options that will assist them in formulating post high school goals and give them a reason to stay in school and work toward achieving their stated goals.
- (b.1) The State Board of Education shall develop criteria for reform grants for high schools that enhance career, technical, and agricultural education programs to allow for greater attainment of industry credentialing including postsecondary partnerships between the Technical College System of Georgia and college and career academies and other career, technical, and agricultural education programs in high schools. The grants may also be used to require that career, technical, and agricultural education teachers participate in industry credentialing training to teach courses that lead to industry credentialing.
- (c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for ~~chronically low-performing~~ high schools receiving a reform grant pursuant to this Code section to make the high schools more relevant to and effective for all students. Such rules shall encourage high schools to implement a comprehensive school reform research based model that focuses on:
- (1) Setting high expectations for all students;
  - (2) Personalizing individual graduation plans for students;
  - (3) Developing small learning communities or college and career academies with a

rigorous academic foundation and emphasis in broad career fields of study;

(4) Using project based instruction embedded with strong academics to improve relevancy in learning;

(5) Fostering collaboration among academic and career/technical teachers;

(6) Implementing nontraditional scheduling in ninth grade for students behind in their grade level;

(7) Promoting parental involvement; and

(8) Training teachers to work with low-performing students and their parents or guardians.

(d) This Code section shall be subject to appropriations by the General Assembly."

### SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-329, relating to requirements for high schools that receive a reform grant, as follows:

"20-2-329.

High schools that receive a reform ~~grant~~ grants as chronically low-performing high schools pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-328 shall:

(1) Provide focused programs of study which are designed to provide a well-rounded education for students by fostering artistic creativity, critical thinking, and self-discipline through the teaching of academic content, knowledge, and skills that students will use in the workplace, further education, and life. The focused programs of study, whether provided at a choice technical high school, a college and career academy, a traditional high school, or on site at a technical school or college or a public college or university, shall be aligned with graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and content standards established pursuant to Part 2 of this article, including, at a minimum, four years of mathematics, Algebra I and higher, and four years of English, with an emphasis on developing reading and writing skills to meet college and career readiness standards or including high school diploma requirements established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-149.2;

(2) Implement a teacher adviser system;

(3) Provide students in the ninth through twelfth grades information on educational programs offered in high school, in technical and community colleges, in colleges and universities, and through work based learning programs and how these programs can lead to a variety of career fields. Local school systems shall provide career awareness and exploratory opportunities such as field trips, speakers, educational and career information centers, job shadowing, and classroom centers to assist students and their parents or guardians, with guidance from school counselors and teacher advisers, in revising, if appropriate, the individual graduation plan developed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327;

(4) Enroll students no later than ninth grade into one of the following options for earning a high school diploma and preparing students for postsecondary education and a career which will include a structured program of academic study with in-depth studies in:

- (A) Mathematics and science;
- (B) Humanities, fine arts, and foreign language; or
- (C) A career pathway that leads to passing an ~~employer certification~~ industry credentialing exam in a high demand, high skill, or high wage career field or to an associate's degree or bachelor's degree.

The awarding of a special education diploma to any disabled student who has not completed all of the requirements for a high school diploma, but who has completed his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP) shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this paragraph;

- (5) Implement the at-risk model program developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-328;
- (6) Comply with the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education for chronically low-performing high schools pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-328; and
- (7) Schedule annual conferences to assist students and their parents or guardians in setting educational and career goals and creating individual graduation plans beginning with students in the eighth grade and continuing through high school. These conferences shall include, but are not limited to, assisting the student in identifying educational and career interests and goals, selecting a career and academic focus area, and developing an individual graduation plan."

### SECTION 12.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C

Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 3, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 117. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to change the definition of the term "agency"; to provide for the establishment of certain policies and standards to be used by all agencies; to provide for waivers under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
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Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
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Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

E Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 117, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
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**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 17, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator John Albers to serve as a permanent Ex-Officio Member for the Senate Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately, and shall run concurrent with his Senate Term.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

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February 17, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
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Dear David:

In accordance with Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator David Lucas to serve as a permanent Ex-Officio Member for the Senate Appropriations Committee. This appointment is effective immediately, and shall run concurrent with his Senate Term.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
Twenty-first Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:06 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 9. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Golick of the 40th, Lott of the 122nd, Gravley of the 67th, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses, so as to prohibit the use of a device to film under or through a person's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and



for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 138. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, Dunahoo of the 30th, Dubnik of the 29th and Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fifth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 203. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Unterman of the 45th, Kirk of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the designation of a nonprofit organization to govern high school athletics in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for a governing structure; to provide requirements for a board of directors; to provide for a representative assembly; to provide for a public liaison advisory committee; to provide for due process and appeals; to provide for amendments to the bylaws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 204. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preparation and transmittal of record on appeal by court clerk, retention of copy by clerk, furnishing at no cost to Attorney General in capital cases, and notification where defendant confined to jail, so as to provide for expeditious preparation and transmittal of record and transcript on appeal by court clerks; to add processes for when the clerk is

unable to transmit the record and transcript within the time otherwise required by law; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 205. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved February 27, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3542), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3831), so as to change requirements for appointment of members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 206. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for a short title and findings; to require health plans to provide coverage for hearing aids for certain individuals; to provide for the frequency of replacing hearing aids; to provide for coverage of services and supplies; to provide options for higher priced devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 207. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Anderson of the 43rd, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to define certain terms; to create the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development; to provide for appointment of a director; to provide for powers and duties of the director; to create the position of minority and women owned business enterprise state-wide advocate; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties; to provide for provisions for state contracts; to provide for a state-wide disparity study; to provide for contents; to provide for the structure of procurement contracts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 208. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, so as to provide that the award amount for HOPE scholarships shall be based on the previous year's average cost of tuition for institutions within the university system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 209. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia, so as to create the Student Advisory Council and the Faculty Advisory Council; to provide for powers, duties, authorities, and functions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 210. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Shafer of the 48th, Heath of the 31st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization of the executive branch generally, so as to establish the "Georgia Government Accountability Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to create the Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee; to authorize the committee to review and evaluate state agencies' productivity, efficiency, and responsiveness; to provide for the automatic abolition of certain state agencies contingent upon adoption of a resolution by the General Assembly declaring that the state laws applicable to such agency have been repealed, revised, or reassigned; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

SB 211. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Stone of the 23rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student assessments, so as to provide

for consideration of local reading programs when establishing a research based formative assessment with a summative component for grades one and two; to provide for a review and recommended solution for ongoing assessments in kindergarten through grade five in reading and mathematics and for the assessments in grades three through eight; to provide for a comparability study to determine and establish the concordance of nationally recognized academic assessments with content standards and assessments in grades nine through 12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 212. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 37, Title 40, and Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to hospitalization and treatment of alcoholics, drug dependent individuals, and drug abusers, motor vehicles and traffic, and ignition interlock devices as condition of probation; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 213. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Hill of the 6th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 and Code Section 45-8-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations and relating to depositories for county and school district moneys, respectively, so as to provide for the establishment of banking improvement zones to encourage opening of financial institutions in areas underserved by financial institutions; to provide for definitions; to provide for application and standards of approval for a banking improvement zone; to provide for the establishment of an agreement for the deposit of public funds in financial institutions within a banking improvement zone; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

SR 249. By Senator Beach of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the local authorization of a limited number of licensed destination resort facilities casino resorts within the state; to authorize the operation and regulation of limited casino gaming within the state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SR 252. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the election of members and reduction in the total membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 253. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to add a student member to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 254. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for public initiative referendums; to provide for procedures, number of signatures required, verification methods, form of petition, form of ballot question, and other related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wiretapping, eavesdropping, surveillance, and related offenses, so as to prohibit the use of a device to film under or through a person's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 138. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, Dunahoo of the 30th, Dubnik of the 29th and Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fifth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 284      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 108      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hill of the 6th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 42	SB 8	SB 95	SB 96	SB 109	SB 130
SB 131	SB 132	SB 140	SB 141	SB 147	SB 148
SB 159	SR 130	SR 195	SR 224		

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harbison of the 15th      Tillery of the 19th

Senator Walker III of the 20th asked unanimous consent that Senator Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Martin was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senator Stone of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stone was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Payne
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Brass	Jackson, L	Seay
Burke	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, C
Dugan	Kirk	Tippins
Fort	Ligon	Unterman
Ginn	Lucas	Walker
Gooch	McKoon	Watson
Harbin	Millar	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams, M
Heath	Mullis	

Not answering were Senators:

Black	Harbison (Excused)	James (Excused)
Jones, H.	Martin (Excused)	Stone (Excused)
Tate	Tillery (Excused)	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Jones II of the 22nd      Tate of the 38th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Shafer of the 48th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Jeff Henderson of Sugar Hill, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Seay of the 34th recognized Captain Gwendolyn Fulton on the occasion of her retirement and for her outstanding public service, commended by SR 65, adopted previously. Captain Fulton addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Fort of the 39th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Xavier A. Duralde.



Senator Anderson of the 43rd recognized Dr. Tincie Marie Lynch for her outstanding public service with the American armed forces and celebrated February 21, 2017, as Female Veteran's Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 237, adopted previously. Dr. Lynch addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th recognized the Future Farmers of America and celebrated February 19-26, 2017, as National FFA Week, with February 21, 2017, as Future Farmers of America Day at the capitol, commended by SR 81, adopted previously. Kylie Bruce addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 245. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2017, as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 246. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th, Harbison of the 15th and Martin of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ashley Elizabeth Rodgers; and for other purposes.

SR 247. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Brass of the 28th and Martin of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Angela Hines Brown; and for other purposes.

SR 248. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Kuanita Evette Murphy; and for other purposes.

SR 250. By Senators Orrock of the 36th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Multi-Agency Alliance for Children and its member entities for their work with Georgia's children and youth who are in the child welfare system and EmpowerMENT who are the youth advocates for children and youth in the child welfare system, both present and future; and for other purposes.

SR 251. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Chief William "Kent" Lawrence for 30 years of service as Chief of the Eatonton Police Department; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tuesday February 21, 2017  
Twenty-first Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 191 Harper of the 7th  
**BEN HILL COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Ben Hill County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 294 Harper of the 7th  
**COFFEE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of education of Coffee County, approved March 10, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2441), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5804), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 295 Harper of the 7th  
**CITY OF DOUGLAS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Douglas, approved March 10, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4022), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6,

2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 3776), so as to revise the provisions for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 296

Harper of the 7th  
**CITY OF DOUGLAS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the City of Douglas to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 50 "Direct Primary Care Act"; definitions; provide direct primary care agreements are not insurance (Substitute)(I&L-6th)
- SB 71 Bankruptcy; list of property that is exempt; add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts (JUDY-23rd)
- SB 106 Pain Management Clinics; health care professionals who must be on-site; revise a provision (H&HS-13th)
- SB 125 Physician Assistants; authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant (H&HS-17th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 50. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to provide definitions; to provide that direct primary care agreements are not insurance; to exempt such agreements from regulation as insurance; to provide for discontinuance of services under certain circumstances; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to SB 50:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to provide definitions; to provide that direct primary care agreements are not insurance; to exempt such agreements

from regulation as insurance; to provide for discontinuance of services under certain circumstances; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Direct Primary Care Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-7-2.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Direct primary care agreement' means a contract between a physician and an individual patient or his or her legal representative in which the physician or the physician's medical practice agrees to provide health care services to the individual patient for an agreed-upon fee and period of time.

(2) 'Direct primary care practice' means a physician or physician's medical practice that charges a periodic fee for services, does not bill any third parties on a fee for service basis, and whose per visit charge is less than the monthly equivalent of the periodic fee.

(3) 'Physician' means a person licensed to practice medicine pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43.

(b) A direct primary care agreement is not insurance, shall not be deemed an insurance arrangement nor agreement, and is not subject to state insurance laws.

(c) A physician offering, marketing, selling, or entering into a direct primary care agreement shall not be required to obtain a certificate of authority or license other than to maintain a current license to practice medicine with the State of Georgia.

(d) To be considered a direct primary care agreement for the purposes of this Code section, such agreement shall:

(1) Be in writing;

(2) Be signed by a physician or agent of the physician and the individual patient or his or her legal representative;

(3) Allow either party to terminate such agreement upon written notice to the other party of no more than 30 days;

(4) Describe the scope of health care services that are covered by the periodic fee;

(5) Specify the periodic fee and any additional fees outside of the periodic fee for ongoing care;

(6) Specify the duration of such agreement and any automatic renewal periods and require that no more than 12 months of the periodic fee be paid in advance; and

(7) Prominently state in writing that such agreement is not health insurance.

(e) A physician providing health care services under a direct primary care agreement may decline to accept a patient if, in the physician's opinion, such patient's medical condition is such that the provider is unable to provide the appropriate level and type of health care services such patient requires. The physician may discontinue care for patients under the direct primary care agreement if:

- (1) The patient fails to pay the periodic fee or any additional fees specified by the agreement;
- (2) The patient has performed an act of fraud;
- (3) The patient repeatedly fails to adhere to the recommended treatment plan;
- (4) The patient is abusive and presents an emotional or physical danger to the staff or other patients of the direct primary care practice; or
- (5) The physician or the physician's medical practice discontinues operation as a direct primary care practice."

### SECTION 3.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 50, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 71. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts to the list of property that is exempt from bankruptcy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 71, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 106. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, so as to revise a provision relating to the health care professionals who must be on-site at a pain management clinic in order for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

SB 106, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 125. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of authority to physician



assistants, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; to provide for a limitation; to provide for additional continuing education requirements regarding hydrocodone compound products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 3.

SB 125, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, February 22, 2017  
Twenty-second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:12 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 174. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Smith of the 134th, Brockway of the 102nd, Williamson of the 115th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to expand an insurer's medium of payment of policy or contractual obligations from the sole medium of legal tender to include any other method of payment approved by the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 206. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Welch of the 110th, Collins of the 68th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hogan of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-118 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights," so as to remove an exception relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 210. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Holmes of the 129th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain specimen collection stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories for the purpose of regulation under Chapter 22; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 250. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Abrams of the 89th, Dollar of the 45th, Rogers of the 10th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-5-69.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fingerprint and preliminary records check for foster homes, so as to provide that an employee of an early care and education program who has received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination within the previous 24 months is exempt from submitting applications for an additional background check for purposes of providing care to children placed in a foster home; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 254. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the composition and election of the Board of Education of Emanuel County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, so as to provide for nonpartisan elections for members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 257. By Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Smith of the 70th, Powell of the 171st, Epps of the 144th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to require local government authorities to register with the Department of Community Affairs in order to be eligible for state funds; to change the deadline for local government authorities to register with said department; to prohibit authorities from incurring debt or credit obligations prior to submitting a report to said department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 214. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Martin of the 9th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to animal protection, so as to regulate the retail sale of dogs and cats in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide that dogs and cats transported into this state for sale or offered for sale in this state shall be protected against certain diseases and parasites; to provide for examinations and certifications by veterinarians; to provide for certain rights of purchasers of dogs and cats; to provide for notices and representations to purchasers; to provide for the quarantine of dogs and cats suspected of carrying disease; to provide for cumulative effect of article; to require regulatory consistency; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 215. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Albers of the 56th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, so as to freeze tuition for particular students at the amount established for freshman year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 216. By Senators Henson of the 41st and Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-109.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration, collection, and disbursement of the equalized homestead option sales tax, so as to eliminate a provision providing for the per capita share of certain municipalities to be paid to the county governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 217. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Cowser of the 46th, Jones II of the 22nd, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 35-8-13.1 and 42-8-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to training and certification

of municipal probation officers and uniform professional standards and uniform contract standards, so as to revise the authority of a municipal probation officer relative to the exercise of the power of arrest and a Georgia Peace Officer Standards Training Council certification; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 218. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to identification and regulation of motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the operation of autonomous vehicles without the presence of a human driver upon satisfaction of certain conditions; to require such vehicles to comply with federal and state equipment laws; to provide for registration and titling of such vehicles; to provide for exemption from liability for certain parties when a motor vehicle has been converted to an autonomous vehicle; to provide for the reporting of accidents involving an autonomous vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 219. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with automated driving systems on certain public roads; to provide for submission of certain information to the Department of Revenue to operate motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with such systems in certain locations; to provide for notice to local governing authorities; to provide for the collection of data from the operation of such motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of information and data to the General Assembly by the manufacturer of motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 220. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to repeal requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 221. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Henson of the 41st, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-30-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, so as to authorize doctors of optometry to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 222. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 45, and 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, public officers and employees, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for members, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities; to change certain provisions relating to the remittance of 9-1-1 charges; to provide for payment by service suppliers to the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for legal representation; to provide for penalties and interest for noncompliance; to revise definitions relative to the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 223. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes and ceiling on local sales and use taxes, so as to

provide for an exception to the 2 percent limitation on local sales and use taxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 224. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for the imposition of an additional retail sales and use tax in DeKalb County; to provide for the selection and submission of rapid transit projects to be funded by the revenue of such tax; to provide for a limitation on the collection of a tax for transportation purposes in certain instances and the imposition of an additional retail sales and use tax in certain instances; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 225. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Kirk of the 13th, Gooch of the 51st, Harbin of the 16th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the tabulation of advance voting ballots in the same manner as absentee votes under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 226. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to change certain provisions relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages; to change provisions relating to certain annual production requirements for Georgia farm wineries; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 227. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for a process of establishing a compact with one or more other states and obtaining a Consent of Congress, which would result in the authority to create new sovereignties called prosperity districts; to provide for the creation of such new sovereignties throughout the state that are exempt from certain local, state, and federal laws, taxation, and court holdings; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations regarding the creation and existence of such districts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 228. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for criminal offense and minimum fines for improper operation of an authorized emergency or law enforcement vehicle; to provide for an offense of operating an authorized emergency vehicle with a siren, bell, or whistle in certain instances; to provide for the mandatory license suspension of a driver convicted of a third or subsequent violation of such offense; to provide for fines; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

SB 229. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the tax commissioner of the Columbus Consolidated Government shall retain a specified percentage of school taxes collected by said commissioner and remit the same to the governing authority of Columbus Consolidated Government to reimburse the consolidated government for the cost of collecting school taxes; to provide for a statement of intention and the authority for this Act; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 230. By Senators McKoon of the 29th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for requirements of physicians



performing or inducing an abortion to have certain hospital admitting privileges; to require physicians performing or inducing an abortion provide certain information to the pregnant woman; to provide for penalty; to provide for the regulation of abortion inducing drugs; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 231. By Senators McKoon of the 29th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding attorneys, so as to provide that a person who is not a United States citizen shall not gain admission to the practice of law or be a duly licensed attorney at law unless such person possesses a lawful alien status; to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to tax exemptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 232. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Lucas of the 26th, Burke of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to enact the "Facilitating Internet Broadband Rural Expansion (FIBRE) Act"; to amend Titles 36, 46, 48, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, public utilities and public transportation, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for broadband service planning, deployment, and incentives; to provide for the creation and administration of the Georgia Gigabit Ready Community Site designation program by the Department of Economic Development; to change the definitions relative to the "OneGeorgia Authority Act" to include broadband services in the terms "cost of project" and "project"; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 233. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Stone of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Harbin of the 16th gave notice that at the proper time he would ask that SB 233 be engrossed.

SR 255. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Tippins of the 37th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to regulate the amount of tuition and fees for institutions of the University System of Georgia; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 258. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Lucas of the 26th, Rhett of the 33rd and Jones II of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION memorializing the Armenian Genocide of 1915 through 1923 and recognizing April 24 as a Day of Remembrance; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 260. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Lucas of the 26th, Rhett of the 33rd and Jones II of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Artsakh Republic's efforts to develop as a free and independent nation; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 274. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Ben Barron Ross and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 276. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Brown and Mauldin families of Towns County and dedicating a bridge in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 279. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for the establishment of a council to set the salaries of members of the General Assembly; to provide a council to advise the General Assembly in the setting of salaries for constitutional officers, judges, and the heads of state agencies; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 174. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Smith of the 134th, Brockway of the 102nd, Williamson of the 115th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to expand an insurer's medium of payment of policy or contractual obligations from the sole medium of legal tender to include any other method of payment approved by the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

HB 206. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Welch of the 110th, Collins of the 68th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hogan of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-118 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights," so as to remove an exception relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup

payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 210. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Holmes of the 129th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain specimen collection stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories for the purpose of regulation under Chapter 22; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 250. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Abrams of the 89th, Dollar of the 45th, Rogers of the 10th, Efstoration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-5-69.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fingerprint and preliminary records check for foster homes, so as to provide that an employee of an early care and education program who has received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination within the previous 24 months is exempt from submitting applications for an additional background check for purposes of providing care to children placed in a foster home; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Judiciary.

HB 254. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the composition and election of the Board of Education of Emanuel County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, so as to provide for nonpartisan elections for members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 257. By Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Smith of the 70th, Powell of the 171st, Epps of the 144th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to require local government authorities to register with the Department of Community Affairs in order to be eligible for state funds; to change the deadline for local government authorities to register with said department; to prohibit authorities from incurring debt or credit obligations prior to submitting a report to said department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 31	Do Pass	SB 121	Do Pass
SB 166	Do Pass	SB 193	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 154	Do Pass by substitute	SB 155	Do Pass by substitute
SB 160	Do Pass by substitute	SB 169	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 108

Senator Thompson of the 5th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Payne of the 54th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Payne was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Davenport of the 44th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, H	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Parent
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson, L	Seay
Burke	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Tate
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Tippins
Gooch	Lucas	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Walker
Harbison	McKoon	Watson
Harper	Millar	Wilkinson
Heath	Mullis	Williams, M
Henson		

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Brass	James (Excused)
Miller	Payne (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)

Senator Brass of the 28th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Thompson of the 14th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Billy J. Edmondson of White, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Todd A. Schmidt.

Senator Sims of the 12th celebrated February 22, 2017, as Albany-Dougherty County Day at the state capitol and recognized the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, commended by SR 209, adopted previously.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd recognized February 6, 2017, as Math Day at the capitol, commended by SR 125, adopted previously. Bonnie Angel addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Miller of the 49th celebrated February 22, 2017, as State Restaurant Day at the state capitol and recognized the restaurant industry of Georgia, commended by SR 223, adopted previously. Chairman of the Board Brian Bullock addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th recognized William Anderson Dilworth for his lifelong service within his community and state, commended by SR 218, adopted previously. William Dilworth addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop, Jr. who addressed the Senate briefly.

The President recognized U.S. Senator David Perdue who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 256. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Malcolm Mitchell and his youth reading efforts; and for other purposes.

SR 257. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Hill of the 4th, Kirk of the 13th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Anne Hardin as a Distinguished Finalist in the 22nd Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and for other purposes.

SR 259. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Jones of the 10th, Mullis of the 53rd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Atlanta Motor Speedway for stimulating the economy and providing entertainment and enjoyment to NASCAR fans across the State of Georgia and recognizing March 2, 2017, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 261. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Brass of the 28th and Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 23, 2017, as Georgia Association of Educators Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 262. By Senators Tillery of the 19th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Chief of Police Steven Land on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

- SR 263. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia Cattlemen's Association for uniting and advancing Georgia's cattle industry; and for other purposes.

- SR 264. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Harper of the 7th, Kirk of the 13th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant and the 2016 Georgia Peach Queens; and for other purposes.

- SR 265. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia peanut industry and recognizing March 20, 2017, as Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 266. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Austin and Bea Flint for their outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 267. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Desmond Vaird; and for other purposes.



SR 268. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Anderson of the 24th, Orrock of the 36th, Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Jeff McCord; and for other purposes.

SR 269. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION honoring Catherine Sugg; and for other purposes.

SR 270. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bill O'Leksy on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 271. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Michael D. DeVane on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 272. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 9, 2017, as Spelman College Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 273. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Kirk of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable John C. Pridgen on the occasion of his retirement and congratulating him on his appointment as Senior Judge of the Superior Courts of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 275. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Black of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Carson Dane Perkins, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 277. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Dugan of the 30th and Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Anthony Lee Coelho on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 278. By Senators Jones of the 25th and Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Brian K. Burdette on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 283. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Buddy Adams on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wednesday February 22, 2017  
Twenty-second Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 284

Kirk of the 13th

#### **CITY OF CORDELE, CRISP COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a merger of the independent school system of the City of Cordele and the school districts in the County of Crisp lying outside the corporate limits of said City, approved February 11, 1957 (Ga. L. 1957, p. 2066), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 29, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 4125), so as to change the compensation of members of the Crisp County Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	E Payne
Y Beach	Jackson, L	Y Rhett

Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The time having arrived for the motion, Senator Harbin of the 16th moved that the following bill be engrossed:

SB 233. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Stone of the 23rd, Payne of the 54th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the motion to engross, Senator Fort of the 39th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	E Payne
N Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
N Black	E James	N Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

N Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
Y Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 18, nays 34; the motion lost, and SB 233 was not engrossed.

The President referred SB 233 to the Rules Committee.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

McKoon of the 29th                      Unterman of the 45th

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 102	Emergency Medical Services; emergency cardiac care centers; designation; Office of Cardiac Care within Department of Public Health; establishment (Substitute)(H&HS-49th)
HB 42	Elections; election superintendents to correct mistakes and omissions on ballots for a primary or election; authorize (Substitute)(ETHICS-52nd) Lumsden-12th
SB 73	Recorder's Court of Chatham County; chief judge; revise the responsibilities (SLGO(G)-1st)
SB 47	Physicians; visiting sports teams' physicians; provide for licensure exemption; requirements; limitations; agreements with other states (Substitute)(H&HS-52nd)
SB 6	Georgia Regional Transit Council; definitions; membership; powers; duties; create (Substitute)(TRANS-51st)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 102. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the designation of emergency cardiac care centers; to provide for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care within the Department of Public Health; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 102:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the designation of emergency cardiac care centers; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care within the Department of Public Health; to establish a three-level designation system; to provide for criteria for each level of emergency cardiac care center; to provide for applications from hospitals; to provide for a data reporting system; to provide for a grant program; to provide for the distribution of a list of emergency cardiac care centers to emergency medical services providers; to provide for the development of a model cardiac care triage assessment tool; to provide for the establishment of protocols related to the triage, assessment, treatment, and transport of cardiac care patients by licensed emergency medical services providers; to provide for statutory construction; to provide that a hospital shall not advertise as an emergency cardiac care center unless designated by the state; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 7

31-11-130.

The General Assembly finds and declares that:

- (1) Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the United States and in Georgia;
- (2) Georgia ranks as the thirty-eighth worst in the nation for numbers of deaths from cardiovascular disease;
- (3) There were 79,901 deaths in Georgia in 2015, and cardiovascular disease (excluding stroke) accounted for 23.6 percent of such deaths;
- (4) Approximately 40 percent of cardiac deaths occur suddenly, the result of a heart attack that is manifested by an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest;
- (5) As of 2016, several states, but notably Arizona and Washington, have designated hospitals that are expert in cardiovascular disease care, much in the way that Georgia has stroke and trauma centers; Arizona and Washington have some of the lowest death rates for patients who have heart attacks, in part due to their designated cardiac centers; and
- (6) Therefore, it is in the best interest of the residents of this state to establish a program to identify emergency cardiac care centers throughout the state to ensure the rapid triage, assessment, treatment, and transport of patients experiencing out-of-hospital cardiac arrest or heart attack or its complications.

31-11-131.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Emergency cardiac care center' means a hospital that has been designated by the office pursuant to this article as meeting the criteria set forth in this article.
- (2) 'Office' means the Office of Cardiac Care established pursuant to this article.

31-11-132.

- (a) There shall be established the Office of Cardiac Care within the Department of Public Health. The office shall administer the designation process provided for in this article, including, but not limited to, data collection, analysis and reporting, and site visits.
- (b) The office shall designate hospitals that meet the criteria set forth in this article as emergency cardiac care centers. Each emergency cardiac care center shall be further designated as Level I, Level II, or Level III by the office. The criteria for each level designation shall be established by the office and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - (1) Level I shall have:
    - (A) Cardiac catheterization and angioplasty facilities available 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days per year;
    - (B) On-site cardiothoracic surgery capability available 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days per year;
    - (C) Established protocols for therapeutic hypothermia for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients;
    - (D) The ability to implant percutaneous left ventricular assist devices for support of hemodynamically unstable patients experiencing out-of-hospital cardiac arrest or

heart attack;

(E) Neurologic protocols to measure functional status at hospital discharge; and

(F) The ability to implant automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillators;

(2) Level II shall have:

(A) Cardiac catheterization and angioplasty facilities available 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days per year, but no on-site cardiothoracic surgery capability;

(B) Established protocols for therapeutic hypothermia for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients;

(C) Neurologic protocols to measure functional status at hospital discharge; and

(D) A written transfer plan with one or more Level I emergency cardiac care centers for patients who need left ventricular assist devices or cardiothoracic surgery;

(3) Level III shall have:

(A) Established protocols for therapeutic hypothermia for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients; and

(B) A written plan for systematic transfer to a Level I or Level II facility; and

(4) The department shall be authorized to establish one or more additional levels of cardiac care centers as necessary based upon advancements in medicine and patient care.

(c) Emergency cardiac care centers are encouraged to coordinate, through agreement, with other level emergency cardiac care centers throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for cardiac patients. The coordinating agreements shall be in writing and include at a minimum:

(1) Transfer agreements for the transport and acceptance of:

(A) Cardiac patients seen by a Level I emergency cardiac care center which a Level II or III emergency cardiac care center is not capable of providing; or

(B) Cardiac patients seen by a Level II emergency cardiac care center which a Level III emergency cardiac care center is not capable of providing; and

(2) Communication criteria and protocols between the emergency cardiac care centers.

31-11-133.

(a) A hospital shall apply to the office for designation as an emergency cardiac care center through an application process to be determined by the office. A hospital shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office that the hospital meets the applicable criteria set forth in this article. The application process may include an on-site inspection of the hospital at the discretion of the office.

(b) The office shall establish requirements for the periodic redesignation of emergency cardiac care centers.

(c) The office may suspend or revoke a hospital's identification as an emergency cardiac care center, after notice and hearing, if the office determines that the hospital is not in compliance with the requirements or criteria of this article.

31-11-134.

(a) The office shall establish a data reporting system which may be composed of one or more data bases for the reporting of data on all out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients and all heart attack patients. The data reporting system may be composed of data bases established or designated by the office, including, but not limited to, data bases newly created and managed by or on behalf of the office, existing state data bases modified to include such additional reporting, existing regional or national data bases, or any combination thereof.

(b) Each emergency cardiac care center shall:

(1) Report to the data base specified by the office data on all out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients and data on all heart attack patients in accordance with time frame requirements established by the office; and

(2) Have a written system included in the protocols for the hospital for timely submission of all such data required to be submitted pursuant to this Code section and office guidelines.

(c) The office shall, on an ongoing basis, analyze state-wide data collected pursuant to this Code section for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients and heart attack patients, with the goal of improving survival rates over the initial three years of the program, and shall improve any processes or adjust any protocols as necessary to implement best practices to improve the cardiac care of patients through emergency cardiac care centers in this state.

(d) The office shall collect the data reported pursuant to this Code section and shall post such information in the form of an annual report card on the office's website and present such report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The results of this report card may be used by the office to conduct training with the identified hospitals regarding best practices in the treatment of emergency cardiac care patients.

(e) In no way shall this article be construed to require disclosure of any confidential information or other data in violation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191.

31-11-135.

(a) In order to encourage and ensure the establishment of emergency cardiac care centers throughout the state, the office shall award grants, subject to appropriations from the General Assembly, to hospitals that seek designation as emergency cardiac care centers and demonstrate a need for financial assistance to develop the necessary infrastructure, including personnel and equipment, in order to satisfy the criteria for designation as an emergency cardiac care center pursuant to this article.

(b) A hospital seeking designation as an emergency cardiac care center pursuant to this article may apply to the office for a grant, in a manner and on a form required by the office, and provide such information as the office deems necessary to determine if the hospital is eligible for such grant.

(c) The office may provide grants to as many hospitals as it deems appropriate, subject



to appropriations from the General Assembly, taking into consideration adequate geographic diversity with respect to locations.

(d) The office shall annually prepare and submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee for distribution to its committee members a report indicating the total number of hospitals that have applied for grants pursuant to this Code section, the number of applicants that have been determined by the office to be eligible for such grants, the total number of grants to be awarded, the name and address of each grantee, and the amount of the award to each grantee.

31-11-136.

(a) Beginning June 1, 2018, and each year thereafter, the office shall provide a list of emergency cardiac care centers designated pursuant to this article to the medical director of each licensed emergency medical services provider in this state, shall maintain a copy of such list in the office, and shall post such list on the office's website.

(b) The office shall adopt or develop a sample emergency cardiac care triage assessment tool. The office shall post this sample assessment tool on its website and distribute a copy of the sample assessment tool to each licensed emergency medical services provider no later than December 31, 2017. Each licensed emergency medical services provider shall use an emergency cardiac care triage assessment tool that is substantially similar to the sample emergency cardiac care triage assessment tool provided by the office.

(c) The office shall establish protocols related to the triage, assessment, treatment, and transport of emergency cardiac care patients by licensed emergency medical services providers in this state.

31-11-137.

This article shall not be construed to be a medical practice guideline or to establish a standard of care for treatment and shall not be used to restrict the authority of a hospital to provide services for which it has received a license under state law. The General Assembly intends that all patients be treated individually based on each patient's needs and circumstances.

31-11-138.

A hospital may not advertise to the public, by way of any medium whatsoever, that it is identified by the state as an emergency cardiac care center unless the hospital has been designated as such by the office pursuant to this article.

31-11-139.

The office shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this article."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	E Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	E McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 102, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/22/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 102. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr.  
District 26

Senator Hill of the 6th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 42. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Fleming of the 121st, Caldwell of the 131st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize election superintendents to correct mistakes and omissions on ballots for a primary or election; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HB 42:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize election superintendents to correct mistakes and omissions on ballots for a primary or election; to provide for the dates for certain special elections to fill vacancies in county, municipal, and school board offices; to provide for the timing of runoffs from certain special elections under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-293, relating to correction of mistakes and omissions on ballot, as follows:

"21-2-293.

(a) If the election superintendent discovers that a mistake or omission has occurred in the printing of official ballots or in the programming of the display of the official ballot on DRE voting equipment for any primary or election, the superintendent is authorized on his or her own motion to take such steps as necessary to correct such mistake or omission if the superintendent determines that such correction is feasible and practicable under the circumstances; provided that the superintendent gives at least 24 hours notice to the Secretary of State and any affected candidates of the mistake or omission prior to making such correction.

(b) When it is shown by affidavit that a mistake or omission has occurred in the printing of official ballots or in the programming of the display of the official ballot on

DRE voting equipment for any primary or election, the superior court of the proper county may, upon the application of any elector of the county or municipality, require the superintendent to correct the mistake or omission or to show cause why he or she should not do so."

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (a) and subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-501, relating to number of votes required for election, as follows:

"(6) In the case of a runoff from a special primary or special election for an office other than a federal office not held in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special primary or special election; provided, however, that, if such runoff is from a special primary or special election held in conjunction with a special primary or special election for a federal office and there is a runoff being conducted for such federal office, the runoff from the special primary or special election conducted for such other office may be held in conjunction with the runoff for the federal office."

"(c) In instances in which no municipal candidate receives a majority of the votes cast and the municipal charter or ordinances do not provide for nomination or election by a plurality vote, a run-off primary or election shall be held between the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes. Such runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the first primary or election, unless such run-off date is postponed by court order; provided, however, that, in the case of a runoff from a municipal special election that is held in conjunction with a special election for a federal office and not in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the municipality may conduct such runoff from such municipal special election on the date of the special election runoff for the federal office. Only the electors entitled to vote in the first primary or election shall be entitled to vote in any run-off primary or election resulting therefrom; provided, however, that no elector shall vote in a run-off primary in violation of Code Section 21-2-216. The run-off primary or election shall be a continuation of the first primary or election, and only those votes cast for the candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes in the first primary or election shall be counted. No write-in votes may be cast in such a primary, run-off primary, or run-off election. If any candidate eligible to be in a runoff withdraws, dies, or is found to be ineligible, the remaining candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes shall be the candidates in such runoff. The municipal candidate receiving the highest number of the votes cast in such run-off primary or run-off election to fill the nomination or public office sought shall be declared the winner. The municipality shall give written notice to the Secretary of State of such runoff as soon as such municipality certifies the preceding primary, special primary, election, or special election."

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-540, relating to conduct of special elections generally, as follows:

"(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a special primary or special election to fill a vacancy in a county or municipal office shall be held only on one of the following dates which is at least 29 days after the date of the call for the special election:

(A) In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

- (i) The third Tuesday in March;
- (ii) The third Tuesday in June;
- (iii) The third Tuesday in September; or
- (iv) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

(B) In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

- (i) The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that in the event that a special election is to be held under this provision in a year in which a presidential preference primary is to be held, then any such special election shall be held on the date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary;
- (ii) The date of the general primary; or
- (iii) The Tuesday after the first Monday in November;

provided, however, that, in the event that a special election to fill a federal or state office on a date other than the dates provided in this paragraph has been scheduled and it is possible to hold a special election to fill a vacancy in a county, municipal, or school board office in conjunction with such special election to fill a federal or state office, the special election to fill such county, municipal, or school board office may be held on the date of and in conjunction with such special election to fill such federal or state office provided all other provisions of law regarding such elections are met."

**SECTION 4.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 5.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, Senator Burke of the 11th asked unanimous consent that the committee substitute be defeated, so the original bill could be voted on and passed.

On the motion, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	E Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	E McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

HB 42, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that HB 42 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 42 was immediately transmitted.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/22/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 42. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ Frank Ginn  
District 47

SB 73. By Senator Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5156), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3557), so as to revise the responsibilities of the chief judge; to revise the method of selection of the chief judge; to provide for a court administrator; to provide for the hiring and discharge of same; to provide for the court administrator's responsibilities; to require the court administrator to provide a bond; to provide personnel policies and procedures of employees of the court; to authorize the adoption of rules, policies, or regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	E Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	E James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 16.

SB 73, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 47. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for visiting sports teams' physicians; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 47:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for visiting sports teams' physicians, physician assistants, and athletic trainers; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-29.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'provider' means a physician, physician assistant, or athletic trainer as defined by Code Section 43-5-1.

(b) A provider who is licensed in good standing to practice in another state shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of this chapter while practicing in this state if either of the following apply:

(1) The provider has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to the team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event to take place in this state; or

(2) The provider has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide care to team members and coaching staff at a national sport training center in this state or during an event or competition in this state which is sanctioned by such national sport governing body so long as:

(A) The provider's practice is limited to that required by the national sport governing body; and



- (B) The services provided by the provider are within the area of the provider's competence.
- (c) A provider who is exempt from licensure under subsection (b) of this Code section shall not:
  - (1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than a person delineated in subsection (b) of this Code section or as otherwise provided by state law; or
  - (2) Practice at a health care clinic or health care facility, including an acute care facility.
- (d) An exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be valid as follows:
  - (1) An exemption under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain in force while the provider is traveling with the sports team but shall be no longer than ten days in duration per sporting event. A maximum of 20 additional days per sporting event may be granted upon prior request to the board by the provider but shall not exceed 30 days total; and
  - (2) An exemption under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain in force during the time certified by the national sport governing body but shall not exceed 30 days.
- (e) The board may enter into agreements with the medical licensing boards of other states to implement the provisions of this Code section. Agreements shall include procedures for reporting potential medical license violations."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	E Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
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Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
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Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

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Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

SB 47, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Sims of the 12th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 6. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Regional Transit Council; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for a report and proposal by the council; to provide for assignment of the council to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes; to provide for compensation and expenses; to provide for contingent automatic repeal; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SB 6:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Regional Transit Council; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for a report and proposal by the council; to provide for assignment of the council to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes; to provide for compensation and expenses; to require a referendum in certain instances; to provide for contingent automatic repeal; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

The intent of this article is to establish a council for the purpose of developing a state-wide, strategic transit plan with the guidance of a recognized industry leader in delivering transit strategy for multijurisdictional entities which emphasizes first-mile and last-mile services, the development of a seamless transportation network with dependable trip times for commuters, the enhancement of limited access highways, road congestion relief, safety enhancements, and plans for a future of transportation innovations.

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 9

50-12-140.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Council' means the Georgia Regional Transit Council created pursuant to Code Section 50-12-141.
- (2) 'Metropolitan planning organization' means the policy board of an organization created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process as defined in 23 C.F.R. Section 450.
- (3) 'Transit agency' means any public agency, public corporation, or public authority authorized by any general, special, or local law to provide any type of transit services within any area of this state.
- (4) 'Transit services' means the publicly accessible land based transportation of passengers and their incidental baggage by any means other than privately owned or operated motor vehicles for hire.

50-12-141.

(a) There is created a Georgia Regional Transit Council, which shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) The commissioner of transportation;
- (4) The executive director of the State Road and Tollway Authority;
- (5) The chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority;
- (6) The Georgia Transit System Association's president or his or her designee;
- (7) The Georgia Chamber of Commerce's president or his or her designee;
- (8) The Clayton County Board of Commissioners' chairperson or his or her designee;
- (9) The Cobb County Board of Commissioners' chairperson or his or her designee;

- (10) DeKalb County's chief executive officer or his or her designee;
  - (11) The Fulton County Board of Commissioners' chairperson or his or her designee;
  - (12) The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners' chairperson or his or her designee;
  - (13) The Paulding County Board of Commissioners' chairperson or his or her designee;
  - (14) Athens-Clarke County's mayor or his or her designee;
  - (15) The executive director of the board for the Atlanta metropolitan planning organization;
  - (16) The executive director of the board for the Augusta metropolitan planning organization;
  - (17) The executive director of the board for the Columbus metropolitan planning organization;
  - (18) The executive director of the board for the Macon metropolitan planning organization; and
  - (19) The executive director of the board for the Savannah-Chatham metropolitan planning commission.
- (b) Vacancies in the council shall be filled by appointment in the manner of the original appointment.
- (c) No business other than that necessary to establish the council may be conducted until all members have been appointed. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate cochairpersons from their appointments, and the cochairpersons shall convene the first meeting of the council within 30 days after the effective date of this article.

50-12-142.

The council shall:

- (1) Establish a vision, mission, and goals for transit services and define objectives, performance metrics, and performance targets to execute such vision and mission and meet such goals. The vision, mission, goals, objectives, performance metrics, and performance targets shall be finalized and shall be submitted to the Governor, the House Committee on Transportation, and the Senate Transportation Committee no later than December 31, 2018. Such submission shall include at least three models for the provision of transit services which comply with the purpose of this article;
- (2) Develop a long-term capital investment strategy for transit services, including a prioritization of investments based on achieving the goals, objectives, and performance targets as established by the council;
- (3) Assess and develop methods for planning projects between and among federal, state, and local governments and authorities charged with planning responsibilities for such purposes by state or federal law;
- (4) Develop a strategic plan for this state's transit services that emphasizes creating efficiency and coordination by offering solutions to improve arterial mobility, develop alternative freight routes, and plan for a future of transportation innovations. The

strategic plan shall be finalized and made available to the public by December 31, 2018; provided, however, that with approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, the council may continue its development until December 31, 2019, at which time its strategic plan shall be published;

(5) Compile and analyze data and information reporting on performance metrics from transit operators in this state;

(6) Establish performance targets and create a performance report of transit operators in this state which shall provide analysis and recommendations regarding transit operators' efficiency and cost effectiveness, coordination of operations, customer service, technology solutions, privatization opportunities, safety and security, and return on investment. Such report shall be submitted to the Governor, the House Committee on Transportation, and the Senate Transportation Committee no later than December 31, 2018; provided, however, that with approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, the council may continue its planning until December 31, 2019, at which time the performance targets and report shall be published;

(7) Establish guidelines and investment policies regarding the use of federal funds by transit operators which shall include the consideration of transit operators' prior performance on metrics and targets; and

(8) Establish a united branding and marketing strategy for transit operators.

50-12-143.

(a) The council may hold public hearings, procure services from professionals in the field of transit services, conduct research, receive the testimony of experts, review the coordination of transit agencies and transit services provided by other states, and take such other actions the council determines appropriate for the completion of its assigned task.

(b) Any professionals retained by the council to assist in analysis required pursuant to this article shall be professionals in the field of transit services with global or national prominence for:

(1) Experience working with multiple transit governance or organizational structures;

(2) Experience delivering transit strategy for multijurisdictional or state-wide entities;

(3) Strong financial consulting practices that have experience with multiple transit funding or financial approaches;

(4) Approaches to promoting economic development; and

(5) Demonstrated knowledge and proven experience in strategic development.

50-12-144.

(a) The council shall be assigned to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b)(1) The legislative members of the council shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8.

(2) Members of the council who are state or local government officials, other than legislative members, or state or local government employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the council, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the council in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state or local government officials or state or local government employees.

(3) Members of the council who are not legislators, state or local government officials, or state or local government employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(4) Funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state or local government officials, other than legislative members, and state or local government employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective governments, departments, authorities, or agencies.

(5) Funds for the employment of providers of professional services reasonably necessary to complete the duties required of the council and to aid the council in its legislative recommendations to the General Assembly shall come from funds appropriated for such purpose to the State Road and Tollway Authority.

50-12-145.

Nothing in this article shall authorize the establishment of any authority, entity, or agency which will mandate participation by a municipality or county nor financially obligate a municipality or county to contribute to transit services without prior approval from such municipality or county by referendum.

50-12-146.

This article shall be automatically repealed, and the council shall be abolished, on January 1, 2019; provided, however, that if the council is continued for an additional year pursuant to paragraph (4) or (6) of Code Section 50-12-142, this article shall be automatically repealed, and the council shall be abolished, on January 1, 2020."

### **SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### **SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	E Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
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Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 6, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, February 23, 2017  
Twenty-third Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:17 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 37. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, England of the 116th, Morris of the 156th, Williams of the 119th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, so as to provide definitions; to provide that private postsecondary institutions in this state shall not adopt sanctuary policies; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 40. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, McCall of the 33rd, LaRiccica of the 169th, Pirkle of the 155th, Cooke of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical and other confidential information, so as to provide an exception for confidentiality of certain medical information of animals within a veterinarian's care; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 41. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 165th, Brockway of the 102nd and Hanson of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-4-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications of applicants for examination or certificate of registration as an architect, so as to change the qualifications so as to allow certain students to take such examination; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, approved June 19, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3691) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4048), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and the other commissioners of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 380. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the board of education of Echols County, approved April 10, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 3514), as amended, so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to repeal and reserve certain provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 383. By Representative Pruett of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Telfair County, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3539), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the compensation of members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 385. By Representatives Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, Bruce of the 61st, Willard of the 51st, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), so as to provide for when the mayor may vote and be included in the determination of a quorum; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 393. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Rutledge of the 109th and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate and to grant a new charter to the City of Covington, approved January 30, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2003), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 394. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Rutledge of the 109th and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Oxford, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4195), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 395. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Moultrie-Colquitt County Parks and Recreation Authority and to authorize such authority to provide recreational services throughout Colquitt County; to provide for construction of this Act; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for activation of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 407. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Parsons of the 44th, Evans of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Golick of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act

approved April 28, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3899), so as to change the salary of the clerk of the superior court, the deputy clerk, the executive assistant, and the executive secretary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 234. By Senators James of the 35th and Davenport of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to provide that leaving certain children in vehicles under certain circumstances constitutes cruelty to children in the third degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB 235. By Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding elementary and secondary education, so as to strongly encourage that youth athletes participating in gridiron football be equipped with and wear a helmet which has at least a four-star rating on the Virginia Tech Helmet Ratings scale at the time of its use; to provide for an exception; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 236. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Davenport of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-391 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances, penalties, publication of notice of conviction for persons convicted for a second time, and endangering a child, so as to require that the county department of family and children services be notified when certain offenders are convicted for endangering a child by driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- SB 237. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Davenport of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to handicapped persons, so as to provide that any motorized wheelchair or scooter operated on public ways and sidewalks shall be equipped with reflectors; to provide that any such wheelchairs and scooters sold in this state shall be equipped with reflectors; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

- SB 238. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for certain protections of a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion; to repeal Code Section 31-9A-3; to provide for a short title; to provide that state laws and regulations which place a burden on a woman's access to an abortion are unenforceable; to provide for limitations; to provide legitimate health benefits; to provide for injunctive relief and damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 239. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Woman's Right to Know Act, so as to include chemical abortion under voluntary and informed consent requirements; to provide for information concerning procedures and treatment to reverse the effects of a chemical abortion; to provide for chemical abortion reversal information availability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- SB 240. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Miller of the 49th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Burke of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center, so

as to reconstitute the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for its membership, manner of appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties; to provide for exemption from taxation; to provide for venue; to provide for disposition of property; to exempt its property from levy and sale; to transfer certain assets and liabilities; to authorize the Department of Economic Development to contract with the authority for certain projects; to repeal certain laws; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

SB 241. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Miller of the 49th, Watson of the 1st and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions of the electronic data base of prescription information; to transfer responsibilities for the electronic data base of prescription information of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the department's authority to continue the maintenance and development of the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for definitions; to change the frequency of reporting provision; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the department to maintain and administer the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 242. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.



- SB 243. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that the agricultural education program is based on a three-component model; to provide for a pilot program to develop and implement agricultural education in elementary schools; to provide for selection of pilot sites; to provide for program requirements; to provide for a program evaluation; to provide for the Professional Standards Commission to extend in-field certification for agricultural education to include kindergarten through grade five; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- SB 244. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Mullis of the 53rd and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to telephone system for the physically impaired, so as to change certain provisions relating to the establishment, administration, and operation of the state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service; to change certain legislative findings and declarations; to modify the prohibition as to the distribution of telecommunications equipment under the telecommunications equipment distribution program based on a certain income level; to provide that wireless devices and applications may be distributed as part of the telecommunications equipment distribution program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- SB 245. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, so as to give a short title to a Code section relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators in schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 246. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Millar of the 40th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for a final report; to provide for the abolishment of such charter commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 247. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 4th, Harbison of the 15th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to municipal corporations, so as to provide for the meaning of municipality in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 248. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th, Black of the 8th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to provide for life insurers' requirement to review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners life insurance policy locator; to provide for reporting; to provide for Commissioner to prescribe reporting; to provide for enforcement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SB 249. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Chatham County Urban Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for findings and determinations; to define certain terms; to provide for a board of trustees, appointment of members, and meetings; to provide for powers and duties; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority and to authorize the

collection for the payment of such revenue bonds; to make the revenue bonds of the authority exempt from taxation; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to the authority; to provide for the validation of bonds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 250. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd, Kirk of the 13th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, so as to require registration on the State Sexual Offender Registry when an individual is convicted in another country; to provide that the sentencing superior court judge shall make the risk assessment classification as part of sentencing for sexual offenders convicted in this state; to provide for recommendations by the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to such sentencing judge; to provide for appeals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SR 290. By Senators Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Burke of the 11th, Ginn of the 47th and Williams of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 37. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, England of the 116th, Morris of the 156th, Williams of the 119th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, so as to provide definitions; to provide that private postsecondary institutions in this state shall not adopt sanctuary policies; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

- HB 40. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, McCall of the 33rd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Pirkle of the 155th, Cooke of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical and other confidential information, so as to provide an exception for confidentiality of certain medical information of animals within a veterinarian's care; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Special Judiciary.

HB 306. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Caldwell of the 20th, Ballinger of the 23rd and Carson of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the membership of the Board of Education of Cherokee County, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L.

1973, p. 3207), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the compensation of the members of said board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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compensation of the chief deputy, the assistant chief deputy, and the executive assistant to the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 356. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Evans of the 42nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Reeves of the 34th, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, approved June 19, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3691) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4048), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and the other commissioners of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 380. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the board of education of Echols County, approved April 10, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 3514), as amended, so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to repeal and reserve certain provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 383. By Representative Pruett of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Telfair County, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3539), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the compensation of members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.



HB 385. By Representatives Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, Bruce of the 61st, Willard of the 51st, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), so as to provide for when the mayor may vote and be included in the determination of a quorum; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 393. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Rutledge of the 109th and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate and to grant a new charter to the City of Covington, approved January 30, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2003), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 394. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Rutledge of the 109th and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Oxford, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4195), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 395. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Moultrie-Colquitt County Parks and Recreation Authority and to authorize such authority to provide recreational services throughout Colquitt County; to provide for construction of this Act; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for activation of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 407. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Parsons of the 44th, Evans of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Golick of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 28, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3899), so as to change the salary of the clerk of the superior court, the deputy clerk, the executive assistant, and the executive secretary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 156	Do Pass as amended
SR 104	Do Pass
SR 222	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 5	Do Pass by substitute
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Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Millar of the 40th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 103	Do Pass by substitute	SB 164	Do Pass by substitute
SB 173	Do Pass by substitute	SB 200	Do Pass
SB 201	Do Pass by substitute	SR 206	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 130	Do Pass
HB 255	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 146 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 31	SB 121	SB 154	SB 155	SB 160	SB 166
SB 169	SB 193				

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 6th Thompson of the 5th

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Millar of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Millar was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Mullis
Anderson, L	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Parent
Beach	Hufstetler	Payne
Black	Jackson, L	Rhett
Brass	James	Seay
Burke	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Tate
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Tippins
Gooch	Lucas	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Watson
Harbison	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Hill, H. (Excused)	Millar (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)
Walker III		

Senator Walker III of the 20th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Hill of the 4th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Ray Sullivan of Reidsville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Martin of the 9th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Snehal C. Dalal.

Senator Harper of the 7th recognized the State YMCA of Georgia and its Center for Civic Engagement and "Y" Club programs which sponsor Youth Assembly, among other programs, that cultivate youth civic engagement, commended by SR 212, adopted previously. Youth Assembly Governor Chan Creswell addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Shafer of the 48th congratulated the winners of the David Shafer Essay Scholarship Contest, commended by SR 226, adopted previously.

Senator Miller of the 49th recognized former Congressman Anthony Lee Coelho on his outstanding public service, commended by SR 277, adopted previously. Congressman Coelho addressed the Senate briefly.

The President and Senator Jones of the 25th recognized New England Patriot and 2017 Super Bowl Winner Malcolm Mitchell and his youth reading efforts, commended by SR 256, adopted previously. Malcolm Mitchell addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Sims of the 12th recognized Dr. Kuanita Evette Murphy, commended by SR 248, adopted previously. Dr. Murphy addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 280. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Beach of the 21st, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 23, 2017, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 281. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing August, 2017, as National Immunization Awareness Month and supporting adult immunizations; and for other purposes.

SR 282. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Robert L. Collins, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 284. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Parent of the 42nd, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Communities in Schools of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 285. By Senators Harbison of the 15th and Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant General Harold "Hal" Gregory Moore, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 286. By Senators Harbison of the 15th and Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant General David Poynthress; and for other purposes.

- SR 287. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Walker III of the 20th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Slosheye Trail Big Pig Jig; and for other purposes.

- SR 288. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Millar of the 40th, Black of the 8th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Plan First Class of 2017; and for other purposes.

- SR 289. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Hill of the 4th, Brass of the 28th, Jeffares of the 17th, Tippins of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Conservancy on its 50th anniversary and recognizing February 27, 2017, as Georgia Conservancy Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 291. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 30th annual law enforcement cookout; and for other purposes.

- SR 292. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Miller of the 49th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Eron Moore, Jr.; and for other purposes.

- SR 293. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd, Hill of the 4th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Georgia's first state historical song, known worldwide as "Kumbaya"; and for other purposes.

- SR 294. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Unterman of the 45th, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 6, 2017, as Children's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 295. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 6, 2017, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the state capitol and commending certified peace officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 296. By Senator Black of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 13, 2017, as Valdosta State University Day at the state capitol and commending student leaders at Valdosta State University; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Thursday February 23, 2017  
Twenty-third Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 130 Hill of the 4th  
Stone of the 23rd  
**EMANUEL COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to implement the Constitutional amendment creating the "Emanuel County Development Authority," approved March 27, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2770), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4861) and an Act approved March 30, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4324), so as to change the number of members serving on the Authority; to change the qualifications to serve as members of the Authority; to increase the number of years that the Authority may obligate itself contractually and issue bonds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 255 Hill of the 4th  
Stone of the 23rd  
**EMANUEL COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the composition and election of the Board of Education of Emanuel County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 27, 2012 (Ga. L.

2012, p. 3741), so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/23/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Frank Ginn  
District 47



Senator Cowser of the 46th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 88 'Narcotic Treatment Programs Enforcement Act' (Substitute)(RI&U-53rd)
- SB 108 Veterans Service; maintenance of a women veterans' office by the commissioner of veteran services; require (VM&HS-20th)
- SB 128 Drivers' Licenses; Department of Natural Resources; limited purposes; allow for the sharing of personal data (NR&E-50th)
- SB 137 Child Support Recovery Act; federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; require the obligor to pay the full fee (H&HS-13th)
- SB 141 Carnival Ride Safety; engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; require (RI&U-14th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 88. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Harbison of the 15th, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for regulation of narcotic treatment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 88:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for regulation of narcotic

treatment programs; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for department authorization to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for minimum standards of quality and services for narcotic treatment programs; to provide for licensure of programs; to provide for an application review committee; to provide for application review requirements; to provide for the creation of regions; to prohibit certain free services and financial incentives; to provide for zoning compliance; to provide for record requirements; to provide for inspections; to provide for license application denial, license revocation, and license suspension; to provide for appeal; to provide for penalties; to provide for priority admission for drug dependent pregnant females; to provide for central registry compliance; to provide for background investigation; to provide for continuation of rules and regulations; to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, is amended by designating the existing provisions of Chapter 5 as Article 1 of said chapter and adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 2

26-5-40.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Narcotic Treatment Programs Enforcement Act.'

26-5-41.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health, or its successor.
- (2) 'Governing body' means the county board of health, the partnership, the corporation, the association, or the person or group of persons who maintains and controls a narcotic treatment program, who is legally responsible for its operation, and who holds the license to operate that program.
- (3) 'License' means the official permit issued by the department that authorizes the holder to operate a narcotic treatment program for the term provided therein.
- (4) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license issued by the department under this article.
- (5) 'Narcotic treatment program' means any system of treatment provided for chronic heroin or opiate-like drug-dependent individuals that administers narcotic drugs under physicians' orders either for detoxification purposes or for maintenance treatment in a rehabilitative context offered by any county board of health, partnership, corporation, association, or person or groups of persons engaged in such administration.

(6) 'Patient' means any individual who undergoes treatment in a narcotic treatment program.

26-5-42.

The department shall create and promulgate reasonable and necessary minimum standards of quality and services for narcotic treatment programs. At least the following areas shall be covered in the rules and regulations:

- (1) Adequate and safe buildings or housing facilities where programs are offered;
- (2) Adequate equipment for the delivery of programs;
- (3) Sufficient trained or experienced staff who are competent in the duties they are to perform;
- (4) The content and quality of services to be provided;
- (5) Requirements for intake, discharge, and aftercare of drug dependent persons;
- (6) Referral to other appropriate agencies;
- (7) Continuing evaluation of the effectiveness of programs;
- (8) Maintenance of adequate records on each drug dependent person treated or advised;
- (9) A formal plan of cooperation with other programs in the state to allow for continuity of care for drug dependent persons; and
- (10) Criteria for providing priority in access to services and admissions to programs for drug dependent pregnant females.

26-5-43.

The department is authorized and directed to create and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this article.

26-5-44.

No governing body shall operate a narcotic treatment program without having a valid license or provisional license issued pursuant to this article.

26-5-45.

(a) Application for a license to operate a narcotic treatment program shall be submitted by the governing body to the department in the manner prescribed by rules and regulations and shall contain a comprehensive outline of the program to be offered by the applicant.

(b) Proof of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws for the handling and dispensing of drugs and all state and local health, safety, sanitation, building, and zoning codes shall be attached to the narcotic treatment application submitted to the department.

26-5-46.

(a) The department shall establish an annual or biannual open enrollment period to accept applications for narcotic treatment programs.

(b) The department shall establish an information forum for potential applicants prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period that shall be no less than 14 days prior to the start of the open enrollment period. It shall be mandatory for a representative of a prospective applicant for such open enrollment period to attend the information forum. Failure to attend and comply with such record of attendance requirements shall disqualify any applicant from consideration during open enrollment.

(c) It shall be mandatory for an applicant to submit a letter of intent stating such applicant's intention to apply for a narcotic treatment program license. Such letter of intent shall include the intended address and region location. The letter shall be delivered to the department at least seven days prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period.

(d) The first open enrollment period shall be held December 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, and the department shall not accept any applications for licensure until December 1, 2017.

(e) After the first open enrollment period, the department shall administratively determine the annual or biannual open enrollment period no later than December 1 of the preceding calendar year.

26-5-47.

(a) The department shall, consistent with the requirements of this Code section, establish an application review process committee. The members of the committee shall include representation from department staff members and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(b) Application requirements shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Data and details regarding treatment and counseling plans;

(2) Biographical and qualifications of owners, medical directors, counselors, and other required staff;

(3) Data as determined by the department on currently licensed narcotic treatment programs within the region of the proposed location and within a 75 mile radius, whether or not such other programs are outside of the region;

(4) Patient levels of currently licensed programs in the proposed region of care and within 75 miles, including:

(A) The number of patients admitted to current narcotic treatment programs in the most recent month; and

(B) The number of patients served by current narcotic treatment programs in the most recent month;

(5) Data on demographic, social, health, economic, alcohol and drug related crimes, alcohol and drug overdoses, and hospital and emergency department admission of individuals addicted to opioids for the program location;

(6) Applicant experience operating a narcotic treatment program or working at such program, including a complete history of such experience both within this state and in any other state;

(7) Program ownership in other locations, if any, including a complete and accurate

description of narcotic treatment program experience, including whether the applicant currently holds, has held, or had revoked any licenses, registrations, enrollments, accreditations, contracts, and network memberships. The applicant shall disclose any adverse actions against the applicant while employed by or as a result of ownership of a narcotic treatment program;

(8) Evidence the applicant sought community input for the proposed location from substance abuse advocacy organizations, civic organizations, neighborhood associations, locally elected officials, and other groups;

(9) Proof of notification of intent to file an application with all law enforcement offices within a 25 mile radius of the program location;

(10) Proof of notification of intent to file an application with all drug courts within a 75 mile radius of the program location;

(11) A narrative description of and information about adjoining businesses and occupancies within 200 feet of the facility, including a description of transportation access, traffic patterns, security features, local area police and crime reports, and neighborhood safety; and

(12) A complete description of the facility's staff and patient parking.

(c)(1) A program license shall be nontransferable for a change of a governing body. The department shall require currently operating programs that have a change of governing body to submit an application for such change in accordance with its rules and regulations. However, the department shall waive Code Section 26-5-46, all other requirements under this Code section, and Code Section 26-5-48 if such governing body is in good standing with the department.

(2) A program license shall be nontransferable for a change of location. The department shall require currently operating programs that have a change of location to submit an application for such change in accordance with its rules and regulations. However, the department shall waive the application requirements for a change of location of a currently operating program pursuant to Code Section 26-5-46, all other requirements under this Code section, and Code Section 26-5-48 if such governing body is in good standing with the department, provided the change of location is within such program's current region established by this article.

(d) Upon application for an additional program by a current licensee, each location operated by such licensee shall be inspected. Any such location inspected within the preceding 36 months shall be exempt from such inspection requirement of this subsection. Such inspections are in addition to all other application requirements for an additional program application by such licensee.

(e) In the event an applicant is unable to obtain patient information from current programs as required by subsection (b) of the Code section, the department may direct current narcotic treatment programs to provide such information to the applicant.

26-5-48.

(a) Prior to the department issuing a license to a governing body for any narcotic treatment program, the program shall demonstrate the following:

- (1) Compliance with all state and federal law and regulations;
  - (2) Compliance with all applicable standards of practice;
  - (3) Program structure for successful service delivery; and
  - (4) Impact on the delivery of opioid treatment services of the applicant in the applicable population.
- (b) The department shall issue a license to a governing body for any narcotic treatment program which meets all the rules and regulations for such program and the licensing of such program does not exceed four licensed treatment programs per region pursuant to subsection (h) of this Code section.
- (c) The department will evaluate the applications based on data submitted as required by Code Section 26-5-47.
- (d) Applications for licensure submitted to the department prior to June 1, 2016, shall not be subject to Code Section 26-5-46 or 26-5-47.
- (e) Programs licensed prior to June 30, 2017, are not subject to the regional maximum allowable program limitations pursuant to this Code section. However, if a region has four or more licensed programs on July 1, 2017, such region shall be considered to have reached its maximum allowable programs.
- (f) The department shall establish a review process to determine if a waiver should be granted to an applicant and allow an application to be submitted for review in a region that has four or more licensed narcotic treatment programs. The department shall have full authority to determine the requirements that must be met for a waiver to be considered for review.
- (g) In the event that the department receives multiple letters of intent before an open enrollment period for a specific region and the ensuing applications will lead to the regional license limit being exceeded, the department shall have the authority to develop a scoring system for the applications submitted and approve a program or programs determined to be most fit for licensure. The department shall develop an appeal process for those applications not selected under such scoring system.
- (h) For the purpose of narcotic treatment program application evaluation for the department and delivery of services by narcotic treatment programs in communities and to citizens of this state and for the purpose of establishing narcotic treatment programs regional boundaries, there are created 49 regions with those counties designated as follows:
- (1) Region 1 shall be composed of Dade, Catoosa, Walker, and Chattooga counties;
  - (2) Region 2 shall be composed of Whitfield and Murray counties;
  - (3) Region 3 shall be composed of Gordon and Bartow counties;
  - (4) Region 4 shall be composed of Floyd County;
  - (5) Region 5 shall be composed of Polk and Haralson counties;
  - (6) Region 6 shall be composed of Paulding County;
  - (7) Region 7 shall be composed of Cobb County;
  - (8) Region 8 shall be composed of Douglas County;
  - (9) Region 9 shall be composed of Fulton County;
  - (10) Region 10 shall be composed of Cherokee County;

- (11) Region 11 shall be composed of Forsyth County;
- (12) Region 12 shall be composed of Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties;
- (13) Region 13 shall be composed of Towns, Union, Lumpkin, and White counties;
- (14) Region 14 shall be composed of Rabun, Habersham, and Stephens counties;
- (15) Region 15 shall be composed of Hart, Franklin, Elbert, Oglethorpe, and Madison counties;
- (16) Region 16 shall be composed of Banks, Jackson, and Barrow counties;
- (17) Region 17 shall be composed of Hall and Dawson counties;
- (18) Region 18 shall be composed of Gwinnett County;
- (19) Region 19 shall be composed of DeKalb County;
- (20) Region 20 shall be composed of Clayton County;
- (21) Region 21 shall be composed of Henry County;
- (22) Region 22 shall be composed of Rockdale County;
- (23) Region 23 shall be composed of Clarke and Oconee counties;
- (24) Region 24 shall be composed of Walton and Newton counties;
- (25) Region 25 shall be composed of Wilkes, Lincoln, Taliaferro, McDuffie, Warren, and Glascock counties;
- (26) Region 26 shall be composed of Columbia, Richmond, and Burke counties;
- (27) Region 27 shall be composed of Greene, Morgan, Hancock, Putnam, Jasper, Jones, Baldwin, and Wilkinson counties;
- (28) Region 28 shall be composed of Butts, Lamar, and Monroe counties;
- (29) Region 29 shall be composed of Fayette, Spalding, Pike, and Upson counties;
- (30) Region 30 shall be composed of Carroll, Heard, Troup, Coweta, and Meriwether counties;
- (31) Region 31 shall be composed of Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Marion, and Chattahoochee counties;
- (32) Region 32 shall be composed of Bibb, Crawford, and Twiggs counties;
- (33) Region 33 shall be composed of Houston and Peach counties;
- (34) Region 34 shall be composed of Laurens, Johnson, and Treutlen counties;
- (35) Region 35 shall be composed of Washington, Jefferson, Emanuel, Candler, and Toombs counties;
- (36) Region 36 shall be composed of Jenkins, Screven, Bulloch, and Effingham counties;
- (37) Region 37 shall be composed of Chatham County;
- (38) Region 38 shall be composed of Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, Long, Tattnall, and Evans counties;
- (39) Region 39 shall be composed of Glynn, Camden, Wayne, Appling, and Jeff Davis counties;
- (40) Region 40 shall be composed of Dodge, Telfair, Montgomery, Wheeler, Bleckley, and Pulaski counties;
- (41) Region 41 shall be composed of Charlton, Ware, Brantley, Pierce, Bacon, and Coffee counties;
- (42) Region 42 shall be composed of Clinch, Atkinson, Lanier, Berrien, and Cook

counties;

(43) Region 43 shall be composed of Lowndes, Colquitt, Echols, Brooks, and Thomas counties;

(44) Region 44 shall be composed of Tift, Turner, Irwin, and Worth counties;

(45) Region 45 shall be composed of Dooly, Crisp, Ben Hill, and Wilcox counties;

(46) Region 46 shall be composed of Dougherty County;

(47) Region 47 shall be composed of Lee, Sumter, Macon, Schley, Webster, and Stewart counties;

(48) Region 48 shall be composed of Calhoun, Baker, Mitchell, Decatur, and Grady counties; and

(49) Region 49 shall be composed of Terrell, Randolph, Quitman, Clay, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties.

26-5-49.

(a) Narcotic treatment programs shall not provide a bounty, free services, free medication, or other rewards for patient referral to such program.

(b) Narcotic treatment programs shall not provide temporary discounted financial incentives to a potential patient that does not conform to the schedule of fees established by such program as required by the department's rules and regulations.

26-5-50.

Narcotic treatment programs shall fully comply with local zoning requirements.

26-5-51.

Subject to the limitations of Code Section 26-5-56, the department may require at reasonable intervals that each licensee shall furnish copies of complete records of each person treated or advised by the narcotic treatment program.

26-5-52.

Each licensee shall permit the authorized department representatives to enter upon and inspect any and all premises upon or in which a program is to be conducted or for which a license has been applied so that verification of compliance with all relevant laws or regulations can be made.

26-5-53.

The department may deny any license applied for under this article that does not fulfill the minimum requirements which the department shall prescribe by rules and regulations and may suspend or revoke a license which has been issued if an applicant or a licensee violates any of such rules and regulations; provided, however, that before any order is entered denying a license applied for or suspending or revoking a license previously granted, the applicant or licensee, as the case may be, shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'



26-5-54.

Notice of a proposed suspension or revocation of a license shall be provided in writing by the department to any licensee so affected within 90 days after the open enrollment period has closed or the grounds are discovered. Within ten days from receipt of such notice, the licensee so affected may request a hearing before the department. Upon receipt of such request for hearing in proper form, the department shall schedule a hearing within a reasonable time, but not later than 90 days.

26-5-55.

The promulgation of reasonable and necessary rules and regulations, the conduct of administrative hearings, and judicial review of the department's actions shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

26-5-56.

For the purpose of providing more effective treatment and rehabilitation, the records and name of any drug dependent person who seeks or obtains treatment, therapeutic advice, or counsel from any program licensed under this chapter shall be confidential and shall not be revealed except to the extent authorized in writing by the drug dependent person affected; furthermore, any communication by such drug dependent person to an authorized employee of any holder of a license shall be deemed confidential; provided, however, that, except for matters privileged under other laws of this state, the records of such person and information about such person shall be produced in response to a valid court order of any court of competent jurisdiction after a full and fair show-cause hearing and in response to a departmental request for access for licensing purposes when such request is accompanied by a written statement that no record of patient identifying information will be made.

26-5-57.

The department is authorized to enforce this article and the rules and regulations promulgated under this article by injunction. Any violation of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated under this article shall be a nuisance per se; and it shall not be necessary to allege or prove the exhaustion of remedies at law to obtain an injunction under this Code section.

26-5-58.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

26-5-59.

Any program licensed or funded by the department under this article shall implement a priority admissions policy for the treatment of drug dependent pregnant females which provides for immediate access to services for any such female applying for admission, which access shall be contingent only upon the availability of space.

26-5-60.

To prevent simultaneous enrollment of a patient in more than one program, all programs shall comply with the policies and participate in the central registry operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Programs shall comply with the rules and regulations of the department regarding the central registry.

26-5-61.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(2) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(A) Conviction of a crime;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime where:

(i) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge;

(ii) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(iii) Adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge; or

(C) Arrest and being charged for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(3) 'Program' means a narcotic treatment program required to be licensed under this article.

(4) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35.

(5) 'GCIC information' means criminal history record information as defined in Code Section 35-3-30.

(6) 'Owner' means any individual affiliated with a partnership, corporation, association or individuals or groups of individuals who maintain, control, or administer a narcotics treatment program under this article or such individuals submitting an application under this article.

(7) 'Records check application' means fingerprints in such form and of such quality as prescribed by the Georgia Crime Information Center and under standards adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a records search fee to be established by the department by rule and regulation, payable in such form as the department may direct to cover the cost of obtaining criminal background information pursuant to this Code section.

(b) An owner with a criminal record shall not operate or hold a license to operate a program, and the department shall revoke the license of any owner operating a program or refuse to issue a license to any owner operating a program if it determines that such owner has a criminal record; provided, however, that an owner who holds a license to operate a program on or before July 1, 2017, shall not have his or her license revoked prior to a hearing being held before a hearing officer pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50,

the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(c)(1) Prior to approving any license for a new program and periodically as established by the department by rules and regulations, the department shall require an owner to submit a records check application. The department shall establish a uniform method of obtaining an owner's records check application.

(2)(A) Unless the department contracts pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the department shall transmit to the GCIC the fingerprints and records search fee from each fingerprint records check application in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. Upon receipt thereof, the GCIC shall promptly transmit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall promptly conduct a search of its records and records to which it has access. Within ten days after receiving fingerprints acceptable to the GCIC and the fee, the GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any criminal record or if there is no such finding. After a search of Federal Bureau of Investigation records and fingerprints and upon receipt of the bureau's report, the department shall make a determination about an owner's criminal record and shall notify the owner in writing as to the department's determination as to whether the owner has or does not have a criminal record.

(B) The department may either perform criminal background checks under agreement with the GCIC or contract with the GCIC and appropriate law enforcement agencies which have access to the GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation information to have those agencies perform for the department criminal background checks for owners. The department or the appropriate law enforcement agencies may charge reasonable fees for performing criminal background checks.

(3)(A) The department's determination regarding an owner's criminal record, or any action by the department revoking or refusing to grant a license based on such determination, shall constitute a contested case for purposes of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that any hearing required to be held pursuant thereto may be held reasonably expeditiously after such determination or action by the department.

(B) In a hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or subsection (b) of this Code section, the hearing officer shall consider in mitigation the length of time since the crime was committed, the absence of additional criminal charges, the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, other indicia of rehabilitation, the facility's history of compliance with the regulations, and the owner's involvement with the licensed program in arriving at a decision as to whether the criminal record requires the denial or revocation of the license to operate the facility. Where a hearing is required, at least 30 days prior to such hearing, the hearing officer shall notify the office of the prosecuting attorney who initiated the prosecution of the crime in question in order to allow the prosecutor to object to a possible determination that the conviction would not be a bar for the grant or continuation of a license as contemplated within this Code section. If

objections are made, the hearing officer shall take such objections into consideration in considering the case.

(4) Neither the GCIC, the department, any law enforcement agency, nor the employees of any such entities shall be responsible for the accuracy of information nor have any liability for defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim in connection with any dissemination of information or determination based thereon pursuant to this Code section.

(d) All information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the GCIC shall be for the exclusive purpose of approving or denying the granting of a license to a new program or the revision of a license of an existing program when a new owner is proposed and shall not be released or otherwise disclosed to any other person or agency. All such information collected by the department shall be maintained by the department pursuant to laws regarding and the rules or regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the GCIC, as is applicable. Penalties for the unauthorized release or disclosure of any such information shall be as prescribed pursuant to laws regarding and rules or regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the GCIC, as is applicable.

(e) The requirements of this Code section are supplemental to any requirements for a license imposed by this article.

(f) The department shall promulgate written rules and regulations reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.

26-5-62.

Unless otherwise provided, this article shall not invalidate or affect any rules or regulations which were in effect upon its effective date, promulgated pursuant to authority given by law, and such rules and regulations shall remain in force until repealed, replaced, or invalidated."

## **SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by replacing "chapter" with "article" wherever the former word occurs in:

- (1) Code Section 26-5-1, relating to the short title;
- (2) Code Section 26-5-2, relating to legislative intent;
- (3) Code Section 26-5-3, relating to definitions regarding drug abuse treatment and education programs;
- (4) Code Section 26-5-6, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations;
- (5) Code Section 26-5-7, relating to license required;
- (6) Code Section 26-5-9, relating to provisional licenses;
- (7) Code Section 26-5-10, relating to issuance of license and revocation or suspension;
- (8) Code Section 26-5-17, relating to confidentiality of records, names, and communications;
- (9) Code Section 26-5-18, relating to injunctions and nuisances per se;
- (10) Code Section 26-5-19, relating to penalty;

- (11) Code Section 26-5-20, relating to priority admissions policy for drug dependent pregnant females; and  
 (12) Code Section 26-5-21, relating to the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs.

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 26-5-14, relating to denial, suspension, or revocation of license, as follows:

"26-5-14.

The department may deny any license applied for under this ~~chapter~~ article that does not fulfill the minimum requirements which the department may prescribe by rules and regulations and may suspend or revoke a license which has been issued if an applicant or a licensee violates any of such rules and regulations; provided, however, that before any order is entered denying a license applied for or suspending or revoking a license previously granted, the applicant or license holder, as the case may be, shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

### SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 5.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
E Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

SB 88, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 108. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Veterans Service, so as to require maintenance of a women veterans' office by the commissioner of veterans service; to provide for the purposes of such women veterans' office; to require interaction with veterans court divisions to assist with recruiting and training mentors; to require an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman

Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 108, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 128. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Tippins of the 37th, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to allow for the sharing of personal data with the Department of Natural Resources for limited purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 128, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/23/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 128. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Michael Rhett  
District 33

SB 137. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Hill of the 4th, Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Child Support Recovery Act, so as to require the obligor to pay the full fee required by the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker



Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 137, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 141. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carnival ride safety, so as to require the owner of a carnival ride to submit an engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 141, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/23/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 141. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Michael Rhett  
District 33

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Friday, February 24, 2017  
Twenty-fourth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:14 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 93. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Watson of the 172nd, Blackmon of the 146th, Nimmer of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-2-35.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to refunds of sales and use taxes, so as to provide that no interest shall be paid on refunds of sales and use taxes to a purchaser that held a certificate or exemption letter if such purchaser did not use such document during the purchase; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 134. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Brockway of the 102nd, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th, Watson of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to change the definition of transportation purposes regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to special districts and the imposition of such tax; to change certain provisions relating to notice, intergovernmental agreements, and resolutions regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the ballot question regarding such tax;

to change certain provisions relating to the commencement of imposition and the timing of cessation of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 153. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Efstration of the 104th, Smith of the 70th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council on American Indian Concerns, so as to attach the council to the Department of Natural Resources for administrative purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 162. By Representatives Price of the 48th, Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to setoff debt collection, so as to revise the procedures for the transfer of setoffs by the Administrative Office of the Courts to the court to whom the debt is owed; to correct references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE

scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 246. By Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Coleman of the 97th, Casas of the 107th, Stovall of the 74th and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-777 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an annual fitness assessment program, so as to repeal the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 268. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Rynders of the 152nd, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the time period for certification of election officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 305. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Abrams of the 89th, Evans of the 42nd, Caldwell of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to in whom parental power lies, how such power is lost, and recover for homicide of child, so as to add stepparents and former stepparents to the category of third parties who may be awarded custody of a child in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 361. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Dollar of the 45th, Martin of the 49th, Golick of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4004), an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4982), and an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4026), so as to provide that contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes; to repeal a certain provision relating to employee contributions paid by the employer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 377. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th, Silcox of the 52nd, Raffensperger of the 50th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, approved December 3, 1880 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 508), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4374), so as to provide for the position of chairperson and to clarify the manner of election of such position; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 378. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Setzler of the 35th and Parsons of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4106), by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3737), and by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4210), so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 384. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Evans of the 42nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Teasley of the 37th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3725) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4046), so as to change the compensation of certain employees of such office; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 420. By Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Carson of the 46th, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3732) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4050), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to change the compensation of the clerk of the probate court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 424. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Setzler of the 35th, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3964), so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 283. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Buddy Adams on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 251. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Beach of the 21st, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mass transportation, so as to provide for the levy of a retail sales and use tax by DeKalb County for the purpose of providing public transportation of passengers for hire through the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a limitation on the collection of a tax for transportation purposes in certain instances; to amend Code Section 48-8-6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to prohibition of political subdivisions from imposing various taxes and ceiling on local sales and use taxes, so as to provide for an exception to the 2 percent limitation on local sales and use taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 252. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to create a compact among the

states to prohibit public financing of professional stadiums; to authorize the Governor to execute such compact; to provide for a purpose; to provide for an effective date for such compact; to provide for an official state representation; to provide for an agreement to prohibit public funding of professional stadiums; to provide for agreements to withhold state moneys from certain public or private entities if such entities publicly fund a professional stadium; to provide for withdrawal from the compact; to provide a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

SB 253. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Jeffares of the 17th, Stone of the 23rd, Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require a local school system to allow home study students to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities; to provide for definitions; to provide that home study students are subject to all rules, regulations, and codes of conduct as would apply to other students; to provide for rules and regulations by the State Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 254. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Kirk of the 13th and McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to provide for a minimum annual salary for each deputy appointed by each sheriff; to require the commissioner of public safety to publish certain minimum annual salary information of certain members of the Georgia State Patrol; to provide for cost-of-living and general performance based increases for each deputy appointed by each sheriff whenever such increases are authorized for state employees; to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to create the Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.



SR 298. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson and dedicating a road in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 299. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Horace Julian Bond and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 307. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th and Stone of the 23rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Joint Task Force; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 313. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of PFC Roland E. Rush and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 93. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Kelley of the 16th, Watson of the 172nd, Blackmon of the 146th, Nimmer of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-2-35.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to refunds of sales and use taxes, so as to provide that no interest shall be paid on refunds of sales and use taxes to a purchaser that held a certificate or exemption letter if such purchaser did not use such document during the purchase; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 134. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Brockway of the 102nd, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th, Watson of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to change the definition of transportation purposes regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to special districts and the imposition of such tax; to change certain provisions relating to notice, intergovernmental agreements, and resolutions regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the ballot question regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the commencement of imposition and the timing of cessation of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 153. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Efstoration of the 104th, Smith of the 70th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council on American Indian Concerns, so as to attach the council to the Department of Natural Resources for administrative purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 162. By Representatives Price of the 48th, Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to setoff debt collection, so as to revise the procedures for the transfer of setoffs by the Administrative Office of the Courts to the court to whom the debt is owed; to correct references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide

for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 246. By Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Coleman of the 97th, Casas of the 107th, Stovall of the 74th and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-777 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an annual fitness assessment program, so as to repeal the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 268. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Rynders of the 152nd, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the time period for certification of election officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

- HB 305. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Abrams of the 89th, Evans of the 42nd, Caldwell of the 131st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to in whom parental power lies, how such power is lost, and recover for homicide of child, so as to add stepparents and former stepparents to the category of third parties who may be awarded custody of a child in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- HB 361. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Dollar of the 45th, Martin of the 49th, Golick of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4004), an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4982), and an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4026), so as to provide that contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes; to repeal a certain provision relating to employee contributions paid by the employer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

- HB 377. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th, Silcox of the 52nd, Raffensperger of the 50th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, approved December 3, 1880 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 508), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4374), so as to provide for the position of chairperson and to clarify the manner of election of such position; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

- HB 378. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Setzler of the 35th and Parsons of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4106), by an

Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3737), and by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4210), so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 384. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Evans of the 42nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Teasley of the 37th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3725) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4046), so as to change the compensation of certain employees of such office; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 420. By Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Carson of the 46th, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3732) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4050), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to change the compensation of the clerk of the probate court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 424. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Setzler of the 35th, Thomas of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3964), so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Interstate Cooperation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 290      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator James of the 35th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 126	Do Pass by substitute	SB 127	Do Pass by substitute
SB 174	Do Pass by substitute	SB 175	Do Pass
SB 176	Do Pass by substitute	SB 189	Do Pass by substitute
SB 194	Do Pass	SR 146	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 1          Do Pass by substitute  
SB 217      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 190 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State Institutions and Property has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 104 Do Pass  
SR 228 Do Pass  
SR 229 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harbison of the 15th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 183 Do Pass  
SR 227 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 146 SB 5 SB 103 SB 156 SB 164 SB 173  
SB 200 SB 201 SR 104 SR 206 SR 222

Senator Heath of the 31st asked unanimous consent that Senator Dugan of the 30th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Dugan was excused.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Stone of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stone was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Payne
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson, L	Seay
Brass	James	Shafer
Burke	Jeffares	Sims
Butler	Jones, E	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kennedy	Tillery
Fort	Kirk	Tippins
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Gooch	Martin	Walker
Harbin	McKoon	Watson
Harbison	Millar	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams, M
Heath	Mullis	

Not answering were Senators:

Dugan (Excused)	Jones, B. (Excused)	Lucas
Stone (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)	

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Orrock of the 36th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Arthur F. Mosley of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. O. Scott Swayze.

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved to suspend Senate Rules to read a report of the Committee on Health and Human Services. There was no objection.



The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 168	Do Pass	SB 202	Do Pass by substitute
SB 220	Do Pass	SB 221	Do Pass by substitute
SB 241	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 297. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2017, as "Community Health Centers Day" and commending the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care; and for other purposes.

SR 300. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Jeffares of the 17th, Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Tech alumnus and professional golfer, Matthew G. Kuchar, on the occasion of a momentous year in his career; and for other purposes.

SR 301. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Elam Jones on being ordained as a minister in July, 2016; and for other purposes.

SR 302. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Fairview Elementary School on its great success with the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative; and for other purposes.

- SR 303. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mrs. Gladys Brown as the recipient of the Women's Caucus Award; and for other purposes.

- SR 304. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Council of Negro Women; and for other purposes.

- SR 305. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Walker III of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Denny Jones; and for other purposes.

- SR 306. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Walker III of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Dr. Teresa "Terri" Luhrs; and for other purposes.

- SR 308. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Jackson of the 2nd, Black of the 8th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Nadine Thomas as the first African American female to serve in the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

- SR 309. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending George Romberg on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 310. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kelsey Norris upon being honored with a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and for other purposes.

SR 311. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the documentary Foot Soldiers: Class of 1964; and for other purposes.

SR 312. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Unterman of the 45th, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2017, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday February 24, 2017  
Twenty-fourth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 190                      Jeffares of the 17th  
                                    Anderson of the 43rd

### NEWTON COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to transfer intake services of the Juvenile Court of Newton County to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Code Section 15-11-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay

Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 160	"Back the Badge Act of 2017" (Substitute)(PUB SAF-7th)
SB 154	Assault and Battery; public safety officer while engaged in his or her official duties; provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery (Substitute)(PUB SAF-13th)
SB 155	Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; create (Substitute)(PUB SAF-13th)
SB 169	Specialty License Plate; honoring law enforcement; establish (Substitute) (PUB SAF-13th)
SB 109	"Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact" ("REPLICA"); provide for the enactment (PUB SAF-27th)
SB 8	"Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act"; health insurance; provide consumer protections; definitions (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)

SB 96 Health; pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses; nursing homes and hospice care; authorize; county medical examiner's duties after notice of suspicious death; make a conforming change (H&HS-1st)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 160. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to revise the jurisdiction, definition, and penalties for certain crimes and offenses; to add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault or aggravated battery upon a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to clarify the definition of a class A designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 160:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to revise the jurisdiction, definition, and penalties for certain crimes and offenses; to add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault upon a public safety officer involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer; to allow a superior court the discretion to transfer such cases back to juvenile court; to clarify the definitions of a class A or class B designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to revise the offenses of aggravated assault and

aggravated battery upon various law enforcement officials into aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties, respectively; to provide for sentencing to minimum terms of imprisonment for persons who knowingly commit the offense of aggravated assault upon a public safety officer through the use of weapons, objects, or devices; to provide for the offense of, and criminal penalties for, knowingly and willfully resisting, obstructing, or opposing certain law enforcement officers by placing upon such law enforcement officers certain human or animal excreta; to provide for enhanced penalties for the offense of resisting, obstructing, or opposing certain law enforcement officers by offering or doing violence to the person of such law enforcement officers; to increase the penalties for the offense of obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Back the Badge Act of 2017."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, is amended in Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions, by revising subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (12) as follows:

"(A)(i) Aggravated assault in violation of paragraph ~~(1)~~, (3), ~~or (4)~~ of subsection ~~(b)~~ ~~(a)~~ ~~or~~ of Code Section 16-5-21;

(ii) Aggravated assault in violation of paragraph (1) or (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-5-21 other than upon a public safety officer as such acts are defined and prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21, not involving a firearm;

(iii) Aggravated assault upon an individual or situation described in subsection (d), ~~(e)~~, ~~(f)~~, ~~(j)~~, or ~~(m)~~ (h) of Code Section 16-5-21 or assault with a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, actually does result in serious bodily injury, provided that such deadly weapon is not a firearm; and provided, further, that such injured person is not a public safety officer as defined under Code Section 16-5-19 and prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21;

(B) Aggravated battery not upon a public safety officer as such acts are defined and prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-24;"

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 15-11-560, relating to concurrent and original jurisdiction of superior court, by revising subsection (b) and paragraph (1) of subsection (e), and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) The superior court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed any of the following offenses:

- (1) Murder;
- (2) Murder in the second degree;
- (3) Voluntary manslaughter;
- (4) Rape;
- (5) Aggravated sodomy;
- (6) Aggravated child molestation;
- (7) Aggravated sexual battery; ~~or~~
- (8) Armed robbery if committed with a firearm;
- (9) Aggravated assault if committed with a firearm upon a public safety officer as such acts are defined and prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21; or
- (10) Aggravated battery upon a public safety officer as such acts are defined and prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-24."

"(e)(1) After indictment, the superior court may after investigation transfer to the juvenile court any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed ~~voluntary manslaughter, aggravated sodomy, aggravated child molestation, or aggravated sexual battery~~ any act described in paragraph (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), or (10) of subsection (b) of this Code section. In considering the transfer of such case, the court shall consider the criteria set forth in Code Section 15-11-562. Any such transfer shall be appealable by the State of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 5-7-1. Upon such a transfer by the superior court, jurisdiction shall vest in the juvenile court and jurisdiction of the superior court shall terminate."

"(h) As used in this Code section, the term 'firearm' means a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge."

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 15-11-561, relating to waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction and transfer to superior court, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) After a petition alleging delinquency has been filed but before the adjudication hearing, on its own motion or on a motion by a prosecuting attorney, the court may convene a hearing to determine whether to transfer the offense to the appropriate superior court for criminal trial if the court determines that:

- (1) There is probable cause to believe that a child committed the alleged offense;
- (2) Such child is not committable to an institution for the developmentally disabled or mentally ill; and
- (3) The petition alleges that such child:
  - (A) Was at least 15 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense and committed an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult; or
  - (B) Was 13 or 14 years of age and either committed an act for which the punishment is loss of life or confinement for life in a penal institution or committed

aggravated battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a an alleged victim who is not a public safety officer as such term is defined in Code Section 16-5-19."

#### SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-562, relating to transfer criteria, as follows:

"(a) The criteria that the juvenile court shall consider in determining whether to transfer an alleged delinquent child as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-561 to superior court and the criteria that the superior court shall consider in determining whether to transfer any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed ~~voluntary manslaughter, aggravated sodomy, aggravated child molestation, or aggravated sexual battery~~ any act described in paragraph (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), or (10) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-560 to juvenile court as set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-11-560 includes, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) The age of such child;
- (2) The seriousness of the alleged offense, especially if personal injury resulted;
- (3) Whether the protection of the community requires transfer of jurisdiction;
- (4) Whether the alleged offense involved violence or was committed in an aggressive or premeditated manner;
- (5) The impact of the alleged offense on the alleged victim, including the permanence of any physical or emotional injury sustained, health care expenses incurred, and lost earnings suffered;
- (6) The culpability of such child including such child's level of planning and participation in the alleged offense;
- (7) Whether the alleged offense is a part of a repetitive pattern of offenses which indicates that such child may be beyond rehabilitation in the juvenile justice system;
- (8) The record and history of such child, including experience with the juvenile justice system, other courts, supervision, commitments to juvenile institutions, and other placements;
- (9) The sophistication and maturity of such child as determined by consideration of his or her home and environmental situation, emotional condition, and pattern of living;
- (10) The program and facilities available to the juvenile court in considering disposition; and
- (11) Whether or not a child can benefit from the treatment or rehabilitative programs available to the juvenile court."

#### SECTION 6.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 5, relating to assault and battery, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-5-19.

As used in this article, the term:



(1) 'Correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.

(2) 'Emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel.

(3) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 25-4-2.

(4) 'Highway emergency response operator' means an individual employed by the Department of Transportation who performs freeway service patrols.

(5) 'Officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, court interpreter, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

(6) 'Public safety officer' means peace officer, correctional officer, emergency health worker, firefighter, highway emergency response operator, or officer of the court.

(7) 'Strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person."

#### SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, as follows:

"16-5-21.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person.~~

~~(b)~~ A person commits the offense of aggravated assault when he or she assaults:

(1) With intent to murder, to rape, or to rob;

(2) With a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in serious bodily injury;

(3) With any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in strangulation; or

(4) A person or persons without legal justification by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle toward a person or persons.

~~(e)~~(b) Except as provided in subsections ~~(d)~~ (c) through ~~(n)~~ (j) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

~~(d)~~(c) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a

~~peace~~ public safety officer while the ~~peace~~ public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. No portion of the minimum term of imprisonment imposed upon a person who violates this subsection through the use of any weapon, object, or device, other than such person's hands, shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or otherwise withheld by the sentencing judge.

~~(e)~~(d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault against a person who is 65 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.~~

~~(2) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.~~

~~(g)~~(e) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault in a public transit vehicle or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years. For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has the same meaning as in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-20.

~~(h)~~(f) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a person in the course of violating Code Section 16-8-2 where the property that was the subject of the theft was a vehicle engaged in commercial transportation of cargo or any appurtenance thereto, including without limitation any such trailer, semitrailer, container, or other associated equipment, or the cargo being transported therein or thereon, shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years, a fine not less than \$50,000.00 nor more than \$200,000.00, or both such fine and imprisonment. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'vehicle' includes without limitation any railcar.

~~(i)~~(g) A person convicted of an offense described in paragraph (4) of subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of this Code section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(j)~~(h) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(k)(i)~~ If the offense of aggravated assault is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(l)(j)~~ Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault with intent to rape against a child under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this subsection shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

~~(m)~~ A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon an officer of the court while such officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, court interpreter, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

~~(n)~~ A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker while the worker is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel."

### SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, as follows:

"16-5-24.

(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated battery when he or she maliciously causes bodily harm to another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(i)~~ (g) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated battery shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

(c) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a ~~peace~~ public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years. The term of imprisonment imposed pursuant to this subsection shall not be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or otherwise withheld by the sentencing judge.

(d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery against a person who is

65 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.~~

~~(2) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years.~~

~~(f)(e)~~ Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery in a public transit vehicle or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has the same meaning as in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-20.

~~(g)(f)~~ Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(h)(g)~~ If the offense of aggravated battery is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(i) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon an emergency health worker while the worker is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel."~~

## SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-10-24, relating to obstructing or hindering law enforcement officers, as follows:

"16-10-24.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person who knowingly and willfully obstructs or hinders any law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article

6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or conservation officer in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties is shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes any law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or conservation ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties by offering or doing violence to the person of such officer or legally authorized person is shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five 15 years.

(c) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes any law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or conservation ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties by causing or attempting to cause such law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, probation officers, or conservation ranger to come into contact with human or animal blood, urine, feces, vomitus, or seminal fluid by throwing, tossing, projecting, or expelling such fluid or material shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years."

#### SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-10-56, relating to riot in a penal institution, as follows:

"16-10-56.

(a) ~~Any person legally confined to any penal institution of this state or of any political subdivision of this state who commits an unlawful act of violence or any other act in a violent or tumultuous manner commits the offense of riot in a penal institution. As used in this Code section, the term 'penal institution' means any place of confinement for persons accused of or convicted of violating a law of this state or an ordinance of a municipality or political subdivision of this state.~~

(b) ~~Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than 20 years. Any person legally confined to any penal institution of this state or of a municipality or political subdivision of this state who commits an unlawful act of violence or any other act in a violent or tumultuous manner commits the offense of violent or tumultuous acts in a penal institution.~~

(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years."

**SECTION 11.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-43, relating to obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages, as follows:

"16-11-43.

A person who, without authority of law, purposely or recklessly obstructs any highway, street, sidewalk, or other public passage in such a way as to render it impassable without unreasonable inconvenience or hazard and fails or refuses to remove the obstruction after receiving a reasonable ~~official~~ request or the order of a peace officer that he or she do so; is shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided for in Code Section 17-10-4."

**SECTION 12.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 12.

SB 160, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 154. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to amend Code Section 45-9-85 of the O.C.G.A., relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imputable negligence, so as to provide that tort liability shall be unlimited for parents and guardians having custody and control over a minor child or children under the age of 18 for willful or malicious acts against a public safety officer under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 154:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, so as to provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to provide for definitions; to revise the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon various law enforcement officials to aggravated assault and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer while such public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties, respectively; to provide for additional criminal fines for various offenses committed upon a public safety officer; to dedicate moneys collected from certain additional criminal fines to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for payment of indemnification for death or disability of certain law enforcement officers, firemen, prison guards, and emergency medical technicians; to amend Code Section 45-9-85 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability, procedure for making payments, and appeal, so as to increase the amount of payment of indemnification for death or disability; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imputable negligence, so as to provide that tort liability shall be unlimited for parents and guardians having custody and control over a minor child or children under the age of 18 for willful or malicious acts against a public safety officer under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery, is amended in by adding a new Code to read as follows:

"16-5-19.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.

(2) 'Emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel.

(3) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 25-4-2.

(4) 'Highway emergency response operator' means an individual employed by the Department of Transportation who performs freeway service patrols.

(5) 'Officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, court interpreter, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

(6) 'Public safety officer' means peace officer, correctional officer, emergency health worker, firefighter, highway emergency response operator, or officer of the court.

(7) 'Strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person."

**SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, as follows:

"16-5-21.

(a) ~~As used in this Code section, the term 'strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person.~~

(b) A person commits the offense of aggravated assault when he or she assaults:

(1) With intent to murder, to rape, or to rob;

(2) With a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in serious bodily injury; (3) With any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in strangulation; or



(4) A person or persons without legal justification by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle toward a person or persons.

~~(e)~~(b) Except as provided in subsections ~~(d)~~ (c) through ~~(n)~~ (j) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

~~(d)~~(c)(1) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a ~~peace~~ public safety officer while ~~the peace~~ such public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years and by a fine as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) A person convicted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished, in addition to the term of imprisonment, by a fine of \$5,000.00. Such fine, after payments are collected pursuant to Chapters 11, 14, 16, and 17 of Title 47, shall be used as follows:

(A) Fifty percent shall be provided to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for purposes of payment of indemnification for death or disability as provided for in Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45; and

(B) Fifty percent shall be provided to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of the State of Georgia for purposes of developing highly visible projects and public relations campaigns that encourage law-abiding behavior among the citizenry.

~~(e)~~(d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault against a person who is 65 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(f)~~(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.

~~(2)~~ A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(g)~~(e) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault in a public transit vehicle or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years. For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has the same meaning as in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-20.

~~(h)~~(f) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a person in the course of violating Code Section 16-8-2 where the property that was the subject of the theft was a vehicle engaged in commercial transportation of cargo or any appurtenance

thereto, including without limitation any such trailer, semitrailer, container, or other associated equipment, or the cargo being transported therein or thereon, shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years, a fine not less than \$50,000.00 nor more than \$200,000.00, or both such fine and imprisonment. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'vehicle' includes without limitation any railcar.

~~(i)~~(g) A person convicted of an offense described in paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(j)~~(h) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(k)~~(i) If the offense of aggravated assault is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(l)~~(j) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault with intent to rape against a child under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this subsection shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

~~(m)~~ A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon an officer of the court while such officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, court interpreter, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

~~(n)~~ A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker while the worker is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel."

### SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, as follows:

"16-5-24.

(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated battery when he or she maliciously

causes bodily harm to another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(f)~~ (g) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated battery shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

~~(c)(1)~~ (c)(1) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a ~~peace~~ public safety officer while ~~the~~ such public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years and by a fine as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) A person convicted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished, in addition to the term of imprisonment, by a fine of \$5,000.00. Such fine, after payments are collected pursuant to Chapters 11, 14, 16, and 17 of Title 47, shall be used as follows:

(A) Fifty percent shall be provided to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for purposes of payment of indemnification for death or disability as provided for in Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45; and

(B) Fifty percent shall be provided to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of the State of Georgia for purposes of developing highly visible projects and public relations campaigns that encourage law-abiding behavior among the citizenry.

(d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery against a person who is 65 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.~~

~~(2) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years.~~

~~(f)(e)~~ Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery in a public transit vehicle or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has the same meaning as in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-20.

~~(g)(f)~~ Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in Code

Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(h)(g)~~ If the offense of aggravated battery is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(i) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon an emergency health worker while the worker is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel."~~

#### SECTION 4.

Code Section 45-9-85 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability, procedure for making payments, and appeal, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) In the case of death or organic brain damage suffered in the line of duty by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, emergency management specialist, state highway employee, or prison guard, payment shall be made to the surviving unremarried spouse or the dependents of the spouse or deceased person as shown in his or her most recent tax return or to the legal guardian of the organically brain damaged person. The surviving unremarried spouse, dependents, or the legal guardian may elect to receive payment in a lump sum payment of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 paid in equal monthly installments for five years or a lump sum of such amount reduced to its present value upon the basis of interest calculated at the rate of 6 percent per annum.

#### SECTION 5.

Chapter 2 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imputable negligence, is amended by revising Code Section 51-2-3, relating to liability for malicious acts of minor child, as follows:

"51-2-3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'public safety officer' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 16-5-19.

(a)(b) Every parent or guardian having the custody and control over a minor child or children under the age of 18, except for those who obtain custody through the foster care system, shall be liable in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 plus court costs for the willful or malicious acts of the minor child or children resulting in reasonable medical expenses to another, damage to the property of another, or both reasonable medical expenses and damage to property; provided, however, that such amount shall not be limited for willful or malicious acts against a public safety officer while such

public safety officer was engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties.

~~(b)~~(c) This Code section shall be cumulative and shall not be restrictive of any remedies now available to any person, firm, or corporation for injuries or damages arising out of the acts, torts, or negligence of a minor child under the 'family-purpose car doctrine,' any statute, or common law in force and effect in this state.

~~(e)~~(d) The intent of the General Assembly in passing this Code section is to provide for the public welfare and aid in the control of juvenile delinquency, not to provide restorative compensation to victims of injurious or tortious conduct by children."

### SECTION 6.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 7.

SB 154, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/24/17

I inadvertently voted “yea” on SB 154. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “no”.

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr.  
District 26

SB 155. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to create the Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; to provide for membership; to provide for assignment to the Department of Administrative Services; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 155:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to create the Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission; to provide for a definition; to provide for membership; to provide for duties of and reporting requirements by the commission; to provide for assignment to the Department of Administrative Services; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to strengthen and enhance local law enforcement officer salary and compensation in order to attract highly qualified individuals to professional careers in the criminal justice disciplines and to retain well-qualified and experienced officers for the purpose of providing maximum protection and safety to the citizens of, the visitors to, and the inmates in, this state.

(b) It is the further intent of the General Assembly to establish an appropriate base line of compensation and benefits information to all local governments in order to assist in

their ability to effectuate appropriate compensation for law enforcement officers, to attract individuals to the profession of criminal justice, and to combat turnover rates in law enforcement positions.

## SECTION 2.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

### "CHAPTER 25

#### 45-25-1.

As used in this chapter, the term 'local law enforcement officer' means a peace officer hired by a law enforcement agency of a county or municipality or a deputy sheriff or jail officer hired by a sheriff.

#### 45-25-2.

There is created the Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission which shall be composed of the commissioner of administrative services, one person who is the chief executive engaging in the management of a county or municipal law enforcement agency in this state appointed by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, a sheriff appointed by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, the executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his or her designee, the executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association or his or her designee, two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The commissioner of administrative services shall be the chairperson of the commission, and the commission shall be assigned to the Department of Administrative Services for administrative purposes. The commission shall meet at least semiannually and upon the call of the commissioner of administrative services.

#### 45-25-3.

(a) The commission shall provide for an annual review of the salaries and benefits of local law enforcement officers in this state using data and information provided by governing authorities of counties and municipalities. In addition, the commission shall make periodic studies of the salary rates and compensation packages provided for by other law enforcement agencies in this state or other states and of the average law enforcement compensation and position turnover rates for local and state officers. The commission shall file such reports concerning its findings about the salaries, benefits, and employment retention rates of local law enforcement officers in this state with the General Assembly and release such reports to the sheriff and governing body of every county or municipality that employs local law enforcement officers. Such reports shall be organized in a manner that provides for the variation in populations served, agency size, services provided by the local law enforcement agency, education and training

required, benefits, retirement and pension programs, retention rates, and any other relevant factors determined by the commission. The first report of the commission shall be provided by December 31, 2017, and then published every two years thereafter.  
(b) Each local law enforcement department or agency of a county or municipality and sheriff shall provide compensation data and employee retention information to the commission in such form and at such intervals as determined by the commission and pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

SB 155, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.



SB 169. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 169:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (l) to read as follows:

"(55) A special license plate honoring Georgia law enforcement officers, with the words 'back the badge' to be displayed across the bottom. The funds raised by the sale of this special license plate shall be disbursed to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund."

**SECTION 2.**

In accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph (VI)(n) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, this Act shall not become law unless it receives the requisite two-thirds' majority vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**SECTION 3.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

SB 169, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

24 Feb 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 169. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Horacena Tate  
District 38

SB 109. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the enactment of the "Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate

Compact" ("REPLICA"); to establish the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice; to provide for a coordinated database; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for contingent effectiveness of the compact; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

SB 109, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 109. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Steve Gooch  
District 51

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

SB 8. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Kirk of the 13th, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; to provide for procedures for dispute resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; to provide for payment of emergency services; to provide for an out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 8:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; to provide for procedures for dispute resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; to provide for payment of emergency services; to provide for an out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be referred to as the "Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 20E33-20E-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Covered person' means an individual who is covered under a health care plan.

(2) 'Emergency services' means those health care services that are provided for a condition of recent onset and sufficient severity, including, but not limited to, severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health to believe that his or her condition, sickness, or injury is of such a nature that failure to obtain immediate medical care could result in:

(A) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy;

(B) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or

(C) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

(3) 'Enrollee' means a policyholder, subscriber, covered person, or other individual participating in a health benefit plan.

(4) 'Health care plan' means any hospital or medical insurance policy or certificate, health care plan contract or certificate, qualified higher deductible health plan, health maintenance organization subscriber contract, any health benefit plan established pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, or any dental or vision care plan or policy; but a health care plan shall not include policies issued in accordance with Chapter 31 of this title, relating to credit life insurance and credit accident and sickness insurance, Chapter 9 of Title 34, relating to workers' compensation, Chapter 20A of this title, relating to managed health care plans, or disability income policies.

(5) 'Health care provider' or 'provider' means any physician, dentist, podiatrist, pharmacist, optometrist, psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse, registered optician, licensed professional counselor, physical therapist, marriage and family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer qualified pursuant to Code Section 43-5-8, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, dietitian, or physician assistant.

(6) 'Health care services' means the examination or treatment of persons for the prevention of illness or the correction or treatment of any physical or mental condition resulting from illness, injury, or other human physical problem and includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Hospital services which include the general and usual care, services, supplies, and equipment furnished by hospitals;

(B) Medical services which include the general and usual services and care rendered and administered by doctors of medicine, doctors of dental surgery, and doctors of podiatry; and

(C) Other health care services which include appliances and supplies; nursing care by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse; institutional services, including the general and usual care, services, supplies, and equipment furnished by health care institutions and agencies or entities other than hospitals; physiotherapy; ambulance services; drugs and medications; therapeutic services and equipment,

including oxygen and the rental of oxygen equipment; hospital beds; iron lungs; orthopedic services and appliances, including wheelchairs, trusses, braces, crutches, and prosthetic devices, including artificial limbs and eyes; and any other appliance, supply, or service related to health care.

(7) 'Health center' means an entity that serves a population that is medically underserved, or a special medically underserved population composed of migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, the homeless, and residents of public housing, by providing, either through the staff and supporting resources of the center or through contracts or cooperative arrangements for required primary health services and as may be appropriate for particular centers, additional health services necessary for the adequate support of the primary health services for all residents of the area served by the health center.

(8) 'Insurer' means any person engaged as indemnitee, surety, or contractor who issues insurance, annuity or endowment contracts, subscriber certificates, or other contracts of insurance by whatever name called. Hospital service nonprofit corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations, health care plans, and health maintenance organizations are insurers within the meaning of this chapter.

(9) 'Medically underserved population' means the population of an urban or rural area designated by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of personal health services or a population group designated by the Secretary in consultation with the state as having a shortage of such services.

(10) 'Out-of-network' refers to health care items or services provided to an enrollee by providers who do not belong to the provider network in the health care plan.

(11) 'Patient' means a person who seeks or receives health care services under a health benefit plan.

(12) 'Precertification' means any written or oral determination made at any time by an insurer or any agent of such insurer that an enrollee's receipt of health care services is a covered benefit under the applicable plan and that any requirement of medical necessity or other requirements imposed by such plan as prerequisites for payment for such services have been satisfied. 'Agent' as used in this paragraph shall not include an agent or agency as defined in Code Section 33-23-1.

(13) 'Required primary health services' means health services related to family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, or gynecology that are furnished by physicians and when appropriate, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurse midwives; diagnostic laboratory and radiologic services; preventive health care services including prenatal and perinatal services; appropriate cancer screening; well child services; immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases; screenings for elevated blood lead levels, communicable diseases, or cholesterol; pediatric eye, ear, and dental screenings to determine the need for vision and hearing correction and dental care; family planning services; and preventive dental services.

(14) 'Surprise bill' means a bill for health care services, other than emergency services, received by:

(A) A covered person for services rendered by a nonparticipating physician at a

participating hospital or ambulatory surgical center when a participating physician is unavailable or a nonparticipating physician renders services without the covered person's knowledge or when unforeseen medical services arise at the time the health care services are rendered; provided, however, that a surprise bill shall not mean a bill received for health care services when a participating physician is available and the covered person has elected to obtain services from a nonparticipating physician;  
(B) A covered person for services rendered by a nonparticipating provider when the services were referred by a participating physician to a nonparticipating provider without the explicit written consent of the covered person acknowledging that the participating physician is referring the covered person to a nonparticipating provider and that the referral may result in costs not covered by the health care plan; or  
(C) A patient who is not a covered person for services rendered by a physician at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center when the patient has not timely received all of the disclosures required by Code Section 33-20E-2.

33-20E-2.

(a) A health care provider, group practice of health care providers, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center on behalf of health care providers rendering services at a group practice, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center shall disclose to patients or prospective patients in writing or through an Internet website the health care plans in which the health care provider, group practice, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center is a participating provider and the hospitals with which the health care provider is affiliated prior to the provision of nonemergency services and verbally at the time an appointment is scheduled.

(b) If a health care provider, group practice of health care providers, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center on behalf of health care providers rendering services at a group practice, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center does not participate in the network of a patient's or prospective patient's health care plan, the health care provider, group practice, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center shall:

(1) Prior to the provision of nonemergency services, inform a patient or prospective patient that the estimated amount the health care provider will bill the patient for health care services is available upon request; and

(2) Upon receipt of a request from a patient or prospective patient, disclose to the patient or prospective patient in writing the amount or estimated amount or, with respect to a health center, a schedule of fees that the health care provider, group practice, diagnostic and treatment center, or health center will bill the patient or prospective patient for health care services provided or anticipated to be provided to the patient or prospective patient absent unforeseen medical circumstances that may arise when the health care services are provided.

(c) A health care provider who is a physician shall provide a patient or prospective patient with the name, practice name, mailing address, and telephone number of any health care provider scheduled to perform anesthesiology, laboratory, pathology, radiology, or assistant surgeon services in connection with care to be provided in the

physician's office for the patient or coordinated or referred by the physician for the patient at the time of referral to or coordination of services with such provider.

(d) A health care provider who is a physician shall, for a patient's scheduled hospital admission or scheduled outpatient hospital services, provide a patient and the hospital with the name, practice name, mailing address, and telephone number of any other physician whose services will be arranged for by the physician and are scheduled at the time of the preadmission testing, registration, or admission at the time nonemergency services are scheduled; and information as to how to determine the health care plans in which the physician participates.

(e) A hospital shall establish, update, and make public through posting on the hospital's website, to the extent required by federal guidelines, a list of the hospital's standard charges for items and services provided by the hospital, including for diagnosis related groups established under Section 1886(d)(4) of the federal Social Security Act.

(f) A hospital shall post on the hospital's website:

(1) The health care plans in which the hospital is a participating provider;

(2) A statement that physician services provided in the hospital are not included in the hospital's charges, that physicians who provide services in the hospital may or may not participate with the same health care plans as the hospital, and that the prospective patient should check with the physician arranging for the hospital services to determine the health care plans in which the physician participates;

(3) As applicable, the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the physician groups that the hospital has contracted with to provide services, including anesthesiology, pathology, or radiology, and instructions on how to contact these groups to determine the health care plan participation of the physicians in these groups; and

(4) As applicable, the name, mailing address, and telephone number of physicians employed by the hospital and whose services may be provided at the hospital with the health care plans in which they participate.

(g) In registration or admission materials provided in advance of nonemergency hospital services, a hospital shall:

(1) Advise the patient or prospective patient to check with the physician arranging the hospital services to determine:

(A) The name, practice name, mailing address, and telephone number of any other physician whose services will be arranged for by the physician; and

(B) Whether the services of physicians who are employed or contracted by the hospital to provide services including anesthesiology, pathology, and radiology, are reasonably anticipated to be provided to the patient; and

(2) Provide patients or prospective patients with information as to how to timely determine the health care plans participated in by physicians who are reasonably anticipated to provide services to the patient at the hospital, as determined by the physician arranging the patient's hospital services, and who are employees of the hospital or contracted by the hospital to provide services, including anesthesiology, radiology, and pathology.



33-20E-3.(a) An insurer shall provide to an enrollee:

(1) Information that an enrollee may obtain a referral to a health care provider outside of the health maintenance organization's network or panel when the health maintenance organization does not have a health care provider who is geographically accessible to the enrollee and who has appropriate training and experience in the network or panel to meet the particular health care needs of the enrollee and the procedure by which the enrollee can obtain such referral;

(2) Notice that the enrollee shall have direct access to primary and preventive obstetric and gynecologic services, including annual examinations, care resulting from such annual examinations, and treatment of acute gynecologic conditions, or for any care related to a pregnancy, from a qualified provider of such services of her choice from within the plan;

(3) All appropriate mailing addresses and telephone numbers to be utilized by enrollees seeking information or authorization; and

(4) An annually updated listing by specialty, which may be in a separate document, of the name, address, and telephone number of all participating providers, including facilities, and in the case of physicians, the board certification, languages spoken, and any affiliations with participating hospitals. The listing shall also be posted on the health maintenance organization's website and the health maintenance organization shall update the website within 15 days of the addition or termination of a provider from the health maintenance organization's network or a change in a physician's hospital affiliation;

(5) Where applicable, a description of the method by which an enrollee may submit a claim for health care services;

(6) With respect to out-of-network coverage:

(A) A clear description of the methodology used by the health maintenance organization to determine reimbursement for out-of-network health care services;

(B) The amount that the health maintenance organization will reimburse under the methodology for out-of-network health care services set forth as a percentage of the usual and customary cost for out-of-network health care services; and

(C) Examples of anticipated out-of-pocket costs for frequently billed out-of-network health care services;

(7) Information in writing and through an Internet website that reasonably permits an enrollee or prospective enrollee to estimate the anticipated out-of-pocket cost for out-of-network health care services in a geographical area or ZIP code based upon the difference between what the health maintenance organization will reimburse for out-of-network health care services and the usual and customary cost for out-of-network health care services;

(8) The written application procedures and minimum qualification requirements for health care providers to be considered by the insurer; and

(9) Other information as required by the Commissioner.

(b) An insurer shall disclose whether a health care provider scheduled to provide a

health care service is an in-network provider and, with respect to out-of-network coverage, disclose the approximate dollar amount that the insurer will pay for a specific out-of-network health care service. Insurers shall also inform an enrollee through such disclosure that such approximation is not binding on the insurer and that the approximate dollar amount that the insurer will pay for a specific out-of-network health care service may change.

33-20E-4.

An out-of-network referral denial means a denial of a request for an authorization or referral to an out-of-network provider on the basis that the health care plan has a health care provider in the network benefits portion of its network with appropriate training and experience to meet the particular health care needs of an enrollee and who is able to provide the requested health service. The notice of an out-of-network referral denial provided to an enrollee shall have information explaining what information the enrollee must submit in order to appeal the out-of-network referral denial. An out-of-network denial shall not constitute an adverse determination.

33-20E-5.

(a) An insurer shall provide a description of the method by which an enrollee may submit a claim for health care services.

(b) An insurer shall provide a clear description of the methodology used by such insurer to determine reimbursement for out-of-network health care services and the amount that the insurer will reimburse under the methodology for out-of-network health care services set forth as a percentage of the usual and customary cost for out-of-network health care services.

(c) An insurer shall provide examples of anticipated out-of-pocket costs for frequently billed out-of-network health care services and information in writing and through an Internet website that reasonably permits an enrollee or prospective enrollee to estimate the anticipated out-of-pocket cost for out-of-network health care services in a geographical area or ZIP code based upon the difference between what the insurer will reimburse for out-of-network health care services and the usual and customary cost for out-of-network health care services.

(d) An insurer shall disclose whether a health care provider scheduled to provide a health care service is an in-network provider and, with respect to out-of-network coverage, disclose the approximate dollar amount that the health maintenance organization will pay for a specific out-of-network health care service. The insurer shall also inform an enrollee through such disclosure that such approximation is not binding on the health maintenance organization and that the approximate dollar amount that the health maintenance organization will pay for a specific out-of-network health care service may change.

33-20E-6.

(a) The Commissioner shall establish a dispute resolution process by which a dispute for a bill for emergency services or a surprise bill may be resolved. The Commissioner

shall have the power to grant and revoke certifications of independent dispute resolution entities to conduct the dispute resolution process.

(b) The Commissioner shall promulgate regulations establishing standards for the dispute resolution process, including a process for certifying and selecting independent dispute resolution entities. An independent dispute resolution entity shall use licensed physicians in active practice in the same or similar specialty as the physician providing the service that is subject to the dispute resolution process. To the extent practicable, the physician shall be licensed in this state.

(c) This chapter shall not apply to health care services, including emergency services, where physician fees are subject to schedules or other monetary limitations under any other law, including workers' compensation law.

(d) The dispute resolution process established in this chapter shall not apply when:

(1) The amount billed for American Medical Association current procedural terminology (CPT) codes 99281 through 99285, 99288, 99291 through 99292, 99217 through 99220, 99224 through 99226, and 99234 through 99236 meets the requirements set forth in subsection (f) of this Code section, after any applicable coinsurance, copayment and deductible; and

(2) The amount billed for any such CPT code does not exceed 120 percent of the usual and customary cost for such CPT code.

(e) The health care plan shall ensure that a covered person shall not incur any greater out-of-pocket costs for emergency services billed under a CPT code as set forth in this Code section than the covered person would have incurred if such emergency services were provided by a participating physician.

(f) Beginning January 1, 2018, and on each January 1 thereafter, the Commissioner shall publish on a website maintained by the department, and provide in writing to each health care plan, a dollar amount for which bills for the procedure codes identified in this Code section shall be exempt from the dispute resolution process established in this chapter. Such amount shall equal the amount from the prior year, beginning with \$600.00 in 2018, adjusted by the average of the annual average inflation rates for the medical care commodities and may consider medical care services components of the Consumer Price Index. In no event shall an amount exceeding \$1,200.00 for a specific CPT code billed be exempt from the dispute resolution process established in this chapter.

### 33-20E-7.

In determining the appropriate amount to pay for a health care service, an independent dispute resolution entity shall consider all relevant factors, including whether there is a gross disparity between the fee charged by the physician for services rendered as compared to:

(1) Fees paid to the involved physician for the same services rendered by the physician to other patients in health care plans in which the physician is not participating;

(2) In the case of a dispute involving a health care plan, fees paid by the health care

plan to reimburse similarly qualified physicians for the same services in the same region who are not participating in the health care plan;

(3) The level of training, education, and experience of the physician;

(4) The physician's usual charge for comparable services with regard to patients in health care plans in which the physician is not participating;

(5) The circumstances and complexity of the particular case, including time and place of the service;

(6) Individual patient characteristics; and

(7) The usual and customary cost of the service pursuant to Code Section 33-20E-7.1.

#### 33-20E-7.1

The Department of Community Health shall develop and maintain the benchmarking data base to establish usual and customary cost under Code Section 33-20E-7. Such usual and customary cost shall mean the eightieth percentile of all charges for the particular health care service performed by a provider in the same or similar geographical area as reported in such benchmarking data base. Such data base shall develop a benchmark utilizing data from a nonprofit organization specified by the Commissioner of Community Health, which is not affiliated with a health care plan.

#### 33-20E-8.

(a) When a health care plan receives a bill for emergency services from a nonparticipating physician, the health care plan shall pay an amount that it determines is reasonable for the emergency services rendered by the nonparticipating physician in accordance with Code Section 33-20E-7 except for the covered person's copayment, coinsurance, or deductible, if any, and shall ensure that the covered person shall incur no greater out-of-pocket costs for the emergency services than the covered person would have incurred with a participating physician.

(b) A nonparticipating physician or a health care plan may submit a dispute regarding a fee or payment for emergency services for review to an independent dispute resolution entity. The independent dispute resolution entity shall make a determination within 30 days of receipt of the dispute for review.

(c) In determining a reasonable fee for the services rendered, an independent dispute resolution entity shall select either the health care plan's payment or the nonparticipating physician's fee. The independent dispute resolution entity shall determine which amount to select based upon the conditions and factors set forth in Code Section 33-20E-7 of this chapter. If an independent dispute resolution entity determines, based on the health care plan's payment and the nonparticipating physician's fee, that a settlement between the health care plan and nonparticipating physician is reasonably likely, or that both the health care plan's payment and the nonparticipating physician's fee represent unreasonable extremes, then the independent dispute resolution entity may direct both parties to attempt a good faith negotiation for settlement. The health care plan and nonparticipating physician may be granted up to ten business days for this negotiation, which shall run concurrently with the 30 day

period for dispute resolution.

(d) A patient who is not a covered person or the patient's physician may submit a dispute regarding a fee for emergency services for review to an independent dispute resolution entity upon approval of the Commissioner. An independent dispute resolution entity shall determine a reasonable fee for the services based upon the same conditions and factors pursuant to Code Section 33-20E-7 of this chapter.

(e) A patient who is not a covered person shall not be required to pay the physician's fee in order to be eligible to submit the dispute for review to an independent dispute resolution entity.

(f) The determination of an independent dispute resolution entity shall be binding on the health care plan, physician, and patient and shall be admissible in any court proceeding between the health care plan, physician, or patient, or in any administrative proceeding between this state and the physician.

#### 33-20E-9.

When a covered person assigns benefits for a surprise bill in writing to a nonparticipating physician who knows that the covered person is insured under a health care plan, the nonparticipating physician shall not bill the covered person except for any applicable copayment, coinsurance, or deductible that would be owed if the covered person utilized a participating physician.

#### 33-20E-10.

(a) If a covered person assigns benefits to a nonparticipating physician, the health care plan shall pay the nonparticipating physician in accordance with subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section.

(b) The nonparticipating physician may bill the health care plan for the health care services rendered, and the health care plan shall pay the nonparticipating physician the billed amount or attempt to negotiate reimbursement with the nonparticipating physician.

(c) If the health care plan's attempts to negotiate reimbursement for health care services provided by a nonparticipating physician does not result in a resolution of the payment dispute between the nonparticipating physician and the health care plan, the health care plan shall pay the nonparticipating physician an amount the health care plan determines is reasonable for the health care services rendered, except for the covered person's copayment, coinsurance, or deductible.

(d) Either the health care plan or the nonparticipating physician may submit the dispute regarding the surprise bill for review to an independent dispute resolution entity; provided, however, that the health care plan may not submit the dispute unless it has complied with the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Code section.

(e) The independent dispute resolution entity shall make a determination within 30 days of receipt of the dispute for review.

(f) When determining a reasonable fee for the services rendered, the independent dispute resolution entity shall select either the health care plan's payment or the

nonparticipating physician's fee. An independent dispute resolution entity shall determine which amount to select based upon the conditions and factors set forth in Code Section 33-20E-7. If an independent dispute resolution entity determines, based on the health care plan's payment and the nonparticipating physician's fee, that a settlement between the health care plan and nonparticipating physician is reasonably likely, or that both the health care plan's payment and the nonparticipating physician's fee represent unreasonable extremes, then the independent dispute resolution entity may direct both parties to attempt a good faith negotiation for settlement. The health care plan and nonparticipating physician may be granted up to ten business days for this negotiation, which shall run concurrently with the 30 day period for dispute resolution.

(g) A covered person who does not assign benefits under subsection (a) of this Code section or a patient who is not a covered person and who receives a surprise bill may submit a dispute regarding the surprise bill for review to an independent dispute resolution entity.

(h) The independent dispute resolution entity shall determine a reasonable fee for the services rendered based upon the conditions and factors set forth in Code Section 33-20E-7.

(i) A patient or covered person who does not assign benefits in accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be required to pay the physician's fee to be eligible to submit the dispute for review to the independent dispute entity.

(j) The determination of an independent dispute resolution entity shall be binding on the patient, physician, and health care plan, and shall be admissible in any court proceeding between the patient or covered person, physician or health care plan, or in any administrative proceeding between this state and the physician.

(k) In disputes involving a covered person, when the independent dispute resolution entity determines the health care plan's payment is reasonable, payment for the dispute resolution process shall be the responsibility of the nonparticipating physician. When the independent dispute resolution entity determines the nonparticipating physician's fee is reasonable, payment for the dispute resolution process shall be the responsibility of the health care plan. When a good faith negotiation directed by the independent dispute resolution entity pursuant to Code Sections 33-20E-8 and 33-20E-9 of this chapter results in a settlement between the health care plan and nonparticipating physician, the health care plan and the nonparticipating physician shall evenly divide and share the prorated cost for dispute resolution.

(l) When there is a dispute involving a patient who is not a covered person and the independent dispute resolution entity determines the physician's fee is reasonable, payment for the dispute resolution process shall be the responsibility of the patient unless payment for the dispute resolution process would pose a hardship to the patient. The Commissioner shall promulgate a regulation to determine payment for the dispute resolution process in cases of hardship. When the independent dispute resolution entity determines the physician's fee is unreasonable, payment for the dispute resolution process shall be the responsibility of the physician.

33-20E-10.1.

In the event a covered person incurs an out-of-pocket expense for a covered procedure for less than the procedure cost to the insurer by an in network provider, the insurer shall provide a credit to the covered person's deductible for the amount of the out-of-pocket expense. The credit or credits are cumulative for the policy period incurred and shall not be transferable to the next policy period.

33-20E-11.

(a) An out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup shall be established consisting of the Commissioner, four members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two members appointed by the President of the Senate. The workgroup shall consist of: two physicians, one of each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate; two representatives of health plans, one of each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate; and two consumers, and shall be chaired by the Commissioner. Such representatives of the workgroup shall represent different regions of the state. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(b) The workgroup shall review the current out-of-network reimbursement rates used by health insurers licensed under this title and make recommendations regarding an alternative rate methodology, taking into consideration the following factors:

- (1) Current physician charges for out-of-network services;
- (2) Trends in medical care and the actual costs of medical care;
- (3) Regional differences regarding medical costs and trends;
- (4) The current methodologies and levels of reimbursement for out-of-network services currently paid by health plans, including insurers, health maintenance organizations, medicare, and Medicaid;
- (5) The current in-network rates paid by health plans, including insurers, health maintenance organizations, medicare, and Medicaid for the same service and by the same provider;
- (6) The impact different rate methodologies would have on out-of-pocket costs for consumers who access out-of-network services;
- (7) The impact different rate methodologies would have on premium costs in different regions of the state;
- (8) Reimbursement data from all health plans, both public and private, as well as charge data from medical professionals and hospitals available through an all-payor data base to be developed and maintained by the Department of Community Health; and
- (9) Other issues deemed appropriate by the Commissioner.

(c) The workgroup shall review out-of-network coverage in the individual and small group markets and make recommendations regarding the availability and adequacy of the coverage, taking into consideration the following factors:

- (1) The extent to which out-of-network coverage is available in each rating region in this state;
- (2) The extent to which a significant level of out-of-network benefits is available in every rating region in this state, including the prevalence of coverage based on the usual and customary cost as well as coverage based on other set reimbursement methodologies, such as medicare; and
- (3) Other issues deemed appropriate by either the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner of public health.
- (d) The workgroup shall report its findings and make recommendations for legislation and regulations to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representative, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee no later than January 1, 2018."

### SECTION 3.

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

Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th and Burke of the 11th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 8 (LC 37 2360S) by striking line 264 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

a bill for emergency services or a surprise bill may be resolved if either party disputes the payment indicated by the data base established pursuant to Code Section 33-20E-7.1. The Commissioner shall

*By striking lines 299 through 301 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*  
dispute resolution entity shall consider all relevant factors, including:

*By striking line 324 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

physician, the health care plan shall pay the amount indicated by the data base established pursuant to Code Section 33-20E-7.1 for the

*By striking lines 334 through 336 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(c) In determining a reasonable fee for the services rendered, the independent dispute resolution entity shall determine which amount

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Hufstetler, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Unterman of the 45th and Orrock of the 36th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 8 (LC 37 2360S) by deleting "and two consumers" on line 441 and inserting in lieu thereof "and four consumers"*



On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Unterman, Orrock amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 8, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

2/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 8. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr.  
District 26

2/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 8. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Michael Williams  
District 27

SB 96. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to authorize the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in nursing homes even if they are organ donors; to provide for the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in hospice care even if they are organ donors; to amend Code Section 45-16-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroner's or county medical examiner's duties after notice of suspicious or unusual death, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 96, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, announced the Senate adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, February 27, 2017  
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:06 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 136. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Hitchens of the 161st, Tanner of the 9th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 and Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses and the Department of Driver Services, respectively, so as to provide for demarcation of a valid driver's license, permit, or identification card by the Department of Driver Services and return of such license, permit, or card to a person applying for a new license or card; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 148. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Ealum of the 153rd, Carter of the 175th, Belton of the 112th and Abrams of the 89th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for unique identifiers for students who are children of military personnel; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 157. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Cooper of the 43rd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Rynders of the 152nd and Hatchett of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-22.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification, so as to revise certain criteria for certain certifying organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 159. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Willard of the 51st, Evans of the 42nd, Fleming of the 121st, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for adoption, so as to substantially revise the general provisions applicable to adoptions; to change the requirements for adopting children; to provide for a nonresident to allow an adoption of his or her child; to provide for adoption of foreign-born children; to provide for a waiver to revoke a surrender of parental rights; to change the age for individuals to access the Adoption Reunion Registry; to revise and provide for forms; to provide for the annulment of an adoption under certain circumstances; to amend Code Section 15-11-320 of the O.C.G.A., relating to termination of parental rights, so as to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 199. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies; to remove the sunset on such exemptions; to add an exemption for certain prereleased products; to provide for a new state income tax credit for qualified postproduction expenditures of postproduction companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 203. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Welch of the 110th, Fleming of the 121st and Rutledge of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-3-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limitations of actions relative to

breach of restrictive covenant, so as to provide for accrual periods of rights of action; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for the expansion of a condominium after the declarant's right to expand has expired and provide for procedures for such expansion; to provide for the procedure and right of certain property owners to take control of a condominium association, property owner's association, or entity created pursuant to covenants restricting land to certain uses affecting certain planned subdivisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 224. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Smith of the 134th, Rynders of the 152nd, Smyre of the 135th, Ealum of the 153rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that a military student may attend any school in the local school system; to provide a definition; to provide for a streamlined process and annual notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 237. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, England of the 116th, Casas of the 107th, Chandler of the 105th, Nix of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and to revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to receive private donations to be used for grants to public schools; to provide for grant criteria; to provide for an income tax credit for qualified education donations; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to such donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 241. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th, Hatchett of the 150th, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, so as to add Krabbe disease to the list of metabolic and genetic conditions for which newborn screening may be conducted pursuant to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the screening at the option of

the parent or parents; to provide for payment of fees directly to the laboratory; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 283. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Harrell of the 106th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law; to provide for partnership proposed adjustments and assessments and related appeals; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 312. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Hawkins of the 27th, Coleman of the 97th, Buckner of the 137th and Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deferred compensation plans, so as to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to include a qualified Roth contribution program in state and local deferred compensation plans; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 255. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that, in order for their names to be listed on the ballot, candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States shall file copies of their federal income tax returns with the Secretary of State; to provide for procedures; to provide for the posting of such returns on the website of the Secretary of State; to authorize the redaction of certain information; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ethics.

SB 256. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Anderson of the 24th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Properties Code, so as to authorize the State Properties Commission to enter into leases in certain rural technology lease eligible counties for the purpose of providing wireless service or broadband service to the public without submission to the General Assembly for approval; to provide for definitions; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

SB 257. By Senator Heath of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to animals, so as to provide for consultation with a veterinarian employed or approved by the Department of Agriculture prior to the filing of criminal charges for cruelty to animals in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

SB 258. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowser of the 46th, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for ineligibility for office for holders of public money of municipalities who refuse or fail to account and pay over such funds to the proper officer; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 259. By Senator Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 32-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to designation of travel lanes and use of such lanes, to provide for the operation of motorcycle trailers in certain



designated travel lanes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 314. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Cowser of the 46th, Tate of the 38th, Miller of the 49th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Alex Cooley and Mr. Peter Conlon and dedicating a road in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 317. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, McKoon of the 29th, Heath of the 31st, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging Georgia's congressional delegation and the United States Congress to amend the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 so as to authorize the study of medical marijuana in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 318. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Lucas of the 26th, Fort of the 39th and Thompson of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Cyber Challenge Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

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Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 199. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation,

and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies; to remove the sunset on such exemptions; to add an exemption for certain prereleased products; to provide for a new state income tax credit for qualified postproduction expenditures of postproduction companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 203. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Welch of the 110th, Fleming of the 121st and Rutledge of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-3-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limitations of actions relative to breach of restrictive covenant, so as to provide for accrual periods of rights of action; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for the expansion of a condominium after the declarant's right to expand has expired and provide for procedures for such expansion; to provide for the procedure and right of certain property owners to take control of a condominium association, property owner's association, or entity created pursuant to covenants restricting land to certain uses affecting certain planned subdivisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 224. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Smith of the 134th, Rynders of the 152nd, Smyre of the 135th, Ealum of the 153rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that a military student may attend any school in the local school system; to provide a definition; to provide for a streamlined process and annual notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 237. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, England of the 116th, Casas of the 107th, Chandler of the 105th, Nix of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and to revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to receive private donations to be used for grants to public schools; to provide for grant criteria; to provide for an income tax credit for qualified education donations; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to such donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 241. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th, Hatchett of the 150th, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, so as to add Krabbe disease to the list of metabolic and genetic conditions for which newborn screening may be conducted pursuant to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the screening at the option of the parent or parents; to provide for payment of fees directly to the laboratory; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 283. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Harrell of the 106th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law; to provide for partnership proposed adjustments and assessments and related appeals; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 312. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Hawkins of the 27th, Coleman of the 97th, Buckner of the 137th and Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deferred compensation plans, so as to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to include a qualified Roth contribution program in state and local deferred compensation plans; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 139	Do Pass by substitute	SB 152	Do Pass by substitute
SB 186	Do Pass by substitute	SR 192	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 245      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 1	SB 104	SB 126	SB 127	SB 168	SB 174
SB 175	SB 176	SB 183	SB 189	SB 194	SB 202
SB 217	SB 220	SB 221	SB 241	SR 146	SR 227
SR 228	SR 229	SR 290			

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Gooch of the 51st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Gooch was excused.

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Davenport of the 44th asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Mullis
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Orrock
Beach	Hufstetler	Payne
Black	James	Rhett
Brass	Jeffares	Seay
Burke	Jones, B	Shafer
Butler	Jones, E	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, H	Stone
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kirk	Tillery
Fort	Ligon	Tippins
Ginn	Lucas	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Walker
Harbison	McKoon	Watson
Harper	Millar	Wilkinson
Heath	Miller	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Gooch (Excused)	Hill, J.
Jackson	Parent (Excused)	Tate
Thompson, C. (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Tate of the 38th Thompson of the 5th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Brass of the 28th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Dr. Kenneth G. Bailey of Senoia, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Anderson of the 24th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Kelly C. Homlar.

Senator Ginn of the 47th celebrated the Georgia Conservancy on its 50th anniversary and recognized February 27, 2017, as Georgia Conservancy Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 289, adopted previously. President Robert Ramsay addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Butler of the 55th moved to suspend Senate Rules in order to first read a bill and assigned it to committee. There was no objection.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 261. By Senators Butler of the 55th and Henson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for the imposition of an additional retail sales and use tax in DeKalb County; to provide for the selection and submission of rapid transit projects to be funded by the revenue of such tax; to provide for a limitation on the collection of a tax for transportation purposes in certain instances and the imposition of an additional retail sales and use tax in certain instances; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Millar of the 40th congratulated Ashley Elizabeth Rodgers on winning the Technical College System of Georgia's 2016 Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL), commended by SR 246, adopted previously. Ashley Rodgers addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Millar of the 40th congratulated Desmond Vaird on winning the Technical College System of Georgia's 2016 Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) Award, commended by SR 267, adopted previously. Desmond Vaird addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Millar of the 40th congratulated Dr. Angela Hines Brown on winning the Technical College System of Georgia's 2016 Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction, commended by SR 247, adopted previously. Dr. Brown addressed the Senate briefly.

Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Butler of the 55th recognized Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and celebrated February 27, 2017, as Delta Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 138, adopted previously. Southern Regional Director Sandra K. Horton addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 315. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognize the City of Atlanta's efforts to improve the quality of water; and for other purposes.

SR 316. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Williams of the 27th, Martin of the 9th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2017, as Goodwill at the Gold Dome Day; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross SB 133 and SB 156, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 11; the motion prevailed, and SB 133 and SB 156 were engrossed.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

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| SB 201 | Labor and Industrial Relations; employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; allow (Substitute)(I&L-49th) |
| SB 133 | Corporate Net Worth Tax; less than a certain amount; make such tax inapplicable to corporations (FIN-20th)                         |
| SB 121 | "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act" (H&HS-49th)   |



SB 156 Sales and Use Taxes; equalized homestead option sales and use taxes; provide certain restrictions (Committee amend AM 28 1546) (FIN-40th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 201. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions to take leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to SB 201:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions to take leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"34-1-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Employee' means an individual who works for salary, wages, or other remuneration for an employer for at least 30 hours per week.

(2) 'Employer' means any person or entity that employs 25 or more employees and

shall include the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities.

(3) 'Immediate family member' means an employee's child, spouse, grandchild, grandparent, or parent or any dependents as shown in the employee's most recent tax return.

(4) 'Sick leave' means time away from work by an employee, due to his or her own incapacity, illness, or injury, for which the employee receives his or her regular salary, wages, or other remuneration. The term 'sick leave' shall not include paid short-term or long-term disability.

(b) An employer that provides sick leave shall allow an employee to use such sick leave for the care of an immediate family member; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require an employer to offer sick leave or to require an employer to allow an employee to use more than five days of earned sick leave per calendar year for the care of an immediate family member.

(c) An employee shall not be entitled to use sick leave under this Code section until that leave has been earned. Any employee who uses such sick leave shall comply with the terms of the employer's employee sick leave policy.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to create a new cause of action against an employer."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
N Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins

E Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 10.

SB 201, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 133. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 6th, Heath of the 31st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the corporate net worth tax, so as to make such tax inapplicable to corporations worth less than a certain amount; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected to consideration of the bill as it did not have a fiscal note. The President did not sustain the objection and ruled that the chairman of the committee to which the bill was referred had requested a fiscal note, as provided by Senate Rules and the statute.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins

Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 16.

SB 133, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 121. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to provide for immunity; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change the definition of a dangerous drug; to add a drug to Schedule V; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman

Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 121, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 156. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide certain restrictions with regard to equalized homestead option sales and use taxes; to provide for limitations on the collection of certain other taxes while such equalized homestead option sales and use tax is being levied; to provide for the sales on which such tax may be levied; to provide limitation on the use of special purpose local option sales taxes which are levied in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following amendment:

*Amend SB 156 (LC 28 8297) by striking lines 155 through 160 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

provided, however, that a tax authorized under this part which is submitted to the voters for approval in connection with an equalized homestead option sales tax pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter shall be used for transportation purposes which shall include roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, seaports, and including without limitation road, street, and bridge purposes pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-121 and for public safety facilities and related capital equipment used in the operation thereof;

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the committee amendment was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill as amended, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 36, nays 18.

SB 156, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th moved to suspend Senate Rules in order to first read a bill and assigned it to committee. There was no objection.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 264. By Senator Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners for Rockdale County, approved March 4, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 2817), as amended, so as to reconstitute the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide for the manner of election and terms of office; to provide for the continuation in office of the current members; to provide for election districts; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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CASEY CAGLE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

February 27, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Matt Brass to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Government Oversight Committee meeting on February 27, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

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February 27, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Blake Tillery to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Government Oversight Committee meeting on February 27, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:46 p.m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
Twenty-sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:16 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 116. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Powell of the 32nd, Trammell of the 132nd, Strickland of the 111th, Setzler of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to provide the superior court with exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon certain individuals; to allow a superior court the discretion to transfer such cases back to juvenile court; to clarify the definitions of a class A or class B designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to add aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker as a class A designated felony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 213. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Cooper of the 43rd, Reeves of the 34th, Gravley of the 67th and Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties, so as to include the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 264. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue bonds issued by the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, so as to increase the bonding capacity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 265. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to revise the provisions relating to the credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide a state sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges of admission to certain facilities that provide certain arts and education programming; to provide a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of certain theaters; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 279. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Houston of the 170th, Smith of the 134th, Dempsey of the 13th and Frye of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to change of name, so as to provide for a separate process when a name change is requested by an individual alleging to be the victim of family violence; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 293. By Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Willard of the 51st, Setzler of the 35th, Burns of the 159th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to admissions and confessions, so as to provide an effective date for the procedure relating to the testimony of a child's description of sexual contact or physical abuse; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 301. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Powell of the 171st, Duncan of the 26th, Buckner of the 137th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to delete an income tax deduction for certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians; to create a new income tax credit for taxpayers who are licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, or physician assistants who provide uncompensated preceptorship training to medical students, advanced practice registered nurse students, or physician assistant students for certain periods of time; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 308. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Quick of the 117th, Willard of the 51st, Hanson of the 80th, Silcox of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations, so as to enact provisions recommended by the Georgia Child Support Commission relating to child support and the enforcement of child support orders; to change provisions relating to the family support registry; to change provisions relating to the "Child Support Recovery Act"; to amend Code Sections 7-4-12.1, 10-1-393.10, and 31-10-9.1, Title 19, Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 42, and Article 2 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to interest on arrearage on child support, filing of contracts for collections, social security account information of parents, domestic relations diversion center and program for violation of alimony and child support orders, and setoff of debt collection against lottery prizes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 343. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Dreyer of the 59th, Dempsey of the 13th, Rynders of the 152nd, Carter of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure so as to replace certain outdated terminology, as it relates to the use of "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded"; to provide that such updated terminology shall not affect case law decided prior to this change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 369. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Marin of the 96th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Peachtree Corners Public Facilities Authority; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 404. By Representatives Jones of the 91st, Kirby of the 114th, Carter of the 92nd, Dickerson of the 113th, Rutledge of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Rockdale Judicial Circuit and the judges thereof, approved March 27, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 276), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3854), so as make certain provisions for the court reporter or court reporters for the judicial circuit; to provide that the court reporter or court reporters for the circuit shall receive a stated salary in lieu of per diem compensation; to provide for conformity with other provisions of law and rules; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 405. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Rogers of the 10th, Powell of the 32nd, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the emergency powers of the Governor, so as to require the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish a state-wide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency declared by the Governor; to provide for a definition; to provide for the certification of organizations and business entities that would be engaged in such transportation and such distribution; to provide for privileges for employees and agents of such organizations and business entities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 427. By Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians for rural areas assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians in underserved areas to other health care practitioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- HB 440. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Silcox of the 52nd, Hanson of the 80th and Dollar of the 45th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandy Springs in Fulton County, approved April 15, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3515), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5359), so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- HB 442. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4654), so as to provide for the salaries of the judges of the state court; to provide for a county supplement; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 444. By Representatives Rakestraw of the 19th, Gravley of the 67th, Alexander of the 66th and Maxwell of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full value of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$55,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 460. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 260. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-984.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigations by the Professional Standards Commission of alleged violations by educators, so as to provide for complaints from certain educators and parents that are not residents of this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

SB 262. By Senator Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to revise the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 263. By Senator Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Eagles Landing; to provide a charter for the City of Eagles Landing; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for transition of powers and duties; to provide for community improvement districts; to provide for directory nature of dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 265. By Senator Williams of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroner of Forsyth County; to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustment increases for the coroner; to provide for salary supplements for the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 329. By Senator Beach of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Professional Employer Organizations; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SR 331. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Corporal Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 116. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Powell of the 32nd, Trammell of the 132nd, Strickland of the 111th, Setzler of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to provide the superior court with exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon certain individuals; to allow a superior court the discretion to transfer such cases back to juvenile court; to clarify the definitions of a class A or class B designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to add aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker as a class A designated felony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 213. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Cooper of the 43rd, Reeves of the 34th, Gravley of the 67th and Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties, so as to include the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 264. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue bonds issued by the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, so as to increase the bonding capacity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 265. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state



income tax, so as to revise the provisions relating to the credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide a state sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges of admission to certain facilities that provide certain arts and education programming; to provide a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of certain theaters; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 279. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Houston of the 170th, Smith of the 134th, Dempsey of the 13th and Frye of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to change of name, so as to provide for a separate process when a name change is requested by an individual alleging to be the victim of family violence; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 293. By Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, Willard of the 51st, Setzler of the 35th, Burns of the 159th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to admissions and confessions, so as to provide an effective date for the procedure relating to the testimony of a child's description of sexual contact or physical abuse; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 301. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Powell of the 171st, Duncan of the 26th, Buckner of the 137th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to delete an income tax deduction for certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians; to create a new income tax credit for taxpayers who are licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, or physician assistants who provide uncompensated preceptorship

training to medical students, advanced practice registered nurse students, or physician assistant students for certain periods of time; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 308. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Quick of the 117th, Willard of the 51st, Hanson of the 80th, Silcox of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations, so as to enact provisions recommended by the Georgia Child Support Commission relating to child support and the enforcement of child support orders; to change provisions relating to the family support registry; to change provisions relating to the "Child Support Recovery Act"; to amend Code Sections 7-4-12.1, 10-1-393.10, and 31-10-9.1, Title 19, Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 42, and Article 2 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to interest on arrearage on child support, filing of contracts for collections, social security account information of parents, domestic relations diversion center and program for violation of alimony and child support orders, and setoff of debt collection against lottery prizes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 343. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Dreyer of the 59th, Dempsey of the 13th, Rynders of the 152nd, Carter of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure so as to replace certain outdated terminology, as it relates to the use of "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded"; to provide that such updated terminology shall not affect case law decided prior to this change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 369. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Marin of the 96th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Peachtree Corners Public Facilities Authority; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 404. By Representatives Jones of the 91st, Kirby of the 114th, Carter of the 92nd, Dickerson of the 113th, Rutledge of the 109th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Rockdale Judicial Circuit and the judges thereof, approved March 27, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 276), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3854), so as make certain provisions for the court reporter or court reporters for the judicial circuit; to provide that the court reporter or court reporters for the circuit shall receive a stated salary in lieu of per diem compensation; to provide for conformity with other provisions of law and rules; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 405. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Rogers of the 10th, Powell of the 32nd, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the emergency powers of the Governor, so as to require the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish a state-wide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency declared by the Governor; to provide for a definition; to provide for the certification of organizations and business entities that would be engaged in such transportation and such distribution; to provide for privileges for employees and agents of such organizations and business entities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 427. By Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians for rural areas assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians in underserved areas to other health care practitioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 435. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th and Hanson of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Dunwoody Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 439. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Golick of the 40th, Silcox of the 52nd, Dreyer of the 59th, Jones of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 440. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Silcox of the 52nd, Hanson of the 80th and Dollar of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandy Springs in Fulton County, approved April 15, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3515), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5359), so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 442. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Clayton County, approved January 28, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 2032), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4654), so as to provide for the salaries of the judges of the state court; to provide for a county supplement; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$55,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 460. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section

48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 30	Do Pass by substitute	SB 149	Do Pass by substitute
SB 188	Do Pass by substitute	SB 211	Do Pass by substitute
SB 235	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 225	Do Pass by substitute
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Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Burke of the 11th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 195	Do Pass
SB 180	Do Pass by substitute
SB 216	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 105      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Heath of the 31st District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 29        Do Pass  
SB 153      Do Pass by substitute  
SB 242      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 206      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Interstate Cooperation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 252      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator James of the 35th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 105     Do Pass  
SB 250     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 183     Do Pass  
SB 122     Do Pass by substitute  
SB 191     Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 99       Do Pass by substitute  
SB 161     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:



SB 222 Do Pass  
SB 226 Do Pass by substitute  
SB 244 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 83 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Black of the 8th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 258 Do Pass  
SR 307 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Special Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 303 Do Pass  
SB 170 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Thompson of the 5th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 247      Do Pass by substitute  
SB 264      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SB 219      Do Pass by substitute  
SR 204      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

SB 139          SB 152          SB 186          SB 245          SR 192

Senator Jackson of the 2nd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Seay of the 34th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Seay was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Parent of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hufstetler was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Mullis
Anderson, L	Henson	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, H	Payne
Beach	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Black	James	Shafer
Brass	Jeffares	Sims
Burke	Jones, B	Stone
Butler	Jones, E	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kennedy	Tillery
Dugan	Kirk	Tippins
Fort	Ligon	Unterman
Ginn	Lucas	Walker
Gooch	Martin	Watson
Harbin	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harbison	Millar	Williams, M
Harper		

Not answering were Senators:

Hufstetler (Excused)	Jackson (Excused)	Miller
Orrock (Excused)	Seay (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Kirk of the 13th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Todd Sullens of Leesburg, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Millar of the 40th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Steven M. Kane.

Senator Unterman of the 45th recognized February 28, 2017, as X & Y Chromosome Variations Awareness Day at the capitol, commended by SR 101, adopted previously. Dr. Amy Talboy, assistant professor, Emory School of Medicine, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Stone of the 23rd recognized February 28, 2017, as Prosecution-based Victim Advocacy Day in Georgia, commended by SR 197, adopted previously. Kim McCoy addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Dugan of the 30th recognized February 28, 2017, as Youth Villages Georgia Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 319, adopted previously. Executive Director of Georgia Tanya Anderson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Butler of the 55th recognized February 28, 2017, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 312, adopted previously. Mary Frances Bowley, founder and CEO of Wellspring Living, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd recognized the Gordon Lee Memorial High School Lady Trojans softball team for winning the 2016 GHSA 1-A State Softball Championship, commended by SR 164, adopted previously.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 319. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Ginn of the 47th, Martin of the 9th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 28, 2017, as Youth Villages Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 320. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bennie Newroth; and for other purposes.

SR 321. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Greg A. Davis, Sr.; and for other purposes.

SR 322. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd and Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Ricky Thurman; and for other purposes.

SR 323. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia linemen and recognizing April, 2017, as Georgia Lineman Appreciation Month at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 324. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Tillery of the 19th and Anderson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Sheriff Quinton Rush on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 325. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shae Anderson; and for other purposes.

SR 326. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Norman Hardman; and for other purposes.

SR 327. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Orenza London; and for other purposes.

SR 328. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lyndon A. Wade; and for other purposes.

SR 330. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Primary Healthcare Center (PHC); and for other purposes.

SR 332. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st, Stone of the 23rd, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Chase Elliott on his excellence in the field of NASCAR; and for other purposes.

SR 333. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending Ashley D. Bell of Gainesville, Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 334. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Frankie Mae Arnold on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved to engross SR 104, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and SR 104 was engrossed.

Senator Thompson of the 14th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 5 Lottery for Education; net proceeds transferred to the state treasury for credit to the Lottery for Education Account; establish the percentage (Substitute)(H ED-46th)
- SB 166 "Nurse Licensure Compact"; Georgia Board of Nursing exercise certain powers with respect to compact; authorize (H&HS-45th)
- SB 168 Child Abuse; permitted to access child abuse records by department, or county, or other state or local agency; extend; Central Child Abuse Registry; permit access (H&HS-49th)
- SB 103 'The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Act'; pharmacy benefits managers; Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations; authorize (Substitute)(I&L-53rd)
- SB 130 Right To An Attorney; waiver of the right to counsel; provisions; clarify (Substitute)(JUDY-19th)
- SB 183 State Road and Tollway Authority; definition; powers of the authority; provide (TRANS-21st)
- SB 202 Medical Assistance; increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-33rd)

SR 104 State Ad Valorem Taxes; prohibit levy -CA (FIN-31st)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 5. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Millar of the 40th, Tippins of the 37th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, so as to establish the percentage of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year which must equal the net proceeds to be transferred to the state treasury for credit to the Lottery for Education Account; to provide for exceptions; to provide for verification of certain information by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to SB 5:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, so as to establish the percentage of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year which must equal the net proceeds to be transferred to the state treasury for credit to the Lottery for Education Account; to provide for exceptions; to provide for verification of certain information by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All lottery proceeds shall be the property of the corporation.

(2) From its lottery proceeds the corporation shall pay the operating expenses of the corporation. As nearly as practical, at least 45 percent of the amount of money from the actual sale of lottery tickets or shares shall be made available as prize money; provided, however, that this paragraph shall be deemed not to create any lien, entitlement, cause of action, or other private right, and any rights of holders of tickets or shares shall be determined by the corporation in setting the terms of its lottery or lotteries.

(3)(A) For fiscal year 2018, net proceeds shall equal at least 26.5 percent of the lottery proceeds. For fiscal year 2019, net proceeds shall equal at least 27.5 percent of the lottery proceeds. Beginning with fiscal year 2020 and As nearly as practical, for each fiscal year thereafter, net proceeds shall equal at least 35 28.5 percent of the lottery proceeds. However, for the first two full fiscal years and any partial first fiscal year of the corporation, net proceeds need only equal 30 percent of the proceeds as nearly as practical.

(B) If for fiscal year 2018 the net sales revenue of tickets is 5 percent less than the net sales revenue of tickets for fiscal year 2017 as verified by the Department of Audits and Accounts as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, then the increase of the net proceeds to at least 27.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for fiscal year 2019, as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, shall not be required and instead the net proceeds shall remain equal to at least 26.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year thereafter. If for fiscal year 2019 the net sales revenue of tickets is 5 percent less than the net sales revenue of tickets for fiscal year 2018 as verified by the Department of Audits and Accounts as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, then the increase of the net proceeds to at least 28.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for fiscal year 2020, as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, shall not be required and instead the net proceeds shall remain equal to at least 27.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year thereafter. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'net sales revenue' means the total amount of revenue derived from ticket sales minus the value of any tickets that are provided as prizes.

(C) The contingencies provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not be applicable unless and until the Department of Audits and Accounts or a third party designated by the Department of Audits and Accounts shall verify that there has been a decrease in the net sales revenue of tickets of at least 5 percent and that such decrease was caused by the increased percentage of net proceeds the corporation was required to transfer to the general fund of the state treasury as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.



The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 5, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 166. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to nurses, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Nurse Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to exercise certain powers with respect to the compact; to provide for general provisions and jurisdiction; to provide for a coordinated licensure information system and exchange of information between the party states; to provide for the establishment of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for an effective date, withdrawal, and amendment of the compact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 166, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 168. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to extend the persons and agencies permitted to access child abuse records by the department or a county or other state or local agency; to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Central Child Abuse Registry, so as to permit access to information in the child abuse registry to certain governmental entities investigating allegations of child abuse; to permit access to child abuse registry to certain child-placing entities conducting foster and adoptive parent background checks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 168, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 103. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Ginn of the 47th, Beach of the 21st, Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to examine and investigate certain matters with regard to pharmacy benefits managers; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies under certain conditions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to SB 103:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies under certain conditions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, is amended by revising Code Section 33-64-7, relating to commissioner not authorized to extend rules and regulations and commissioner authorized to enforce provisions of chapter, as follows:

"33-64-7.

The Commissioner may not enlarge upon or extend the specific provisions of this chapter through any act, rule, or regulation; provided, however, that the Commissioner is authorized to enforce any specific provision of this chapter and may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the specific provisions of this chapter."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"33-64-10.

(a) When administering claims on behalf of group or blanket accident and sickness insurers subject to Chapter 30 of this title, a pharmacy benefits manager shall administer claims in compliance with Code Section 33-30-4.3 and shall not require insureds to use a mail-order pharmaceutical distributor including a mail-order pharmacy.

(b) Code Section 33-30-4.3 shall apply to individual accident and sickness policies issued pursuant to Chapter 29 of this title and, when administering claims on behalf of individual accident and sickness insurers subject to Chapter 29 of this title, a pharmacy benefits manager shall administer claims in compliance with Code Section 33-30-4.3 and shall not require insureds to use a mail-order pharmaceutical distributor including a mail-order pharmacy.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to:

(1) A care management organization, as defined in Chapter 21A of this title;

- (2) The Department of Community Health, as defined in Chapter 2 of Title 31;
- (3) The State Health Benefit Plan under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45; or
- (4) Any licensed group model health maintenance organization with an exclusive medical group contract and which operates its own pharmacies licensed under Code Section 26-4-110.1.

33-64-11.

(a) A pharmacy benefits manager shall be proscribed from:

(1) Prohibiting a pharmacist or pharmacy from providing an insured individual information on the amount of the insured's cost share for such insured's prescription drug and the clinical efficacy of a more affordable alternative drug if one is available. Neither a pharmacy nor a pharmacist shall be penalized by a pharmacy benefits manager for disclosing such information to an insured or for selling to an insured a more affordable alternative if one is available;

(2) Prohibiting a pharmacist or pharmacy from offering and providing store direct delivery services to an insured as an ancillary service of the pharmacy;

(3) Charging or collecting from an insured a copayment that exceeds the total submitted charges by the network pharmacy for which the pharmacy is paid;

(4) Charging or holding a pharmacist or pharmacy responsible for a fee relating to the adjudication of a claim;

(5) Recouping funds from a pharmacy in connection with claims for which the pharmacy has already been paid without first complying with the requirements set forth in Code Section 26-4-118, unless such recoupment is otherwise permitted or required by law; and

(6) Penalizing or retaliating against a pharmacist or pharmacy for exercising rights under this chapter or Code Section 26-4-118.

(b) To the extent that any provision of this Code section is inconsistent or conflicts with applicable federal law, rule, or regulation, such applicable federal law, rule, or regulation shall apply.

(c) This Code section shall not apply to:

(1) A care management organization, as defined in Chapter 21A of this title;

(2) The Department of Community Health, as defined in Chapter 2 of Title 31;

(3) The State Health Benefit Plan under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45; or

(4) Any licensed group model health maintenance organization with an exclusive medical group contract and which operates its own pharmacies licensed under Code Section 26-4-110.1."

### **SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, and shall apply to all contracts issued, delivered, or issued for delivery in this state on and after such date.

### **SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 103, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 130. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right to an attorney, so as to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 130:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, is amended by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 15-11-103, relating to the right to an attorney, as follows:

"(g) A party other than a child shall be informed of his or her right to an attorney prior to any hearing. A party other than a child shall be given an opportunity to:

- (1) Obtain and employ an attorney of such party's own choice;
- (2) Obtain a court appointed attorney if the court determines that such party is an indigent person; or
- (3) Waive the right to an attorney, provided that such waiver is made knowingly, voluntarily, and on the record."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-511, relating to arraignment, admissions at arraignment, and right to attorney, as follows:

"(b) The court may accept an admission at arraignment and may proceed immediately to disposition if a child is represented by counsel at arraignment. If a child's liberty is not in jeopardy, he or she may waive the right to counsel at arraignment, provided that such waiver is made knowingly, voluntarily, and on the record. A child represented by counsel or whose liberty is not in jeopardy may make a preliminary statement indicating whether he or she plans to admit or deny the allegations of the complaint at the adjudication hearing. The court shall not accept an admission from a child whose liberty is in jeopardy and who is unrepresented by counsel."

**SECTION 3.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 130, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 183. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th and Miller of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for powers of the authority; to allow for the indefinite collection of tolls in certain instances; to provide for letting of contracts by competitive bids; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Beach of the 21st, Tippins of the 37th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd and others offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend SB 183 (LC 39 1537ER) by deleting line 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*



indefinite collection of tolls in certain instances; to provide for submission of an annual report on certain toll collections to the General Assembly; to provide for letting of contracts by

*By deleting line 111 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

power, the authority shall not be required to establish an expiration date.

(c) The authority shall submit an annual report to the House Committee on Transportation and the Senate Transportation Committee detailing the amount of funds collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section and how such funds have been used or disposed of by the authority."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Ligon, Jr., et al. amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 183, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

2/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 183. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr.  
District 26

Senator Davenport of the 44th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 202. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd and James of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 202:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended in Code Section 49-4-142, relating to modification of the state plan, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) The department shall, upon state appropriations, implement a modification of the state plan for medical assistance or any affected rules or regulations of the department, which modification shall provide that, in determining the amount of a recipient's income that is to be applied to payment for the costs of care in a nursing home, there shall be deducted a personal needs allowance of not less than \$70.00 per month which shall include the minimum amount required by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(q)(2)."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
E Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 202, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SR 104. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

**A RESOLUTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to prohibit the levy of state ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article VII, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) On or after January 1, 2019, the state shall not impose an ~~The annual levy of state ad valorem taxes on tangible property for all purposes, except for defending the state in an emergency, shall not exceed one fourth mill on each dollar of the assessed value of the property.~~

(2) Solely for purposes of any general law in effect on January 1, 2019, which distributes intangible tax revenues to the state based upon a proportion that the state millage rate and millage rates of local tax jurisdictions bear to the total millage rate levied for all purposes, the state millage rate shall equal one-fourth mill on each dollar of assessed value.

(3) The prohibition of this subparagraph (a) shall not affect state:

(A) Assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes on public utilities, railroad companies, and airlines on behalf of local governments; or

(B) Administrative functions with respect to local ad valorem taxation pursuant to any general law.

(4) Tax, penalty, and interest liabilities and refund eligibility for prior taxable years shall not be affected by this Paragraph and shall continue to be governed by the provisions of general law as it existed immediately prior to January 1, 2019.

(5) This Paragraph shall not abate any prosecution, punishment, penalty, administrative proceedings or remedies, or civil action related to any violation of law committed prior to January 1, 2019.

(6) The state shall continue to assure that all taxation is uniform upon the same class of subjects across all taxing jurisdictions of the state."

**SECTION 2.**

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to prohibit state ad  
( ) NO valorem taxes?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become effective and become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	E Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
E Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
N Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 34, nays 16.

SR 104, having failed to receive the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was lost.

Senator Heath of the 31st gave notice that at the proper time he would move that the Senate reconsider its action on SR 104.

The President set the time for entertaining the motion for reconsideration at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
 Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
 Twenty-seventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:12 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Heath of the 31st moved that the Senate reconsider its action in defeating the following resolution.

SR 104. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to prohibit the levy of state ad valorem taxes; to provide for applicability; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 13; the motion prevailed, and SR 104 was reconsidered and placed on the General Calendar.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 87. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Williamson of the 115th, Welch of the 110th, Golick of the 40th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide for multiple-year registrations for certain types of business organizations; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Secretary of State as necessary to implement such a multiple-year registration process; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 124. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Golick of the 40th, Willard of the 51st, Thomas of the 39th, Barr of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to fraud and related offenses and general provisions relative to public assistance, respectively, so as to redesignate Code Section 49-4-15, relating to fraud in obtaining public assistance, food stamps, or Medicaid, penalties, and recovery of overpayments, as new Code Section 16-9-64; to revise terminology in said Code Section 16-9-64; to provide for definitions; to reserve the Code Section 49-4-15 designation; to revise Article 7 of Chapter 8 of Title 34 and Chapter 7A of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to benefits relative to employment security and tax credits, respectively, so as to provide for conformity; to revise other provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 204. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, Knight of the 130th, Houston of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide that property tax bills shall not include any nontax related fees or assessments; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks with user activated rectangular rapid-flash beacons; to make it unlawful to activate such devices when there is no intent to cross a roadway; to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks for bicycle riders; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 132	Do Pass	HB 169	Do Pass
HB 254	Do Pass	HB 348	Do Pass
HB 395	Do Pass	SB 143	Do Pass
SB 246	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 83	HB 183	HB 195	HB 303	SB 29	SB 30
SB 99	SB 105	SB 122	SB 149	SB 153	SB 161
SB 170	SB 180	SB 188	SB 191	SB 206	SB 211
SB 216	SB 219	SB 222	SB 225	SB 226	SB 235
SB 242	SB 244	SB 247	SB 250	SB 252	SB 258
SB 264	SR 105	SR 204	SR 307		

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Henson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Payne
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson, L	Seay
Brass	James	Shafer
Burke	Jeffares	Sims
Butler	Jones, B	Stone
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Fort	Kirk	Tippins
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Gooch	Martin	Walker
Harbin	McKoon	Watson
Harbison	Millar	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams, M
Heath	Mullis	

Not answering were Senators:

Lucas (Excused)                      Thompson, B. (Excused)

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Tippins of the 37th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Tom Gray of Powder Springs, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Anderson of the 24th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. J. Wendell Duncan.



The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 335. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Williams of the 27th, Cowser of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending President Donald J. Trump; and for other purposes.

SR 336. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th, Black of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Stone of the 23rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March as the annual NMO Awareness Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 337. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the March of Dimes and recognizing March 1, 2017, as March of Dimes Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 338. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th, Thompson of the 14th, Watson of the 1st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the bravery of Army Specialist Winston Hencely; and for other purposes.

SR 339. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Jones of the 25th, Brass of the 28th, Williams of the 27th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Teen Republicans for their history and accomplishments within the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 340. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 13th Annual Golden Shield Honor Awards Banquet and congratulating the Golden Shield recipients; and for other purposes.

SR 341. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Lucas of the 26th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lottie Heywood Watkins; and for other purposes.

SR 342. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the National Shooting Sports Foundation; and for other purposes.

HR 356. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Clark of the 147th, Dickey of the 140th, Harden of the 148th and Epps of the 144th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge George Nunn on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wednesday March 1, 2017  
Twenty-seventh Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 143                    Jones of the 10th  
                              Millar of the 40th  
                              Henson of the 41st  
                              Parent of the 42nd  
                              Anderson of the 43rd  
                              Davenport of the 44th  
                              Butler of the 55th  
**DEKALB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4636), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4057), so as to remove the tolling provision regarding such exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 246

Jones of the 10th  
 Millar of the 40th  
 Henson of the 41st  
 Parent of the 42nd  
 Anderson of the 43rd  
 Davenport of the 44th  
 Butler of the 55th  
**DEKALB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for a final report; to provide for the abolishment of such charter commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 132

Hill of the 6th  
 Beach of the 21st  
 Brass of the 28th  
 James of the 35th  
 Orrock of the 36th  
 Tate of the 38th  
 Fort of the 39th  
 Millar of the 40th  
 Shafer of the 48th  
 Albers of the 56th  
**FULTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal the amendment to the Constitution of Georgia creating within Fulton County the Fulton County Industrial District and prohibiting the governing authority of Fulton County from levying any tax for educational purposes within the boundaries of an independent school system; to provide for a referendum with respect to the effectiveness of the foregoing; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 169

Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd  
 Harper of the 7th  
**CHARLTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of probate judge of Charlton County, who also serves as chief

magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Charlton County, shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 254

Hill of the 4th  
Stone of the 23rd  
**EMANUEL COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the composition and election of the Board of Education of Emanuel County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4049), as amended, so as to provide for nonpartisan elections for members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 348

Harper of the 7th  
**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Waycross, approved August 17, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 1456), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3513), so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 395

Burke of the 11th  
**COLQUITT COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Moultrie-Colquitt County Parks and Recreation Authority and to authorize such authority to provide recreational services throughout Colquitt County; to provide for construction of this Act; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for related matters; to provide for activation of the authority; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Jones of the 10th asked unanimous consent to remove SB 143 from the Local Consent Calendar and recommit the bill to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations as local legislation. There was no objection; the consent was granted; and SB 143 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
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Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	E Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/1/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Michael Rhett  
District 33

## NOTICE OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

SR 104 State Ad Valorem Taxes; prohibit levy -CA (FIN-31st)

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 147 Cemetery and Funeral Services; unitrust distribution method provisions; permit a cemetery to request a trustee (RI&U-27th)

SB 159 Criminal Trespass and Damage to Property; entry upon land or premises of another that has been marked with purple paint; provide for the crime of criminal trespass (JUDY-24th)

SB 104 Kidnapping, False Imprisonment and Related Offenses; human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; require posting (SI&P-35th)

SB 95 Selection of Jurors; state-wide master jury list; change provisions; Georgia Crime Information Center; pardons and paroles; provide conforming cross-references (Substitute)(JUDY-23rd)

SB 139 Focused Programs of Study; pathway in leadership; provide (Substitute) (ED&Y-6th)

SB 174 Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts; provide (Substitute)(JUDY-18th)

SB 175 Juvenile Code; juvenile court proceedings; enact reforms (JUDY-18th)

SB 176 Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; driving privileges; enact reforms (Substitute)(JUDY-18th)

SB 1 "The Protect Act- Protecting Georgians Against Terrorism"; revise the definition of domestic terrorism (Substitute)(PUB SAF-46th)

SB 186 Education; HOPE; students who earned high school diploma through dual coursework are eligible; associate degree; clarify (Substitute)(ED&Y-37th)

SB 81 "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act."; opioid antagonists under conditions the state health officer may impose; provide state health officer may issue standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain (Substitute) (H&HS-45th)

SB 152 Education; policy of the state; students who are subject to compulsory attendance; not assigned to alternative education program more than two semesters; provide (Substitute)(ED&Y-10th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 147. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to permit a cemetery or cemetery company to request a trustee to distribute income earned by an irrevocable trust fund utilizing certain unitrust distribution method provisions; to provide for a definition; to modify a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
N Henson

Y Millar  
Miller  
E Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

SB 147, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Tillery of the 19th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 159. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Hill of the 4th, Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to criminal trespass and damage to property, so as to provide for the crime of criminal trespass upon the knowing entry upon land or premises of another that has been marked with purple paint; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers  
Y Anderson, L  
Y Anderson, T  
Y Beach  
Y Black  
Y Brass  
Y Burke  
Y Butler  
Y Cowsert  
Y Davenport  
Y Dugan  
Y Fort  
Y Ginn  
Y Gooch  
Y Harbin  
Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Hill, H  
Y Hill, Ja  
Y Hufstetler  
Y Jackson, L  
Y James  
Y Jeffares  
Jones, B  
Y Jones, E  
Y Jones, H  
Y Kennedy  
Y Kirk  
Y Ligon  
Y Lucas  
Y Martin  
Y McKoon  
Miller  
Miller  
E Mullis

Y Orrock  
Y Parent  
Y Payne  
Y Rhett  
Y Seay  
Y Shafer  
Y Sims  
Y Stone  
Y Tate  
Y Thompson, B  
Thompson, C  
E Tillery  
Y Tippins  
Y Unterman  
Walker  
Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M



On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

SB 159, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3/1/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 147 and SB 159. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ L.C. Walker  
District 20

3/1/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 159. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 104 by adding Line 54 after ‘Government building’ add ‘with public access’

adding

Line 101

or the Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking

renumber accordingly.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Unterman amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 104, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/1/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 147, SB 159, and SB 104. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all measures.

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

SB 95. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selection of jurors, so as to change provisions relating to the collection of data for the compilation of the state-wide master jury list; to amend Code Section 35-3-33 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center and general provisions for pardons and paroles, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 95:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selection of jurors, so as to change provisions relating to the collection of data for the compilation of the state-wide master jury list; to provide for the Supreme Court to make certain rules relating to the state-wide master jury list and county master jury lists; to amend Code Section 35-3-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selection of jurors, is amended by revising Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to the state-wide master jury list, driver's license information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise the venire, as follows:

"15-12-40.1.

(a) After July 1, 2011, the council shall compile a state-wide master jury list. ~~The council shall facilitate updating of all information relative to jurors on the state-wide master jury list and county master jury lists.~~

(b) On and after July 1, 2017 ~~After July 1, 2011~~, upon the council's request, the Department of Driver Services shall provide the council ~~and the Administrative Office of the Courts~~ data showing the full name of all persons who are at least 18 years of age and residents of this state who have been issued a driver's license or personal identification card pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 40, ~~whether or not such license or~~

~~identification card is valid or expired.~~ In addition to the person's full name, the Department of Driver Services shall include the person's address, city of residence, date of birth, gender, driver's license or personal identification card number, and, whenever racial ~~and ethnic~~ information is collected by the Department of Driver Services ~~for purposes of voter registration pursuant to Code Section 21-2-221,~~ racial ~~and ethnic~~ information. The Department of Driver Services shall provide the ~~effective date,~~ document issue date, and document expiration date; shall indicate whether the document is a driver's license or a personal identification card; and shall exclude persons whose driver's license has been suspended or revoked due to a felony conviction, whose driver's license has been expired for more than 730 days, or who have been identified as not being citizens of the United States. Such data shall also include a secure unique identifier, determined according to the specifications of the council in consultation with the Department of Driver Services, which shall be a representation of the last four digits of the social security number associated with each driver's license or personal identification card holder. The council shall provide the Department of Driver Services with the software required to generate such secure unique identifier. The Department of Driver Services shall also provide the names and identifying information specified by this subsection of persons convicted in this state or in another state of driving without a license. Such data shall be in electronic format as required by the council.

(c)(1) On and after July 1, 2017 ~~After July 1, 2011,~~ upon request by the council, the Secretary of State shall provide to the council ~~and the Administrative Office of the Courts,~~ without cost, the data showing:

(A) The list of registered voters, including the voter's date of birth, address, gender, race, social security number, driver's license number, and when it is available, the voter's ethnicity race. Such list shall exclude persons whose voting rights have been removed; and

(B) The full name, date of birth, address, gender, and, when such information is available, the race of any individual declared as mentally incompetent within the information collected by the Secretary of State under subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-231.

(2) The data provided to the council pursuant to this subsection shall also include a secure unique identifier, determined according to the specifications of the council in consultation with the Secretary of State, which shall be a representation of the last four digits of the social security number associated with each voter. The council shall provide the Secretary of State with the software required to generate such secure unique identifier.

(d) On and after July 1, 2014, each clerk shall obtain its county master jury list from the council. The council shall disseminate, in electronic format, a county master jury list to the respective clerk once each calendar year. The council shall determine the fee to be assessed each county for such list, provided that such fee shall not exceed 3¢ per name on the list. The council shall invoice each clerk upon the delivery of the county master jury list, and the recipient county shall remit payment within 30 days of the

invoice.

(e) On and after July 1, ~~2014~~ 2017, upon request by the council, the Department of Public Health shall provide to the council, without cost, data relating to death certificates for residents of this state for the 15 year period preceding the date of the request. In addition to the deceased person's full name, the data shall include the person's address, including the county of residence and ZIP Code, date of birth, gender, ~~and county in which the person died, and, when such information is available, the person's race.~~ Such data shall also include a secure unique identifier, determined according to the specifications of the council in consultation with the Department of Public Health, which shall be a representation of the last four digits of the social security number associated with each deceased person. The council shall provide the Department of Public Health with the software required to generate such secure unique identifier. Such data shall be in electronic format as required by the council.

(f) On and after July 1, ~~2015~~ 2017, upon request by the council, ~~the Department of Community Supervision and, on and after July 1, 2014, upon request by the council, the Department of Corrections, the Georgia Crime Information Center division of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles~~ shall provide to the council, without cost, data showing a list of the names of all persons who have been convicted of a felony in this state or federal court if the person has not had his or her civil rights restored. In addition to the convicted person's full name, the data shall include the person's address, including the county of residence and ZIP Code, date of birth, gender, and ~~race if available, when such information is available, the convicted person's race.~~ Such data shall also include a secure unique identifier, determined according to the specifications of the council in consultation with the Department of Corrections, which shall be a representation of the last four digits of the social security number associated with each convicted person. The council shall provide the Department of Corrections with the software required to generate such secure unique identifier. Such data shall be in electronic format as required by the council.

(g) On and after July 1, 2017, upon request by the council, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall provide to the council, without cost, data showing a list of the names of all persons who have had his or her civil rights restored. In addition to the person's full name, the data shall include the person's address, including the county of residence and ZIP Code, date of birth, gender, and, when such information is available, the person's race. Such data shall also include a secure unique identifier, determined according to the specifications of the council in consultation with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, which shall be a representation of the last four digits of the social security number associated with each person. The council shall provide the State Board of Pardons and Paroles with the software required to generate such secure unique identifier. Such data shall be in electronic format as required by the council.

~~(g)(h) On or after July 1, 2017 After July 1, 2012, in each county, upon court order, the clerk shall choose a random list of persons from the county master jury list to comprise the venire; provided, however, that jurors summoned prior to July 1, 2012, shall remain eligible to comprise the venire.~~

(i) The Supreme Court may establish, by rules, reasonable standards for the preparation, dissemination, and technological improvements of the state-wide master jury list and county master jury lists."

### SECTION 2.

Code Section 35-3-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center, is amended by revising paragraph (16) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(16) Provide The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia the data set forth in Code Sections ~~15-12-40.1~~ and Section 21-2-231, without charge and in the electronic format requested; and"

### SECTION 3.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 95, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/1/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 95. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Michael Rhett  
District 33

SB 139. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused programs of study, so as to provide for a pathway in leadership; to provide for state models and content standards for a pathway in leadership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 139:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused programs of study, so as to provide for submission of additional pathways to the State Board of Education for consideration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused programs of study, is amended as follows:

"20-2-159.1.

(a) ~~The No later than July 1, 2013, the~~ Department of Education shall develop, and the State Board of Education shall approve, state models and content standards for ~~the following~~ focused programs of study, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, including,

but not limited to:

- (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- (2) Architecture and construction;
- (3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
- (4) Business, management, and administration;
- (5) Education and training;
- (6) Finance;
- (7) Health science;
- (8) Hospitality and tourism;
- (9) Human services;
- (10) Information technology;
- (11) Law, public safety, and security;
- (12) Manufacturing;
- (13) Government and public administration;
- (14) Marketing, sales, and service;
- (15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and
- (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics.

Such focused programs of study may be combined around these and other related clusters.

(b) Local school systems, charter schools, and college and career academies shall be authorized to develop and submit additional pathways, including recommended content standards and curriculum, for consideration by the State Board of Education. The Department of Education shall review and recommend approval or denial of any new pathway to the State Board of Education within 90 days of submission of such pathway for consideration."

## **SECTION 2.**

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

Senators Tippins of the 37th and Hill of the 6th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Committee Substitute to SB 139 LC 336950S by deleting the words "and curriculum" from Line 33

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Tippins, Hill of the 6th amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.



On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 139, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 174. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts, the Department of Community Supervision, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and enact reforms recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to amend Title 15 and Code Section 49-3-6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts and functions of a county or district department of family and children services; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17, Title 42, and Code Section 51-1-54 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, penal institutions, and the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 174:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide for reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts, the Department of Community Supervision, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and enact reforms recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to amend Title 15 and Code Section 49-3-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts and functions of a county or district department of family and children services, respectively, so as to require veterans court divisions to adhere to the same policies, procedures, and standards as other accountability courts; to change provisions relating to family treatment court divisions; to provide for protocols involving family treatment court divisions; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17, Title 42, and Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, penal institutions, and the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, respectively, so as to provide for presumptive probation under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to change provisions relating to active probation supervision; to provide for the use of updated evaluation tools; to provide for matters related to probation; to provide for the Board of Community Supervision to issue Program and Treatment Completion Certificates; to create certain rebuttable presumptions pertinent to individuals issued such certificates; to allow community supervision officers to provide supervision to defendants in certain accountability courts under certain circumstances; to modify provisions relating to the confidentiality of records and information held by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles under certain circumstances; to allow the prosecuting attorney and victim of a crime to submit information to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles relative to its consideration of the parole or conditional release of an inmate; to require that conditions of probation be imposed as conditions of parole when a defendant is serving a split sentence; to provide for notice of certain hearings; to clarify provisions relating to commutation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-1-17, relating to veterans court divisions, as follows:

"(4)(A) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall adopt standards and practices for veterans court divisions, taking into consideration guidelines and principles based on available current research and findings published by experts on veterans' health needs and treatment options, including, but not limited to, the VA and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service. The Council of

Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall update its standards and practices to incorporate research, findings, and developments in the veterans court field if any such research, findings, or developments are created. Each veterans court division shall adopt policies and practices that will be consistent with any standards and practices published by the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. ~~Such standards and practices shall serve as a flexible framework for developing effective veterans court divisions and provide a structure for conducting research and evaluation for accountability. Such standards and practices are not intended to be a certification or regulatory checklist.~~

(B) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall provide technical assistance to veterans court divisions to assist them with the implementation of policies and practices, including, but not limited to, guidance on the implementation of risk and needs assessments in veterans court divisions.

(C) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall create and manage a certification and peer review process to ensure veterans court divisions are adhering to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices and shall create a waiver process for veterans court divisions to seek an exception to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices. In order to receive state appropriated funds, any veterans court division established on and after July 1, 2017, shall be certified pursuant to this subparagraph or, for good cause shown to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, shall receive a waiver from the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia.

(D) On and after July 1, 2017, the award of any state funds for a veterans court division shall be conditioned upon a veterans court division attaining certification or a waiver by the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. On or before September 1, the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall publish an annual report listing certified veterans court divisions.

(E) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia and the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform shall develop and manage an electronic information system for performance measurement and accept submission of performance data in a consistent format from all veterans court divisions. The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall identify elements necessary for performance measurement, including, but not limited to, recidivism, the number of moderate-risk and high-risk participants in a veterans court division, drug testing results, drug testing failures, participant employment, the number of participants who successfully complete the program, and the number of participants who fail to complete the program.

(F) On or before July 1, 2018, and every three years thereafter, the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall conduct a performance peer review of the veterans court divisions for the purpose of improving veterans court division policies and practices and the certification and recertification process."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and subparagraphs (a)(5)(C) and (a)(5)(D) of Code Section 15-11-70, relating to the establishment of family treatment court divisions, as follows:

"(4) Each family treatment court division shall establish a planning group to develop a work plan. The planning group shall include the judges, prosecuting attorneys, special assistant attorneys general, public defenders, attorneys who represent children and parents, law enforcement officials, probation officers, community supervision officers, court appointed special advocates, guardians ad litem, DFCS employees, and other individuals having expertise in services available to families in dependency proceedings. The work plan shall address the operational, coordination, resource, information management, and evaluation needs of the family treatment court division. The work plan shall include family treatment court division policies and practices related to implementing the standards and practices developed pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection. The work plan shall ensure a risk and needs assessment is used to identify the likelihood of recidivating and identify the needs that, when met, reduce recidivism. The work plan shall include eligibility criteria for the family treatment court division. The family treatment court division shall combine judicial supervision, treatment of family treatment court division participants, drug testing, and mental health treatment."

"(C) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall create and manage a certification and peer review process to ensure family treatment court divisions are adhering to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices and shall create a waiver process for family treatment court divisions to seek an exception to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices. The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall create a certification process to allow a court to demonstrate its need for additional state grant funds, as authorized by Code Section 15-11-52, for one or more part-time judges to operate a family treatment court division. In order to receive state appropriated funds, any family treatment court division established on and after July 1, 2017, shall be certified pursuant to this subparagraph or, for good cause shown to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, shall receive a waiver from the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia.

(D) On and after July 1, 2017, the award of any state funds for a family treatment court division shall be conditioned upon a family treatment court division attaining certification or a waiver by the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. On or before September 1, the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall publish an annual report listing certified family treatment court divisions."

**SECTION 1-3.**

Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-70, relating to the establishment of family treatment court divisions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(11) A court instituting a family treatment court division shall comply with the periodic review process as required by Code Section 15-11-216."

#### **SECTION 1-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 15-11-212, relating to the disposition of a dependent child, as follows:

"(f) If a child is adjudicated as a dependent child and the dependency is found to have been the result of substance abuse by his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian and the court orders transfer of temporary legal custody of such child, the court shall be authorized to further order that legal custody of such child may not be transferred back to his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian unless such parent, guardian, or legal custodian ~~undergoes~~:

- (1) Undergoes substance abuse treatment and random substance abuse screenings and those screenings remain negative for a period of no less than ~~six~~ 12 consecutive months; or
- (2) Successfully completes programming through a family treatment court division."

#### **SECTION 1-5.**

Code Section 49-3-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the functions of a county or district department of family and children services, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The primary purpose of county departments shall be to protect children. To achieve this primary purpose, the county departments shall, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Division of Family and Children Services of the department:

- (1) Investigate reports of abuse ~~and~~ or neglect;
- (2) Assess, promote, and support the safety of a child in a safe and stable family or other appropriate placement in response to allegations of abuse or neglect;
- (3) Work cooperatively with law enforcement regarding reports that include criminal conduct allegations; ~~and~~
- (4) In collaboration with the family treatment court division planning group, if one exists, establish a written protocol to assess cases involving substantiated reports of abuse or neglect for possible referral to a family treatment court division. Such protocol shall be consistent with the Council of Accountability Courts of Georgia's certification requirements and include sufficient criteria to determine the need for substance abuse treatment; and

~~(4)~~(5) Without compromising child safety, coordinate services to achieve and maintain permanency on behalf of the child, strengthen the family, and provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services pursuant to this title."

### **PART II**

#### **SECTION 2-1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, is amended by revising

paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (d) of Code Section 17-10-1, relating to fixing of sentence, as follows:

"(a)(1)(A) Except in cases in which life imprisonment, life without parole, or the death penalty may be imposed, upon a verdict or plea of guilty in any case involving a misdemeanor or felony, and after a presentence hearing, the judge fixing the sentence shall prescribe a determinate sentence for a specific number of months or years which shall be within the minimum and maximum sentences prescribed by law as the punishment for the crime. The judge imposing the sentence is granted power and authority to suspend or probate all or any part of the entire sentence under such rules and regulations as the judge deems proper, including service of a probated sentence in the sentencing options system, as provided by Article 9 6 of Chapter 8 3 of Title 42, and including the authority to revoke the suspension or probation when the defendant has violated any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the court, even before the probationary period has begun, subject to the conditions set out in this subsection; provided, however, that such action shall be subject to the provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-6.2.

(B)(i) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'nonviolent offense' means a felony offense of:

- (I) Burglary in the second degree in violation of Code Section 16-7-1;
- (II) Smash and grab burglary in violation of Code Section 16-7-2, provided that the damage caused was less than \$5,000.00 total;
- (III) Possession of tools for the commission of crime in violation of Code Section 16-7-20;
- (IV) Criminal damage to property in the second degree in violation of Code Section 16-7-23;
- (V) Interference with government property in violation of Code Section 16-7-24;
- (VI) Vandalism to a place of worship in violation of Code Section 16-7-26;
- (VII) Arson in the third degree in violation of Code Section 16-7-62;
- (VIII) Burning of woodlands, brush, fields, or other lands in violation of Code Section 16-7-63 when the punishment is as set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-7-63;
- (IX) Theft in violation of Code Sections 16-8-2 through 16-8-9 when the punishment is as set forth in subparagraph (a)(1)(C) of Code Section 16-8-12;
- (X) Theft by shoplifting in violation of Code Section 16-8-14;
- (XI) Refund fraud in violation of Code Section 16-8-14.1;
- (XII) Conversion of payments for real property improvements in violation of Code Section 16-8-15;
- (XIII) Entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with intent to commit theft or felony in violation of Code Section 16-8-18;
- (XIV) Livestock theft in violation of Code Section 16-8-20;
- (XV) Forgery in the third degree in violation of subsection (d) of Code Section 16-9-1;

(XVI) Printing, executing, or negotiating checks, drafts, orders, or debit card sales drafts knowing information thereon to be in error, fictitious, or assigned to another account holder in violation of Code Section 16-9-21;

(XVII) Financial transaction card offenses in violation of Code Section 16-9-31, 16-9-32, 16-9-33, 16-9-34, 16-9-35, 16-9-36.1, 16-9-37, or 16-9-39 when the punishment is as set forth in Code Section 16-9-38;

(XVIII) Failing to pay for natural products or chattels in violation of Code Section 16-9-58;

(XIX) Purchasing, possessing, manufacturing, delivering, distributing, administering, selling, or possessing with the intent to distribute controlled substances, marijuana, counterfeit substances, or flunitrazepam in violation of Code Section 16-13-30;

(XX) Unlawfully manufacturing, delivering, distributing, selling, or possessing with the intent to distribute noncontrolled substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-30.1;

(XXI) Possession of substances containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine or sales of products containing those ingredients in violation of Code Section 16-13-30.3 when the punishment is as set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-30.3; and

(XXII) Violation of Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 when the punishment is as set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-79.

(ii) When a defendant is convicted of a nonviolent offense and has no prior felony conviction, the court shall impose a sentence of probation, not to include a split sentence, unless the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that confinement in prison is necessary and appropriate for the ends of justice and the protection of society. In considering a probationary sentence, the court shall take into consideration whether the defendant has previously been adjudicated pursuant to Code Section 16-13-2 or Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or has completed a program in an accountability court, as such term is defined in Code Section 15-1-20. If the prosecuting attorney objects to a sentence of probation, the court shall attach an order which includes findings of fact and conclusions of law to the final disposition form.

(iii) When a defendant is sentenced under division (ii) of this subparagraph, the court shall include a behavioral incentive date in its sentencing order that does not exceed three years from the date such sentence is imposed. Within 60 days of the expiration of such incentive date, if the defendant has not been arrested for anything other than a nonserious traffic offense as defined in Code Section 35-3-37, has been compliant with the general and special conditions of probation imposed, and has paid all restitution owed, the Department of Community Supervision shall notify the prosecuting attorney and the court of such facts. The Department of Community Supervision shall provide the court with an order to terminate such defendant's probation which the court shall execute unless the court or the prosecuting attorney requests a hearing on such matter within 30 days of the

receipt of such order.

(2) Active probation supervision shall terminate in all cases no later than two years from the commencement of active probation supervision unless specially extended or reinstated by the sentencing court upon notice and hearing and for good cause shown; provided, however, that in those cases involving the collection of ~~fin~~es, restitution, ~~or other funds~~, the period of active probation supervision shall remain in effect for so long as any such obligation is outstanding, or until termination of the sentence, whichever first occurs, and for those cases involving a conviction under Chapter 15 of Title 16, the 'Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act,' the period of active probation supervision shall remain in effect until the termination of the sentence, but shall not exceed five years unless as otherwise provided in this paragraph. Supervision shall not be required for defendants sentenced to probation while the defendant is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles."

"(d) In any case involving a misdemeanor or a felony in which the defendant has been punished in whole or in part by a fine, the sentencing judge shall be authorized to allow the defendant to satisfy such fine through community service as defined in Code Section 42-3-50. One hour of community service shall equal the dollar amount of one hour of paid labor at the minimum wage under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, ~~as now or hereafter amended~~ in effect on January 1, 2017, unless otherwise specified by the sentencing judge. A defendant shall be required to serve the number of hours in community service which equals the number derived by dividing the amount of the fine by the federal minimum hourly wage or by the amount specified by the sentencing judge. Prior to or subsequent to sentencing, a defendant, or subsequent to sentencing, a community supervision officer, may request that the court ~~that~~ make all or any portion of a fine ~~may~~ be satisfied under this subsection."

### **SECTION 2-2.**

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended

by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 42-2-11, relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Corrections, as follows:

"(c)(1) The board shall adopt rules governing the assignment, housing, working, feeding, clothing, treatment, discipline, rehabilitation, training, and hospitalization of all inmates coming under its custody.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Evidence based practices' means supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices that scientific research demonstrates reduce recidivism among individuals who are under some form of correctional supervision.

(ii) 'Recidivism' means returning to prison or jail within three years of being placed on probation or being discharged or released from a department or jail facility.

(B) The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the management and



treatment of inmates coming under its custody to ensure that evidence based practices, including the use of a risk and needs assessment and any other method the board deems appropriate, guide decisions related to preparing inmates for release into the community. Any risk and needs assessment instrument shall be revalidated by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter. The board shall require the department to collect and analyze data and performance outcomes relevant to the level and type of treatment given to an inmate and the outcome of the treatment on his or her recidivism and prepare an annual report regarding such information which shall be submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on ~~State Properties~~ Judiciary and the Senate ~~State Institutions and Property~~ Judiciary Committee.

(C) Using evidence based practices, the board shall evaluate the quality of the programming utilized at all department facilities, except state prisons, by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, and shall publicly publish its report."

### SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (g) through (j) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 42-3-2, relating to the creation of the Board of Community Supervision and its duties, to read as follows:

"(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Evidence based practices' means supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices that scientific research demonstrates reduce recidivism among individuals who are under some form of correctional supervision.

(B) 'Recidivism' means returning to prison or jail within three years of being placed on probation or being discharged or released from a ~~Department of Corrections~~ department or jail facility.

(2) The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the management and treatment of probationers and parolees to ensure that evidence based practices, including the use of a risk and needs assessment and any other method the board deems appropriate, guide decisions related to managing probationers and parolees in the community. Any risk and needs assessment instrument shall be revalidated by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter. The board shall require DCS to collect and analyze data and performance outcomes relevant to the level and type of treatment given to a probationer or parolee and the outcome of the treatment on his or her recidivism and prepare an annual report regarding such information which shall be submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on ~~State Properties~~ Judiciary and the Senate ~~State Institutions and Property~~ Judiciary Committee.

(3) Using evidence based practices, the board shall evaluate the quality of the programming utilized at day reporting centers by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, and shall publicly publish its report.

(h)(1) The board, acting alone or in cooperation with the State Board of the Technical

College System of Georgia or other relevant educational organizations and agencies, may provide educational programs for probationers and shall exercise program approval authority. The board may enter into written agreements with other educational organizations and agencies in order to provide probationers with such education and employment skills most likely to encourage gainful employment and discourage return to criminal activity. The board may also enter into agreements with other educational organizations and agencies to attain program certification for its vocational and technical education programs.

(2) The board shall create a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate that may be issued to probationers under the rules and regulations of the board. Such certificate shall symbolize a probationer's achievements toward successful reentry into society. The board's rules and regulations relating to the issuance of such certificate shall take into account a probationer's violations of the terms of his or her probation and any other factor the board deems relevant to an individual's qualification for such certificate. The board's rules and regulations shall specify eligibility considerations and requirements for completion of such certificate.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the state, and no action shall be maintained against the state or any agency or department thereof for issuance of or failure to issue any Program and Treatment Completion Certificate.

~~(h)~~(i) The board shall adopt rules and regulations and such rules and regulations shall be adopted, established, promulgated, amended, repealed, filed, and published in accordance with the applicable provisions and procedure as set forth in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The courts shall take judicial notice of any such rules or regulations.

~~(i)~~(j) As used in this Code section, the term 'rules and regulations' shall have the same meaning as the word 'rule' as defined in paragraph (6) of Code Section 50-13-2.

~~(j)~~(k) The board shall perform duties required of it by law and shall, in addition thereto, be responsible for promulgation of all rules and regulations not in conflict with this chapter that may be necessary and appropriate to the administration of DCS, to the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter and Chapters 8 and 9 of this title, and to the performance of the duties and functions of DCS as set forth in this chapter and Chapters 8 and 9 of this title."

#### **SECTION 2-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 42-5-36, relating to confidentiality of information supplied by inmates, penalties for breach, classified nature of department investigation reports, confidentiality of certain identifying information, and custodians of records, as follows:

"(c) All institutional inmate files and central office inmate files of the department shall be classified as confidential state secrets and privileged under law, unless declassified in writing by the commissioner; provided, however, these records shall be subject to subpoena by a court of competent jurisdiction of this state and provided, further, that

the commissioner shall prepare a summary of the conduct of record of any inmate serving a sentence for a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, and it shall be subject to disclosure under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-9-43."

#### SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-27, relating to the duties of community supervision officers, as follows:

"42-8-27.

An officer shall supervise and counsel probationers and parolees in the judicial circuit to which he or she is assigned. Each officer shall perform the duties prescribed in this chapter and other duties as are prescribed by DCS and shall make and keep any records and files and make such reports as are required of him or her by DCS, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a court. Officers shall be authorized to provide supervision of defendants who are participants in a drug court division, mental health court division, or veterans court division operated by a superior court, provided that sufficient staff and resources exist for such supervision."

#### SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 42-8-34, relating to sentencing hearings and determinations, as follows:

"(e)(1) ~~The court may, in its discretion, require the payment of a fine or costs, or both, fees, or restitution~~ as a condition of probation. Chapter 14 of Title 17 shall control when determining the amount of restitution. When probation supervision is required, the court may require the payment of a probation supervision fee as a condition of probation. In determining the financial obligations, other than restitution, to impose on the defendant, the court may consider:

- (A) The defendant's financial resources and other assets, including whether any such asset is jointly controlled;
- (B) The defendant's earnings and other income;
- (C) The defendant's financial obligations, including obligations to dependents;
- (D) The period of time during which the probation order will be in effect;
- (E) The goal of the punishment being imposed; and
- (F) Any other factor the court deems appropriate.

(2) The court may convert fines, statutory surcharges, and probation supervision fees to community service on the same basis as it allows a defendant to pay a fine through community service as set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 17-10-1.

(3)(A) As used in this subsection, the term:

- (i) 'Developmental disability' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 37-1-1.
- (ii) 'Indigent' means an individual who earns less than 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines unless there is evidence that the individual has other resources that might reasonably be used without undue hardship for such individual or his or

her dependents.

(iii) 'Significant financial hardship' means a reasonable probability that an individual will be unable to satisfy his or her financial obligations for two or more consecutive months.

(iv) 'Totally and permanently disabled' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 49-4-80.

(B) The court shall waive, modify, or convert fines, statutory surcharges, probation supervision fees, and any other moneys assessed by the court or a provider of probation services upon a determination by the court prior to or subsequent to sentencing that a defendant has a significant financial hardship or inability to pay or that there are any other extenuating factors which prohibit payment or collection; provided, however, that the imposition of sanctions for failure to pay such sums shall be within the discretion of the court through judicial process or hearings.

(C) Unless rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence that a defendant will be able to satisfy his or her financial obligations without undue hardship to the defendant or his or her dependents, a defendant shall be presumed to have a significant financial hardship if he or she:

(i) Has a developmental disability;

(ii) Is totally and permanently disabled;

(iii) Is indigent; or

(iv) Has been released from confinement within the preceding 12 months and was incarcerated for more than 30 days before his or her release."

#### **SECTION 2-7.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-37, relating to the effect of the termination of the probated portion of a sentence and the review of cases of persons receiving probated sentences, as follows:

"42-8-37.

(a) Upon the termination of the probated portion of a sentence, the probationer shall be released from probation and shall not be liable to sentence for the crime for which probation was allowed; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to prohibit the conviction and sentencing of the probationer for the subsequent commission of the same or a similar offense or for the subsequent continuation of the offense for which he or she was previously sentenced.

(b) The court may at any time cause the probationer to appear before it to be admonished or commended and, when satisfied that its action would be for the best interest of justice and the welfare of society, may discharge the probationer from further supervision.

(c) Notwithstanding when a probated sentence is imposed, the ~~The~~ case of each person receiving a probated sentence of ~~more than two years~~ three years or more shall be reviewed by the officer responsible for such case after service of ~~two~~ three years on probation, and a written report of the probationer's progress shall be submitted to the sentencing court along with the officer's recommendation as to early termination. The

report shall specifically state whether the defendant has been arrested for anything other than a nonserious traffic offense as defined in Code Section 35-3-37, whether the defendant has been compliant with the general and special conditions of probation imposed, and the status of the defendant's payments toward restitution or any fines and fees imposed. Each such case shall be reviewed and a written report submitted annually thereafter until the termination, expiration, or other disposition of the case.

(d)(1) DCS shall file a petition to terminate probation for a person convicted of a nonviolent offense as defined in Code Section 17-10-1 if, after serving three years on probation, the person has:

(A) Paid all restitution owed;

(B) Not had his or her probation revoked during such period; and

(C) Not been arrested for anything other than a nonserious traffic offense as defined in Code Section 35-3-37.

(2) This subsection is intended to be retroactive and applied to any person under the supervision of DCS."

#### **SECTION 2-8.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 42-9-41, relating to the duty of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to obtain and place in records information respecting persons subject to relief or placed on probation, investigations, and rules, as follows:

"(b) The board in its discretion may also obtain and place in its permanent records similar information on each person who may be placed on probation. The board shall immediately examine such records and any other records obtained and make such other investigation as it may deem necessary. It shall be the duty of the court and of all community supervision officers and other appropriate officers to furnish to the board, upon its request, such information as may be in their possession or under their control. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and all other state, county, and city agencies, all sheriffs and their deputies, and all peace officers shall cooperate with the board and shall aid and assist it in the performance of its duties. The board may make such rules as to the privacy or privilege of such information and as to its use by persons other than the board and its staff as may be deemed expedient in the performance of its duties, provided that such rules do not conflict with Code Section 42-9-61."

#### **SECTION 2-9.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (c), (d), and (e) of Code Section 42-9-42, relating to the procedure for granting relief from sentence, conditions and prerequisites, public access to information, and violation of parole, as follows:

"(c) Good conduct, achievement of a fifth-grade level or higher on standardized reading tests, and efficient performance of duties by an inmate shall be considered by the board in his or her favor and shall merit consideration of an application for pardon or parole. No inmate shall be placed on parole until and unless the board shall find that

there is reasonable probability that, if he or she is so released, he or she will live and conduct himself or herself as a respectable and law-abiding person and that his or her release will be compatible with his or her own welfare and the welfare of society. Furthermore, no person shall be released on pardon or placed on parole unless and until the board is satisfied that he or she will be suitably employed in self-sustaining employment or that he or she will not become a public charge. However, notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the board may, in its discretion, grant pardon or parole to any aged or disabled persons.

(d)(1) Any person who is paroled shall be released on such terms and conditions as the board shall prescribe, and if he or she is serving a split sentence, the board's conditions shall include all of the terms of probation imposed by the sentencing court. The board shall diligently see that no peonage is allowed in the guise of parole relationship or supervision. The parolee shall remain in the legal custody of the board until the expiration of the maximum term specified in his or her sentence, ~~or until~~ he or she is pardoned by the board, or his or her supervision is terminated as provided in Code Section 42-9-52.

(2) The board may require the payment of a parole supervision fee of at least \$10.00 per month as a condition of parole or ~~other~~ conditional release. The monthly amount shall be set by rule of the board and shall be uniform state wide. ~~The board may require or the parolee or person under conditional release may request that up to 24 months of the supervision fee be paid in advance of the time to be spent on parole or conditional release. In such cases, any advance payments are nonreimbursable in the event of parole or conditional release revocation or if parole or conditional release is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of the sentence being served on parole or conditional release.~~ Such fees shall be collected by the department to be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

(e) If a parolee or conditional releasee violates the terms of his or her parole or conditional release, he or she shall be subject to rearrest or extradition for placement in the actual custody of the board, to be redelivered to any state or county correctional institution of this state or placed in any other Department of Corrections facility, including a probation detention center, not to exceed 180 days, or in a residential substance abuse treatment facility, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-8-111, as deemed appropriate by the board. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit or restrict the authority of the commissioner of corrections in making custodial assignments."

#### SECTION 2-10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-43, relating to information to be considered by board generally, conduct of investigation and examination, and determination as to grant of relief, as follows:

"42-9-43.

(a) The board, in considering any case within its power, shall cause to be brought before it all pertinent information on the person in question. Included therein shall be:

(1) A report by the superintendent, warden, or jailer of the jail or state or county correctional institution in which the person has been confined upon the conduct of record of the person while in such jail or state or county correctional institution;

(2) A summary of the conduct of record of the person serving a sentence for a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections;

~~(2)~~(3) The results of such physical and mental examinations as may have been made of the person;

~~(3)~~(4) The extent to which the person appears to have responded to the efforts made to improve his or her social attitude;

~~(4)~~(5) The industrial record of the person while confined, the nature of his or her occupations while so confined, and a recommendation as to the kind of work he or she is best fitted to perform and at which he or she is most likely to succeed when and if he or she is released;

~~(5)~~(6) The educational programs in which the person has participated and the level of education which the person has attained based on standardized reading tests;

~~(6)~~(7) The written statements or oral testimony, if any, of the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced expressing views and making any recommendation as to parole, conditional release, a pardon for a serious offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-9-42, or commutation of a death sentence;

~~(7)~~(8) The written, oral, audiotaped, or videotaped testimony of the victim, the victim's family, or a witness having personal knowledge of the victim's personal characteristics, including any information prepared by the victim or any individual offering or preparing information on behalf of the victim, for the purpose of the board's consideration of a parole, conditional release, pardon, or commutation of a death sentence if the victim has provided such information to the board; and

~~(8)~~(9) If the person is or was required to register pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12, any court order issued releasing the person from registration requirements or residency or employment restrictions.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Debilitating terminal illness' means a disease that cannot be cured or adequately treated and that is reasonably expected to result in death within 12 months.

(B) 'Entirely incapacitated' means an offender who:

(i) Requires assistance in order to perform two or more necessary daily life functions or who is completely immobile; and

(ii) Has such limited physical or mental ability, strength, or capacity that he or she poses an extremely low risk of physical threat to others or to the community.

(C) 'Necessary daily life function' means eating, breathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, walking, or bathing.

(2) The board may issue a medical reprieve to an entirely incapacitated person suffering a progressively debilitating terminal illness in accordance with Article IV, Section II, Paragraph II of the Constitution.

(c)(1) The board shall give at least 30 days' advance written notification to the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced whenever it considers making a final decision on a pardon for a serious offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-9-42, and at least 90 days' advance written notification to such district attorney prior to making a final decision on parole or conditional release for a person sentenced for a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, and shall provide the district attorney an opportunity to submit information and file a written objection to such ~~action~~ actions and shall also provide the person being considered for parole or conditional release an opportunity to submit information.

(2) Within 72 hours of receiving a request to commute a death sentence, the board shall provide written notification to the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced of the date set for hearing such request and shall provide the district attorney an opportunity to submit information and file a written response to such request.

(3) The board may also make such other investigation as it may deem necessary in order to be fully informed about the person.

(d)(1) Before releasing any person on parole or conditional release, granting a pardon, or commuting a death sentence, the board may have the person appear before it and may personally examine him or her and consider any information it deems relevant or necessary. When objections to relief have been tendered, the board may hold a hearing and consider oral testimony. If the board holds a hearing, it shall provide the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced 30 days' notice via e-mail of such hearing date and the district attorney or his or her designee may attend such hearing and present evidence to the board and shall also provide the person being considered 30 days' notice of such hearing date and he or she may present evidence to the board. Upon consideration of the reports, files, records, papers, documents information, and oral testimony submitted, the board shall make its findings and determine whether or not such person shall be granted a pardon, parole, or other relief within the power of the board and determine the terms and conditions thereof, and if such person is serving a split sentence, the board's conditions shall include all of the terms of probation imposed by the sentencing court.

(2) Notice of the board's determination shall be given to the person being considered, the correctional official having him or her in custody, if applicable, the district attorney who submitted any information or objection, and the victim ~~in accordance with Code Section 17-17-13~~ if the victim has expressed a desire for such notification and has provided the board with a current mailing or e-mail address and telephone number.

(e) If a person in custody is granted a pardon, ~~or a parole,~~ or conditional release, the correctional official having such person in custody, upon notification thereof, shall inform him or her of the terms and conditions thereof and shall, in strict accordance therewith, release the person."



**SECTION 2-11.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-44, relating to the terms and conditions of parole, adoption of general and special rules, violation of parole, and certain parolees to obtain high school diploma or general educational development (GED) diploma, as follows:

"42-9-44.

(a) The board, upon placing a person on parole or conditional release, shall specify in writing the terms and conditions thereof, and if such person is serving a split sentence, the board's conditions shall include all of the terms of probation imposed by the sentencing court. A certified copy of the conditions shall be given to the parolee or conditional releasee. Thereafter, a copy shall be sent to the clerk of the court in which the person was convicted. The board shall adopt general rules concerning the terms and conditions of parole or conditional release and concerning what shall constitute a violation thereof and shall make special rules to govern particular cases. The rules, both general and special, may include, among other things, a requirement that the parolee or conditional releasee shall not leave this state or any definite area in this state without the consent of the board; that the parolee or conditional releasee shall contribute to the support of his or her dependents to the best of the parolee's or conditional releasee's ability; that the parolee or conditional releasee shall make reparation or restitution for his or her crime; that the parolee or conditional releasee shall abandon evil associates and ways; and that the parolee or conditional releasee shall carry out the instructions of his or her community supervision officer, and, in general, so comport himself or herself as the ~~parolee's~~ community supervision officer shall determine. A violation of the terms of parole or conditional release may render the parolee or conditional releasee liable to arrest and a return to a penal institution to serve out the term for which the parolee or conditional releasee was sentenced.

(b) Each parolee or conditional releasee who does not have a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) diploma shall be required as a condition of parole or conditional release to obtain a high school diploma or general educational development (GED) diploma or to pursue a trade at a vocational or technical school. Any such parolee or conditional releasee who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board an existing ability or skill which does in fact actually furnish the parolee or conditional releasee a reliable, regular, and sufficient income shall not be subject to this ~~provision~~ subsection. Any parolee or conditional releasee who is determined by the department or the board to be incapable of completing such requirements shall only be required to attempt to improve his or her basic educational skills. Failure of any parolee or conditional releasee subject to this requirement to attend the necessary schools or courses or to make reasonable progress toward fulfillment of such requirement shall be grounds for revocation of parole or conditional release. The board shall establish regulations regarding reasonable progress as required by this subsection. ~~This subsection shall apply to paroles granted on or after July 1, 1995.~~"

**SECTION 2-12.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-46, relating to cases in which inmate has failed to serve time required for automatic initial consideration, as follows:

"42-9-46.

When the board considers a ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, if the board is to consider any~~ case in which an inmate has failed to serve ~~not served~~ the time required by law Code Section 42-9-45 for automatic initial parole consideration, the board shall notify in writing, at least ten days prior to such early consideration, the sentencing judge, the district attorney of the county circuit in which the person inmate was sentenced, and any victim of crimes against the person a violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 or, if such victim is deceased, the spouse, children, or parents of the deceased victim if such person's contact information ~~is provided pursuant to Code Section 17-17-13~~ has been provided to the board with a current mailing or e-mail address and telephone number. Such notice shall provide a time frame in which such individuals may file an objection to early parole consideration. The sentencing judge, district attorney, or victim or, if such victim is deceased, the spouse, children, or parents of the deceased victim shall be given notice of a hearing date if a hearing will be held and, in order to express their views and make their recommendation as to whether the inmate should be granted early parole, may appear at a such hearing held by the board or may make a written statement to the board expressing their views and making their recommendation as to whether the person should be paroled. If an objection was filed and the board grants early parole, it shall issue a statement explaining its reasoning for granting such parole and such statement shall be served on any party who filed an objection."

**SECTION 2-13.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-52, relating to discharge from parole, earned-time allowance, granting of pardons, commutations, and remissions of fines, forfeitures, or penalties, as follows:

"42-9-52.

(a) No person who has been placed on parole shall be discharged therefrom by the board prior to the expiration of the term for which he or she was sentenced or until he or she shall have been duly pardoned or otherwise released as provided in this Code section or as otherwise provided by law.

(b) The board may adopt rules and regulations, policies, and procedures for the granting of earned time to persons while serving their sentences on parole or other conditional release to the same extent and in the same amount as if such person were serving the sentence in custody. The board shall also be authorized to withhold or to forfeit, in whole or in part, any such earned-time allowance.

(c) When a parolee or conditional releasee is serving a split sentence for a nonviolent offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-1, the board shall review such case after such parolee or conditional releasee has successfully completed 12 consecutive months of parole supervision to consider commutation of such sentence.

The board may relieve a ~~person on parole or other conditional release~~ parolee or conditional releasee from making further reports and may permit ~~the~~ such person to leave the state or county if satisfied that this is for the parolee's or conditional releasee's best interest and for the best interest of society. When a parolee or ~~other~~ conditional releasee has, in the opinion of the board, so conducted himself or herself as to deserve a pardon or a commutation of sentence or the remission in whole or in part of any fine, forfeiture, or penalty, the board may grant such relief in cases within its power. The board may take into consideration whether or not a person is serving a split sentence in its determination of granting any relief."

#### SECTION 2-14.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-53, relating to the preservation of documents, classification of information and documents, divulgence of confidential state secrets, and conduct of hearings, as follows:

"42-9-53.

(a) Subject to other laws, the board shall preserve on file all documents on which it has acted in the granting of pardons, paroles, conditional releases, and other relief.

(b)(1) All information, both oral and written, received by the members of the board in the performance of their duties under this chapter and all ~~records, papers, and documents~~ reports, files, records, and information coming into their possession by reason of the performance of their duties under this chapter shall be classified as confidential state secrets until declassified by the board; provided, however, that the board shall be authorized to:

(A) To disclose to an alleged violator of parole or conditional release the evidence introduced against him or her at a final hearing on the matter of revocation of parole or conditional release; and

(B) To disclose information as provided in Code Section 42-9-61.

(2) The department may make supervision records of the department available to officials employed with the Department of Corrections and the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, provided that the same shall remain confidential and not available to any other person or subject to subpoena unless declassified by the commissioner of community supervision.

(c) No person shall divulge or cause to be divulged in any manner any confidential state secret. Any person violating this Code section or any person who causes or procures a violation of this Code section or conspires to violate this Code section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) All hearings required to be held by this chapter shall be public, and the transcript thereof shall be exempt from subsection (b) of this Code section. All records and documents which were public records at the time they were received by the board ~~are~~ shall be exempt from subsection (b) of this Code section. All information, reports, and documents required by law to be made available to the General Assembly, the Governor, or the state auditor ~~are~~ shall be exempt from subsection (b) of this Code section."

**SECTION 2-15.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-9-61.

(a) After the board provides the notice of making a final decision on parole or conditional release as required by subsection (c) of Code Section 42-9-43, both the prosecuting attorney and the person being considered for such relief may make a written request to the board for the summary set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-9-43 and the board shall promptly provide such summary as well as any other information the board has declassified.

(b) The disclosure of the summary set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-9-43 pursuant to this Code section shall not vitiate the confidential nature of such summary and such summary shall not be subject to disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50."

**SECTION 2-16.**

Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'Program and Treatment Completion Certificate' means the certificate issued pursuant to Code Section 42-2-5.2 or Code Section 42-3-2.

(b) Issuance of a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate by the ~~Department Board~~ Board of Corrections or the Board of Community Supervision or the granting of a pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles as provided in the Constitution and Code Section 42-9-42 shall create a presumption of due care in hiring, retaining, licensing, leasing to, admitting to a school or program, or otherwise engaging in activity with the individual to whom the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate was issued or the pardon was granted. Such presumption may be rebutted by relevant evidence which extends beyond the scope of the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate or pardon and which was known or should have been known by the person against whom negligence is asserted."

**PART III  
SECTION 3-1.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 55, nays 0.

SB 174, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Hill of the 6th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 175. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to enact reforms relating to juvenile court proceedings recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to allow juvenile courts to impose certain conditions on parents, guardians, and legal custodians of children who are in need of services, delinquent, or involved in a court's community based risk reduction program; to provide for procedure; to change provisions relating to the detention of a delinquent child who has been determined to be incompetent to proceed in juvenile court proceedings; to provide for professional input as to the detention of a child who has been determined to be incompetent to proceed; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 175, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 176. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to enact reforms relating to driving privileges recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to change and provide for the procedure of issuing bench warrants for individuals charged with certain traffic, motorist, and road violations; to remove a barrier to obtaining a habitual violator probationary license; to change provisions relating to third and subsequent convictions under Code Section 40-6-391 involving controlled substances or marijuana; to change provisions relating to reinstatement of certain licenses under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 176:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 17 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to enact reforms relating to driving privileges recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to change and provide for the procedure of issuing bench warrants for individuals charged with certain traffic, motorist, and road violations; to remove a barrier to obtaining a habitual violator probationary license; to change provisions relating to third and subsequent convictions under Code Section 40-6-391 involving controlled substances or marijuana; to change provisions relating to reinstatement of certain licenses under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 17-6-11, relating to the display of a driver's license for violations of certain traffic related laws, as follows:

"(a)(1) When an individual ~~Any other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, any person who~~ is apprehended by an officer for the violation of the laws of this state or ordinances relating to the offenses listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection, he or she may display his or her driver's license and be issued a uniform traffic citation in lieu of being:

~~(1) Traffic, including any offense under Code Section 40-5-72 or 40-6-10, but excepting any other offense for~~

(A) Brought before the proper magistrate or other judicial officer;

(B) Incarcerated;

(C) Ordered to post a bond; or

(D) Ordered a recognizance for his or her appearance for trial.

(2) This subsection shall apply to any violation:

(A) Of Title 40 except any offense:

(i) For which a license may be suspended for a first offense by the commissioner of driver services, any offense covered;

(ii) Covered under Code Section 40-5-54, or any offense covered; or

(iii) Covered under Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40;

~~(2) The licensing and registration of motor vehicles and operators;~~

~~(3)(B) Involving the~~ The width, height, and length of vehicles and loads;

~~(4)(C) Involving motor~~ Motor common carriers and motor contract carriers;

~~(5) Commercial vehicle or driver safety;~~

- ~~(6)(D) Involving hazardous~~ Hazardous materials transportation;  
~~(7) Motor carrier insurance or registration; or~~  
 (8)(E) Involving road ~~Road~~ taxes on motor carriers as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 48

~~upon being served with the official summons issued by such apprehending officer, in lieu of being immediately brought before the proper magistrate, recorder, or other judicial officer to enter into a formal recognizance or make direct the deposit of a proper sum of money in lieu of a recognizance ordering incarceration, may display his or her driver's license to the apprehending officer in lieu of bail, in lieu of entering into a recognizance for his or her appearance for trial as set in the aforesaid summons, or in lieu of being incarcerated by the apprehending officer and held for further action by the appropriate judicial officer.~~

(3) The apprehending officer shall ~~note the~~ include the individual's driver's license number on the official summons uniform traffic citation. The ~~summons~~ uniform traffic citation, duly served as provided in this Code section, shall give the judicial officer jurisdiction to dispose of the matter.

~~(b)(4)~~ (4) Upon display of the driver's license, the apprehending officer shall release the ~~person~~ individual so charged for his or her further appearance before the proper judicial officer as required by the ~~summons.~~ The uniform traffic citation.

(b) When a uniform traffic citation is issued and if the accused fails to appear for court or otherwise dispose of his or her charges before his or her scheduled court appearance, prior to the court issuing a bench warrant, the clerk of court shall notify the accused by first-class mail or by postcard at the address listed on the uniform traffic citation of his or her failure to appear and provide a new court date and time. If the accused fails to appear for the rescheduled court date or otherwise dispose of his or her charges before his or her rescheduled court appearance, the clerk of court in which the charges are lodged shall immediately, within five days of the failure to appear, forward to the Department of Driver Services of this state the accused's driver's license number if the person fails to appear and answer to the charge against him or her. The commissioner of driver services shall, upon receipt of a such driver's license number forwarded by the court, suspend the such accused's driver's license and driving privilege of the defaulting person until notified by the clerk of court that the charge against the person accused has been finally adjudicated. Such person's accused's driver's license shall be reinstated if the person when he or she submits proof of payment of the fine from the court of jurisdiction the final adjudication and pays to the Department of Driver Services a restoration fee of \$50.00 or \$25.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail."

## SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-7-90, relating to "bench warrant" defined, execution, receiving bail, fixing bond, and approving sureties, as follows:

"17-7-90.

(a) A bench warrant ~~is a warrant~~ may be issued by a judge for the arrest of a person



accused:

(1) Accused of a crime by a grand jury or for the arrest of a person;

(2) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 17-6-11, charged with a crime who has failed to appear in court after actual notice;

(A) Actual notice of the time and place to appear to the person in open court or notice;

(B) Notice of the time and place to appear to the person by mailing to his or her a notice to such person's last known address; or otherwise being notified

(C) The person has otherwise been notified of the time and place to appear personally, in writing, by a court official or officer of the court of the time and place to appear or for the arrest of a person charged; or

(3) Charged with a crime upon the filing by the prosecutor of an accusation supported by affidavit.

(b) Every officer is bound to execute the a bench warrant within his or her jurisdiction, and every person so arrested must shall be committed to jail until bail is tendered. Any judicial officer or the sheriff of the county where the charge was returned may receive the bail, fix the amount of the bond, and approve the sureties unless it is a case that is bailable only before some particular judicial officer."

### SECTION 3.

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(D) of Code Section 40-5-58, relating to habitual violators and probationary licenses, as follows:

"(D) Such person has not been convicted, or pleaded nolo contendere to a charge, of violating any provision of Title 3, relating to alcoholic beverages, or of violating any provision of Chapter 13 of Title 16, relating to controlled substances Reserved;"

### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) and paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 40-5-75, relating to the suspension of drivers' licenses by operation of law and reinstatement, as follows:

"(3) Upon the third or subsequent conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, such person's license shall be suspended for a period of five years person shall be considered a habitual violator, and such person's license shall be revoked as provided for in Code Section 40-5-58. A driver's license suspension imposed under this paragraph shall run concurrently with and shall be counted toward the fulfillment of any period of revocation imposed directly under Code Sections 40-5-58 and 40-5-62, provided that such revocation arose from the same act for which the suspension was imposed. At the end of two years, the person may apply to the department for a three year driving permit upon compliance with the following conditions:

(A) Such person has not been convicted or pleaded nolo contendere to any drug

~~related offense, including driving under the influence, for a period of two years immediately preceding the application for such permit;~~

~~(B) Such person submits proof of completion of a licensed drug treatment program. Such proof shall be submitted within two years of the license suspension and prior to the issuance of the three year driving permit. Such licensed drug treatment program shall be paid for by the offender. The offender shall pay a permit fee of \$25.00 to the department;~~

~~(C) Such person submits proof of financial responsibility as provided in Chapter 9 of this title; and~~

~~(D) Refusal to issue such permit would cause extreme hardship to the applicant. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'extreme hardship' means that the applicant cannot reasonably obtain other transportation, and, therefore, the applicant would be prohibited from:~~

~~(i) Going to his or her place of employment or performing the normal duties of his or her occupation;~~

~~(ii) Receiving scheduled medical care or obtaining prescription drugs;~~

~~(iii) Attending a college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student; or~~

~~(iv) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meetings of support organizations for persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to alcohol or other drugs, which organizations are recognized by the commissioner.~~

~~Any three year driving permittee who is convicted of violating any state law or local ordinance relating to the movement of vehicles or any such permittee who is convicted of violating the conditions endorsed on his or her three year driving permit shall have his or her permit revoked by the department. Any court in which such conviction is had shall require the permittee to surrender the three year driving permit to the court, and the court shall forward it to the department within ten days after the conviction, with a copy of the conviction. Any person whose three-year driving permit has been revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until six months from the date such permit was surrendered to the department. At the end of five years from the date on which the license was suspended, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of his or her driver's license by submitting proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and paying to the department a restoration fee of \$410.00 or \$400.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail. The restoration fee paid to reinstate a driver's license that was suspended under this paragraph shall be counted toward the fulfillment of the restoration fee required by subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-62, provided that such revocation arose from the same act for which the suspension was imposed."~~

~~"(g)(1)(A) Effective Upon July 1, 2016, the department shall be authorized to reinstate, instanter, a driver's license that was suspended pursuant to this Code section for a violation of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, provided that the driver's license has not been previously reinstated. The provisions of this paragraph~~

subparagraph shall not apply to a suspension imposed pursuant to this Code section for a violation of paragraph (2), (4), or (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-391, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, unless ordered by a judge presiding in a drug court division, mental health court division, veterans court division, or operating under the influence court division in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-76.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the department shall be authorized to reinstate, instanter, a driver's license that was suspended pursuant to this Code section for a violation of Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, provided that the driver's license has not been previously reinstated. The provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply to a suspension imposed pursuant to this Code section for a violation of paragraph (2), (4), or (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-391, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, unless ordered by a judge presiding in a drug court division, mental health court division, veterans court division, or operating under the influence court division in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-76."

#### SECTION 5.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman

Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 176, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 1. By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Harper of the 7th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise the definition of domestic terrorism to more inclusively capture situational violations commonly used by persons who desire to commit acts of terror; to revise the offenses of a terroristic threat and a terroristic act; to amend Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center, so as to revise the definition of homeland security activity to enable the center's work in the state's effective prevention or discovery of, response to, and recovery from domestic terrorism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 1:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise the definition of domestic terrorism to more inclusively capture situational violations commonly used by persons who desire to commit acts of terror; to provide for investigative powers and duties of the Attorney General and district attorneys; to revise the offenses of a terroristic threat and a terroristic act; to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to create the Board of Homeland Security, the Department of Homeland Security, and the position of commissioner of homeland security; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to transfer the functions of homeland security strategy and programs, the Antiterrorism Task Force, the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center, safety planning for threats of terrorism, and the Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee to the Department of Homeland Security; to provide for definitions; to revise the definition of homeland security activity to enable the center's work in the state's effective prevention or discovery of, response to, and recovery from domestic terrorism; to require each agency to submit to the center certain identifying information about

known or suspected terrorists; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management organization and administration, so as to repeal and redesignate provisions relating to certain safety plans of state agencies and authorities, the Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee, and investigations and surveys; to amend various provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to correct nomenclature and cross-references; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protect Act - Protecting Georgians Against Terrorism."

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-4-10, relating to domestic terrorism and penalty, as follows:

"16-4-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, 'domestic terrorism' the term:

(1) 'Domestic terrorism' means any violation of, or attempt to violate, the laws of this state or of the United States which:

~~(1)(A)~~ Is intended or reasonably likely to injure or kill ~~not less than ten individuals~~ any individual or group of individuals or to damage, disrupt, or destroy critical infrastructure as part of a single unlawful act or a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics; and

~~(2)(A)(B)(i)~~ Is intended to intimidate the civilian population of this state, any of its political subdivisions, or of the United States;

~~(B)(ii)~~ Is intended to alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or

~~(C)(iii)~~ Is intended to affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping.

Such term shall include violations of the law or attempted violations of the law that are intended to advance, further, or effectuate any ideology or belief whether such violations or attempted violations are committed alone or as part of a command structure involving an identifiable set of other individuals.

(2) 'Critical infrastructure' means public or private systems, functions, or assets, whether physical or virtual, vital to the security, governance, public health and safety,

economy, or morale of this state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, systems, functions, or assets for:

(A) Electricity generating;

(B) Gas production, transport, and distribution;

(C) Telecommunications and cyber systems;

(D) Water supply;

(E) Agriculture;

(F) Transportation, including bridges, roads, and public transit;

(G) Financial services;

(H) Education;

(I) Health care services; and

(J) Religious worship.

(3) 'Electronic communication service' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-9-92.

(4) 'Remote computing service' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-9-92.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who commits, attempts to commit, conspires to commit, or solicits, coerces, or intimidates another to commit a violation of the laws of this state or of the United States for the purpose of domestic terrorism shall, except in cases for which the death penalty may be imposed and the state has served notice of its intention to seek the death penalty, be sentenced to the maximum term of imprisonment and a fine not to exceed the amount prescribed by Code Section 17-10-8, which penalty shall not be suspended, stayed, probated, or withheld.

(c) In addition to any other provision of law, evidence that a person committed an offense for which the death penalty may be imposed under the laws of this state for the purpose of domestic terrorism shall be admissible during the sentencing phase as a statutory aggravating circumstance. It shall be the duty of the judge to consider, or to instruct the jury to consider, in addition to the statutory aggravating circumstances provided in Code Section 17-10-30, that the offense was committed for the purpose of domestic terrorism.

(d)(1) In any investigation of a violation of this Code section, the Attorney General or district attorney shall be authorized to issue a subpoena to compel the production of books, records or papers or electronic communication service or remote computing service records or other information pertaining to a subscriber or customer of such service, exclusive of the contents of communications. All officers, boards, commissions, and departments of the state and the municipalities and political subdivisions thereof having information with respect thereto shall cooperate with and assist the Attorney General or district attorney for the purposes of this Code section.

(2) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall disclose to the Attorney General or district attorney the:

(A) Name;

(B) Address;

- (C) Local and long distance telephone connection records, or records of session times and durations;
- (D) Length of service, including the start date, and types of services utilized;
- (E) Telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address; and
- (F) Means and source of payment for such service, including any credit card or bank account number of a subscriber to or customer of such service.
- (e) Upon failure of a person without lawful excuse to obey a subpoena, the Attorney General or district attorney may apply to a superior court having jurisdiction for an order compelling compliance. Such person may object to the subpoena on grounds that it fails to comply with this Code section or upon any constitutional or other legal right or privilege of such person. The court may issue an order modifying or setting aside such subpoena or directing compliance with the original subpoena.
- (f) The Attorney General may request that a natural person who refuses to produce relevant matter on the ground that the production of records may incriminate such person be ordered by the court to provide such records. With the exception of a prosecution for perjury, a natural person who complies with the court order to provide such records asserting a privilege against self-incrimination to which he or she is entitled by law shall not be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he or she may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise.
- (g)(1) Information obtained pursuant to a subpoena enforced by this Code section shall not be made public or, except as authorized in paragraph (2) of this subsection, disclosed by the Attorney General or district attorney beyond the extent necessary for the enforcement of this Code section.
- (2) The Attorney General or district attorney shall be authorized to provide to any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency any information acquired under this Code section in furtherance of a criminal investigation.
- (h) The district attorney and the Attorney General shall have concurrent authority to prosecute any criminal cases arising under the provisions of this Code section and to perform any duty that necessarily appertains thereto when such case involves occurrences within a single judicial circuit; provided, however, that when such case involves occurrences spanning two or more judicial circuits, the Attorney General shall have exclusive authority to prosecute such cases.
- (i) In cases where the Attorney General has exclusive authority to prosecute, the Attorney General is authorized to call upon the district attorney to assist in or to conduct such prosecution; and, when so requested by the Attorney General, it shall be the duty of any such district attorney to assist in or to conduct such prosecution for and on behalf of the Attorney General and the state.
- (j) The Attorney General is authorized to appoint special assistant attorneys general for investigating and prosecuting violations under this Code section. Under the supervision of the Attorney General, such special assistant attorneys general may exercise the powers of the Attorney General under this Code section."

**SECTION 2-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 16-7-80, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(1) 'Bacteriological weapon' or 'biological weapon' means any device which is designed in such a manner as to permit the intentional release into the population or environment of microbial or other biological agents or toxins whatever their origin or method of production in a manner not otherwise authorized by law or any device the development, production, or stockpiling of which is prohibited pursuant to the 'Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction,' 26 U.S.T. 583, TIAS 8063, and including all substances found on Schedule 1 of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction."

**SECTION 2-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 16-7-88, relating to possessing, transporting, or receiving explosives or destructive devices with intent to kill, injure, or intimidate individuals or destroy public buildings, sentencing, and enhanced penalties, as follows:

"(a) Any person who possesses, transports, or receives or attempts to possess, transport, or receive any destructive device, ~~or explosive,~~ bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon with the knowledge or intent that it will be used to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual or to destroy any public building shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years or by a fine of not more than \$125,000.00 or both or, if the defendant is a corporation, by a fine of not less than \$125,000.00 nor more than \$200,000.00 or sentenced to perform not fewer than 10,000 nor more than 20,000 hours of community service or both."

**SECTION 2-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Code Section 16-11-37, relating to terroristic threats and acts, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Domestic terrorism' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-4-10.

(2) 'Hazardous ~~hazardous~~ substance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-8-92.

(b)(1) A person commits the offense of a terroristic threat when he or she threatens to:

(A) Commit any crime of violence, including, but not limited to, domestic terrorism;

(B) Release any hazardous substance; or

(C) Burn or damage property.

(2) Such terroristic threat shall be made:



- (A) With the purpose of terrorizing another or the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;
  - (B) With the purpose of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation;
  - (C) With the purpose of otherwise causing serious public inconvenience; or
  - (D) In reckless disregard of the risk of causing the terror, evacuation, or inconvenience described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph.
- (3) No person shall be convicted under this subsection on the uncorroborated testimony of the party to whom the threat is communicated.
- (c) A person commits the offense of a terroristic act when:
- (1) He or she uses a burning or flaming cross or other burning or flaming symbol or flambeau with the intent to terrorize another or another's household;
  - (2) While not in the commission of a lawful act, he or she shoots at or throws an object at a conveyance which is being operated or which is occupied by passengers; or
  - (3) He or she releases any hazardous substance or any simulated hazardous substance under the guise of a hazardous substance:
    - (A) For the purpose of terrorizing another or the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;
    - (B) For the purpose of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation;
    - (C) For the purpose of otherwise causing serious public inconvenience; or
    - (D) In reckless disregard of the risk of causing the terror, evacuation, or inconvenience described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of this paragraph."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by repealing in its entirety Article 3 of Chapter 3, relating to the Antiterrorism Task Force, and designating such article as reserved.

**SECTION 3-2.**

Said title is further amended by repealing in its entirety Article 9 of Chapter 3, relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

**SECTION 3-3.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 11  
ARTICLE 1

35-11-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

- (1) 'Bureau' means the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.
- (2) 'Center' means the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center.
- (3) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of homeland security.
- (4) 'Critical infrastructure' means public or private systems, functions, or assets, whether physical or virtual, vital to the security, governance, public health and safety, economy, or morale of this state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, systems, functions, or assets for:
  - (A) Electricity generating;
  - (B) Gas production, transport, and distribution;
  - (C) Telecommunications and cyber systems;
  - (D) Water supply;
  - (E) Agriculture;
  - (F) Transportation, including bridges, roads, and public transit;
  - (G) Financial services;
  - (H) Education;
  - (I) Health care services; and
  - (J) Religious worship.
- (5) 'Department' means the Georgia Department of Homeland Security.
- (6) 'Domestic terrorism' means any violation of, or attempt to violate, the laws of this state or of the United States which:
  - (A) Is intended or reasonably likely to injure or kill any individual or group of individuals or to damage, disrupt, or destroy critical infrastructure as part of a single unlawful act or a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics; and
  - (B)(i) Is intended to intimidate the civilian population of this state, any of its political subdivisions, or of the United States;
  - (ii) Is intended to alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or
  - (iii) Is intended to affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping.Such term shall include violations of the law or attempted violations of the law that are intended to advance, further, or effectuate any ideology or belief whether such violations or attempted violations are committed alone or as part of a command structure involving an identifiable set of other individuals.
- (7) 'Fusion center' means collaborative effort which combines resources, expertise, intelligence, and other information from various agencies of state and local governments with the goal of maximizing the ability of this state to detect, prevent, and respond to criminal activities or to otherwise engage in homeland security activities.
- (8) 'Homeland security activity' means any activity related to the prevention or discovery of, response to, or recovery from:
  - (A) Domestic terrorism;
  - (B) A hostile military or paramilitary action; or

(C) An extraordinary law enforcement emergency.

(9) 'Homeland security emergency' means an emergency precipitated by any activity related to:

(A) Domestic terrorism;

(B) A hostile military or paramilitary action; or

(C) An extraordinary law enforcement emergency.

(10) 'Homeland security information' means the product of systematic gathering, evaluation, and synthesis of raw data on individuals or activities suspected of being, or known to be, criminal in nature.

35-11-2.

(a) There is created a Board of Homeland Security. The board shall:

(1) Establish the general policy to be followed by the department; and

(2) Advise the Governor and commissioner on:

(A) The implementation of the homeland security strategy by state and local agencies and provide specific guidance and counsel for helping those agencies implement the strategy; and

(B) All matters related to the planning, development, coordination, and implementation of initiatives to promote the homeland security strategy of the state.

(b) The board shall consist of 17 members who shall be as follows:

(1) The Governor, ex officio, who shall be chairperson of the board;

(2) The commissioner of homeland security;

(3) The director of emergency management;

(4) The commissioner of public safety;

(5) The director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(6) The adjutant general;

(7) The commissioner of natural resources;

(8) The commissioner of public health;

(9) The Attorney General or his or her designee who shall be the deputy attorney general or an assistant attorney general;

(10) The commissioner of transportation;

(11) The Commissioner of Agriculture;

(12) The head of the Georgia Technology Authority; and

(13) Five appointees of the Governor who shall be individuals from the public or private sector who are directly involved in policy, program, security, or funding activities relevant to homeland security or infrastructure protection; provided, however, that one such appointment shall be the executive director of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association or a sheriff and one such appointment shall be the executive director of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police or a chief executive of a law enforcement agency of a county or a municipality. Such appointees under this paragraph shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c) The board shall adopt rules for its organization and by which its business shall be conducted.

(d)(1) Any legislative members of the board who may be appointed pursuant to paragraph (13) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8.

(2) Members of the board who are state or local government officials, other than legislative members, or state or local government employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the board, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the board in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state or local government officials or state or local government employees.

(3) Members of the board who are not legislators, state or local government officials, or state or local government employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(4) Funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state or local government officials, other than legislative members, and state or local government employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective governments, departments, authorities, or agencies.

35-11-3.

(a) There is established the Department of Homeland Security with a commissioner of homeland security who shall be the head thereof. The department shall be assigned to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The Governor shall appoint the commissioner of homeland security. He or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, who shall fix his or her compensation. The commissioner of homeland security shall hold no other state office.

(c) The commissioner may employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, may fix their compensation, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available for purposes of homeland security, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(d) The commissioner, with the approval of the board, may establish units within the department as he or she deems proper for its administration and shall designate persons to be assistant commissioners of each unit and to exercise authority as he or she may delegate to them in writing.

(e) The commissioner and other personnel of the department shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state departments and agencies.

(f) The commissioner, with the approval of the board, shall have the power to make and publish reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with this title or other laws or with the Constitution of this state or of the United States for the administration of this chapter or any law or program which it is his or her duty to administer.

(g) The commissioner, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall:

(1) Be the executive head of the department and shall be responsible to the Governor

for carrying out the program for homeland security in this state;

(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;

(3) Have command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within this state, including, but not limited to, the center, the Homeland Security Task Force, and the Homeland Security Central Command when activated by the Governor;

(4) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for homeland security within the state;

(5) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with homeland security agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government;

(6) Oversee all risk and threat assessments and coordinate all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;

(7) Be responsible for measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of terrorism;

(8) Coordinate and review all activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, oversight of homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;

(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of terrorism; and

(10) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by law.

35-11-4.

Appropriations to the bureau and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for functions transferred to the department pursuant to this chapter shall be transferred to the department as provided for in Code Section 45-12-90. Personnel, equipment, and facilities previously employed by the bureau or the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for functions transferred to the department pursuant to this chapter shall likewise be transferred to the department. Any disagreement as to any of such transfers shall be resolved by the Governor.

35-11-5.

(a) The department shall direct homeland security in this state and shall develop a state-wide homeland security strategy that improves the state's ability to:

(1) Protect against domestic terrorism and other homeland security threats and hazards;

(2) Respond to homeland security emergencies;

(3) Recover from homeland security emergencies; and

- (4) Mitigate loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future homeland security threats and hazards.
- (b) The department's homeland security strategy shall coordinate homeland security activities among and between local, state, and federal agencies and the private sector and shall include specific plans for:
- (1) Intelligence gathering and analysis;
  - (2) Homeland security information and information sharing;
  - (3) Reducing the state's vulnerability to homeland security emergencies;
  - (4) Protecting critical infrastructure;
  - (5) Protecting the state's ports and airports;
  - (6) Detecting, deterring, and defending against terrorism, including, but not limited to, cyber, biological, chemical, and nuclear terrorism;
  - (7) Positioning equipment, technology, and personnel to improve the state's ability to respond to a homeland security emergency;
  - (8) Directing the center and giving the center certain forms of authority to implement the homeland security strategy of this state; and
  - (9) Using technological resources to:
    - (A) Facilitate the interoperability of governmental technology resources, including data, networks, and applications;
    - (B) Coordinate the warning and alert systems of state and local agencies;
    - (C) Incorporate multidisciplinary approaches to homeland security; and
    - (D) Improve the security of governmental and private sector information technology and information resources.
- (c) The department's homeland security strategy shall complement and operate in coordination with federal strategic guidance on homeland security.

35-11-6.

A state or local agency that performs a homeland security activity shall cooperate with and assist the commissioner and the center in the performance of their duties under this chapter and other state or federal law.

35-11-7.

(a) Every state agency and authority, except those exempted in subsection (b) of this Code section, shall prepare an agency safety plan to address the threat of terrorism, to respond effectively to such incidents, and to provide a safe environment for state personnel and for those citizens conducting business with state agencies. In addition to acts of terrorism, such plan shall also address preparedness for natural disasters, hazardous materials or radiological accidents, and acts of violence. The safety plans of agencies and authorities shall be prepared with input from the appropriate supervisors and rank-and-file employees and local law enforcement, fire service, public safety, and emergency management agencies. Such plans shall be reviewed internally and, if necessary, updated annually. Such plans shall be submitted to the department and local emergency management agency. The department shall provide for additional

requirements for submission of such plans to the department, including, but not limited to, deadlines for submission, by rules and regulations.

(b) The Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and any other state agency which operates secured facilities shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds for such purpose, the department shall provide training and technical assistance to agencies and authorities and may provide such training and technical assistance to local units of government and to critical facilities operated by the private sector. Such training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model safety plans.

(d) The following records shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50:

(1) Site surveys, safety audits, and vulnerability assessments performed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section; and

(2) Any other record produced pursuant to this Code section the disclosure of which would, in the determination of the commissioner, endanger the life or physical safety of any person or persons or the physical safety of any public property.

35-11-8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee' means a committee composed of five members: one appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the commissioner; one appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the director of emergency management; one appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the commissioner of transportation; one appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; and one appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the commissioner of public safety.

(2) 'Airport manager' means, with respect to each airport located in this state, the person who serves as manager, serves as general manager, or otherwise serves as the chief administrative officer of such airport. If for any airport there is more than one person who may fit such definition, the local government, authority, or company operating such airport shall designate one such person as its airport manager for purposes of this Code section.

(b) The Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee shall establish and maintain an annual training program for persons who serve as airport managers. It shall be unlawful for any person to serve as an airport manager in this state unless such person is in compliance with rules and regulations of the Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee implementing this Code section. Such rules and regulations:

(1) Shall require each airport manager in this state to complete 14 hours of initial training and eight hours of annual training thereafter;

- (2) Shall establish the curriculum of such annual training;
- (3) May provide for exemption from or delay of the annual training otherwise required in cases of providential cause or hardship; and
- (4) May provide for exemption from the annual training otherwise required for airport managers who demonstrate that they have or will otherwise obtain the competencies taught in the annual training curriculum.
- (c) The Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee shall by agreement or by contract arrange for the annual training required under this Code section to be administered by the Georgia Aviation Technical College under the jurisdiction of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.
- (d) The tuition costs of providing such training may be paid in whole or in part from funds appropriated or otherwise available to any agency or entity represented on the Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee or may be paid in whole or in part by the airport managers being trained or any combination thereof, as established by the Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee.
- (e) The department shall serve as staff and program manager for the committee.

## ARTICLE 2

### 35-11-20.

There is established the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the department. The center shall be a fusion center maintaining homeland security information.

### 35-11-21.

- (a) Responsibility for the development, maintenance, and operations of the center shall be vested in the commissioner.
- (b) The commissioner shall appoint and maintain the necessary professional and support staff to enable the center to effectively and efficiently carry out its duties and responsibilities under this article.

### 35-11-22.

(a) The center shall serve as the state's primary entity for the planning, coordination, and integration of government communications capabilities in the implementation of the state's homeland security strategy and ensure an effective response in the event of a homeland security emergency.

(b)(1) The center shall:

- (A) Promote readiness for homeland security activities;
- (B) Receive and analyze information, assessment of threats, and issuance of public warnings related to homeland security emergencies; and
- (C) Authorize and facilitate cooperative efforts related to emergency response and recovery efforts in the event of a homeland security emergency.

(2) In performing its duties, the center shall aim to:



- (A) Reduce the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to homeland security emergencies; and
- (B) Prevent or minimize damage, injury, loss of life, and loss of property in the event of a homeland security emergency.
- (c) The commissioner through the center shall share and provide homeland security activity information to the director of the bureau and such other persons qualified to know, including, but not limited to, threats, warnings, and developing situations, whenever an investigation reveals conduct of a terroristic nature or in material support of terroristic activities, recruitment of terrorists, or information on the activities of known terrorist organizations.
- (d) The center shall liaise with the bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Terrorism Task Force, United States Department of Homeland Security, and other local, state, and federal intelligence and law enforcement officials for purposes of carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this article.
- (e) The center shall allow unrestricted access to secure communications equipment to the director of the bureau and his or her representatives who possess the appropriate federally approved security clearances for the dissemination of homeland security activity information by the United States Department of Homeland Security.
- (f) The commissioner shall serve as this state's security manager for the purpose of identifying and processing state personnel for security clearances through the United States Department of Homeland Security.

35-11-23.

- (a) Membership in the center shall consist of the commissioner, the director of the bureau, the director of emergency management, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of corrections, the state fire marshal, the Attorney General, the adjutant general, and state and local fire service, law enforcement, homeland security, emergency management, corrections, and other appropriate agencies and disciplines as determined by the commissioner. Such members shall assign or make available their analysts or other personnel to the center as such need is determined by the commissioner.
- (b) The commissioner shall maintain the department's analysts in the center as needed as determined by the commissioner.

35-11-24.

- (a) As used in this Code section, the term:
- (1) 'Agency' means any board, department, authority, commission, or entity of this state.
  - (2) 'Domestic terrorism' shall have the same meaning as set forth in 18 U.S.C. Section 2331.
  - (3) 'Identifying information' means any personally identifying data of an individual.
  - (4) 'International terrorism' shall have the same meaning as set forth in 18 U.S.C. Section 2331.

(5) 'Known terrorist' means an individual who the government of the United States publicly acknowledges to be engaged or has been engaged or believes intends to be engaged in terrorism; who has been charged, arrested, indicted, or convicted for a crime related to terrorism; or who has been identified as a terrorist or member of a designated foreign terrorist organization pursuant to federal law.

(6) 'Suspected terrorist' means an individual who is reasonably suspected to be or has been engaged in conduct constituting, in preparation for, in aid of, or related to terrorism.

(7) 'Terrorism' means international terrorism and domestic terrorism.

(b) To the extent permitted by law, each agency shall submit to the center identifying information of known terrorists or suspected terrorists. The identifying information shall be transmitted in such form and at such intervals as promulgated by rules and regulations of the director of the bureau.

(c) To the fullest extent permissible under the law, the center shall use the identifying information as provided for under this Code section in furtherance of the center's purposes.

### ARTICLE 3

35-11-30.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Antiterrorism Act.'

35-11-31.

(a) This article is enacted as a direct response to the high level of reactivation of violent and terroristic acts against persons residing within the State of Georgia and in response to the outcry of the communities for assistance from the State of Georgia in combating these violent and terroristic acts.

(b) The purpose of this article shall be to assist law enforcement personnel in the State of Georgia to identify, investigate, arrest, and prosecute individuals or groups of individuals who illegally threaten, harass, terrorize, or otherwise injure or damage the person or property of persons on the basis of their race, national origin, or religious persuasion.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this article be interpreted and construed liberally to accomplish its purposes.

35-11-32.

As used in this article, the term 'terroristic act' means an act which constitutes a crime against the person or against the residence of an individual which is committed with the specific intent of instilling and may reasonably be expected to instill fear into such person or persons or which is committed for the purpose of restraining such person or persons from exercising their rights under the Constitution and laws of this state and the United States and any illegal act directed at other persons or their property because of those persons' political beliefs or political affiliations.

35-11-33.

There is established a special Antiterrorism Task Force within the department. This Antiterrorism Task Force shall operate in conjunction and collaboration with the bureau and shall devote itself to the tasks of identifying, investigating, arresting, and prosecuting individuals or groups of individuals who perform terroristic acts against a person or his or her residence on the basis of such person's race, national origin, or religious persuasion.

35-11-34.

All efforts shall be made to maintain the confidentiality of the investigative efforts of the Antiterrorism Task Force and the identity of agents who operate in undercover assignments. Information may, however, be shared with other law enforcement agencies when, in the sole discretion of the commissioner, in consultation with the director of the bureau, the sharing of such information would not compromise the successful completion of the investigations or cases being made.

35-11-35.

The Antiterrorism Task Force shall be authorized to work with and seek the assistance of other law enforcement agencies when, in the sole discretion of the commissioner, such assistance would not compromise the successful completion of the investigations or cases being made."

#### **SECTION 3-4.**

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management organization and administration, is amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 38-3-22.1, relating to safety plan addressing threat of terrorism required of state agencies or authorities, exemptions, training and technical assistance, and confidentiality of plans and related documentation, and designating such Code section as reserved.

#### **SECTION 3-5.**

Said article is further amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 38-3-22.2, relating to establishment of Airport Antiterrorism Training Committee and annual training, and designating such Code section as reserved.

#### **SECTION 3-6.**

Said article is further amended by repealing in its entirety Code Section 38-3-23, relating to investigations and surveys, subpoena power, and cooperation, and designating such Code section as reserved.

### **PART IV**

#### **SECTION 4-1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 12-5-30.4, relating to establishment of water emergency response procedures, as follows:

"(c) If the division determines that there is a threat to the health or property of downstream users of the waters of this state, the division shall as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours after such determination, notify and consult with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the appropriate local emergency management agency, the appropriate local county health department, and other appropriate divisions within the department as necessary to determine if it is necessary to prepare and distribute a public notice concerning such threat. Upon notification by the division, the local emergency management agency or the local county health department shall prepare and post such public notice through electronic media and print. Such public notice shall be located at places where the public regularly uses the waters of this state or seeks information about such waters."

#### **SECTION 4-2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 12-5-204, relating to completion and submission of emergency plan and costs, as follows:

"(a) The authority shall ensure the completion of the emergency plan not later than September 1, 2011, and shall submit the emergency plan to the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the commissioner of homeland security, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and Environment and of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations not later than September 15, 2011."

#### **SECTION 4-3.**

Code Section 20-2-1185 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school safety plans, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) as follows:

"(b) A public school may request funding assistance from the state for the installation of safety equipment, including, but not limited to, video surveillance cameras, metal detectors, and other similar security devices. Funding may be provided to a public school in accordance with a school safety plan prepared by the school and approved by the local board of education, the Department of Education, the Georgia Department of Homeland Security, and the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency."

"(d) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and the Georgia Department of Homeland Security shall provide training and technical assistance to public school systems, and may provide this same training and technical assistance to private school systems, and independent private schools throughout this state in the area of emergency management, homeland security, and safe school operations. This training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model school safety plans."

**SECTION 4-4.**

Code Section 31-12-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigation of potential bioterrorism activity and regulations and planning for public health emergencies, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations appropriate for management of any public health emergency declared pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 38-3-51, with particular regard to coordination of the public health emergency response of the state pursuant to subsection (i) of said Code section. Such rules and regulations shall be applicable to the activities of all entities created pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title in such circumstances, notwithstanding any other provisions of law. In developing such rules and regulations, the department shall consult and coordinate as appropriate with the Georgia Department of Homeland Security, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The department is authorized, in the course of management of a declared public health emergency, to adopt and implement emergency rules and regulations pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-13-4. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' but shall be automatically referred by the Office of Legislative Counsel to the House of Representatives and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

(c) The department shall promulgate, prepare, and maintain a public health emergency plan and draft executive order for the declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 and Chapter 13 of Title 50. In preparation of such public health emergency plan and draft executive order, the department shall consult and coordinate as appropriate with the Georgia Department of Homeland Security, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

**SECTION 4-5.**

Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) The chairperson of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the ~~director~~ commissioner of homeland security, the chairperson of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the chairperson of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, the chairperson of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, the commissioner of corrections, the chairperson of the Board of Corrections, the commissioner of community supervision, the chairperson of the Board of Community

Supervision, the vice chairperson of the Board of Public Safety, the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the State School Superintendent, the commissioner of community affairs, the president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the chairperson of the Georgia Public Defender Council, the chairperson of the Governor's Office for Children and Families, and the commissioner of juvenile justice or their designees shall be ex officio members of the council, as full voting members of the council by reason of their office; and"

#### SECTION 4-6.

Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities and certification of compliance, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) 'Immigration status information' means any information, not including any information required by law to be kept confidential but otherwise including but not limited to any statement, document, computer generated data, recording, or photograph, which is relevant to immigration status or the identity or location of an individual who is reasonably believed to be illegally residing within the United States or who is reasonably believed to be involved in domestic terrorism as that term is defined in Code Section 16-4-10 or a terroristic act as that term is defined by Code Section ~~35-3-62~~ 35-11-32."

#### SECTION 4-7.

Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, is amended by revising Code Section 38-3-20, relating to Georgia Emergency Management Agency created, director, staff, offices, director's duties, and disaster coordinator, as follows:

"38-3-20.

(a) There is established the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency with a director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ who shall be the head thereof. The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be assigned to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The Governor shall appoint the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~. He or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, who shall fix his or her compensation. The director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ shall hold no other state office.

(c) The director may employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, may fix their compensation, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available for purposes of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of ~~Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35~~, Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter, and the duties of the agency and the director described in Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended.

- (d) The director and other personnel of the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies.
- (e) The director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall:
- (1) Be the executive head of the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for emergency management and ~~homeland security~~ in this state;
  - ~~(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;~~
  - ~~(3) Have command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within this state, including, but not limited to, the Homeland Security Task Force and the Homeland Security Central Command when activated by the Governor;~~
  - ~~(4)~~(3) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management and ~~homeland security~~ within the state;
  - ~~(5)~~(4) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government; and
  - ~~(6) Oversee all risk and threat assessments and coordinate all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;~~
  - ~~(7) Be responsible for crisis and consequence management planning, including, but not limited to, measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of terrorism;~~
  - ~~(8) Coordinate and review all activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, oversight of homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;~~
  - ~~(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of terrorism; and~~
  - ~~(10)~~(5) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter as may be prescribed by the Governor and such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities as described in ~~Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended.~~
- (f) The director of emergency management and ~~homeland security~~ shall also be the disaster coordinator and shall act for the Governor when requested to do so."

#### SECTION 4-8.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-22, relating to Governor's emergency management powers and duties, as follows:

"(a) The Governor shall have general direction and control of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter and, in the event of disaster or emergency beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the emergency management functions within this state."

#### SECTION 4-9.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) and paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-22.1, relating to safety plan addressing threat of terrorism required of state agencies or authorities, exemptions, training and technical assistance, and confidentiality of plans and related documentation, as follows:

"(c) Subject to the availability of funds for such purpose, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall provide training and technical assistance to agencies and authorities and may provide such training and technical assistance to local units of government and to critical facilities operated by the private sector. Such training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model safety plans."

"(2) Any other record produced pursuant to this Code section the disclosure of which would, in the determination of the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, endanger the life or physical safety of any person or persons or the physical safety of any public property."

#### SECTION 4-10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(3)(F) and paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-27, relating to local organizations for emergency management, creation, structure, powers, directors, appointment, qualifications, and compensation, state to provide financial assistance, and entitlement for funding, as follows:

"(F) Except as provided in this subparagraph, any director or deputy director of a local emergency management organization appointed after July 1, 1999, shall be a certified emergency manager under the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency's Certified Emergency Manager Program. The curriculum of the Certified Emergency Manager Program and requirements for certification shall be determined by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ and shall include, but not be limited to, professional development series training, independent study courses, emergency preparedness courses, and field-delivered courses. Certification may be obtained by an appointed director or deputy director within six months of his or her appointment. Certification shall expire biennially. As a condition of certification renewal, such emergency management personnel shall be required to satisfactorily complete continuing education requirements provided for in subparagraph (G) of this paragraph."



"(6) A local director whose salary is reimbursed in part or in full by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall also meet all requirements which may be imposed by the federal emergency management agency or its successor."

#### **SECTION 4-11.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-50, relating to emergency interim successors to various officials and necessity of declared emergency, as follows:

"(d) Designations of emergency interim successors to state officers shall become official upon the officer filing a list of the successors with the Secretary of State, who shall inform the Governor, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, all emergency interim successors to the officer involved, and the judge of the probate court of the county of legal residence of the successors of all such designations and any changes therein. Any designation of an emergency interim successor may be changed or altered by the officer concerned filing a notice of the change or alteration with the Secretary of State."

#### **SECTION 4-12.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-57, relating to establishment of standardized, verifiable, performance based unified incident command system, utilization, training, implementation, funding, and first informer broadcasters, as follows:

"38-3-57.

(a) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall establish and maintain, in collaboration with all appropriate state agencies and volunteer organizations with emergency support function roles and professional organizations that represent local public safety agencies, including the Emergency Management Association of Georgia, the Georgia Association of Police Chiefs, the Georgia Fire Chiefs' Association, and the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, a standardized, verifiable, performance based unified incident command system.

(b) Such system shall be consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan and shall be utilized in response to emergencies and disasters referenced in the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, including presidentially declared disasters and states of emergency issued by the Governor.

(c) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, in cooperation with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the State Forestry Commission, shall develop or adopt a course of instruction for use in training and certifying emergency response personnel in unified incident command.

(d) All local public safety and emergency response organizations, including emergency management agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services, shall implement the standardized unified incident command system provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section by October 1, 2004.

(e) Local agencies that have not established such system by October 1, 2004, shall not be eligible for state reimbursement for any response or recovery related expenses.

(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is primarily engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, cable, direct or indirect satellite transmission, or any other similar means of communication.

(B) 'Emergency' means the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster as provided in Code Section 38-3-51 or as presidentially declared.

(C) 'First informer broadcaster' means a broadcaster in Georgia who makes application to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency for designation as a first informer broadcaster and who is granted such designation as a first informer broadcaster pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~.

(2) The unified incident command system and the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan shall, by July 1, 2016, establish planning for first informer broadcasters such that first informer broadcasters, to any extent practicable, may during an emergency:

(A) Have access to areas affected by an emergency for the purpose of restoring, repairing, or resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability of a broadcaster to acquire, produce, or transmit emergency related programming, including but not limited to repairing and maintaining transmitters and generators and transporting fuel for generators;

(B) Have access to the distribution of fuel, food, water, supplies, equipment, and any other materials necessary for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal; and

(C) Not have vehicles, fuel, food, water, and any other materials seized or condemned that are essential for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal.

(3) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency may develop or adopt courses of instruction for use in training personnel of first informer broadcasters on personal safety and navigation in an area affected by an emergency. The requirements of any such training shall be established pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~. The costs of any such training shall be paid by the first informer broadcasters participating in the training."

### **SECTION 4-13.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-140, relating to short title, as follows:

"38-3-140.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency Nomenclature Act of 2008.'"

**SECTION 4-14.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-141, relating to definitions, as follows:

"38-3-141.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Badge' means any official badge, identification card, or security pass used by members of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, either in the past or currently.
- (2) 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency.
- (3) 'Emblem' means any official patch or other emblem worn currently or formerly or used by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to identify the agency, a division of the agency, or employees of the agency.
- (4) 'Person' means any person, corporation, organization, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia.
- (5) 'Seal' means any official symbol, mark, or abbreviation which represents and is used, currently or in the past, by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency or any other division or operation under the command of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to identify the agency, a division of the agency, or employees of the agency.
- (6) 'Willful violator' means any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this article. Any person who violates this article after being advised in writing by the director that such person's activity is in violation of this article shall be considered a willful violator and shall be considered in willful violation of this article. Any person whose agent or representative is a willful violator and who has knowledge of the violation by the agent or representative shall also be considered a willful violator and in willful violation of this article unless, upon learning of the violation, he or she immediately terminates the agency or other relationship with such violator."

**SECTION 4-15.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-142, relating to use of agency name without written permission prohibited in certain circumstances, as follows:

"38-3-142.

Whoever, except with the written permission of the director, knowingly uses the words 'Georgia Emergency Management Agency,' '~~Georgia Homeland Security Agency,~~' 'Emergency Management Agency,' '~~Homeland Security Agency,~~' 'GEMA,' 'GEMHSA,' or '~~GEMA/HS~~' or 'GEMA' in referring to Georgia's Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency in connection with any advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that such advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production is approved, endorsed, or authorized by or

associated with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall be in violation of this article."

#### **SECTION 4-16.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-143, relating to use or display of agency symbols without written permission prohibited, as follows:

"38-3-143.

Any person who uses or displays any symbol, including any emblem, seal, or badge, current or historical, used by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency without written permission from the director shall be in violation of this article."

#### **SECTION 4-17.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-144, relating to requests for permission and grants of permission at director's discretion, as follows:

"38-3-144.

Any person seeking permission to use or display the nomenclature or symbols of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency may request such permission in writing to the director. The director shall serve notice on the requesting party within 15 calendar days after receipt of the request of his or her decision on whether the person may use the nomenclature or the symbol. If the director does not respond within the 15 day time period, then the request is presumed to have been denied. The grant of permission under this article shall be at the discretion of the director and under such conditions as the director may impose."

#### **SECTION 4-18.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, as follows:

"38-3-151.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency established by Code Section 38-3-20.
- (2) 'Building mapping information system' means a state-wide informational system containing maps of designated public buildings.
- (3) 'Director' means the director of the agency."

#### **SECTION 4-19.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 38-3-161, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Disaster relief organization' means an entity that provides emergency or disaster relief services that include health services or veterinary services provided by volunteer health practitioners and that:

- (A) Is designated or recognized as a provider of those services pursuant to a

disaster response and recovery plan adopted by an agency of the federal government or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency; or  
(B) Regularly plans and conducts its activities in coordination with an agency of the federal government, the Department of Public Health, a local emergency management agency, a local public health district, or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency."

#### **SECTION 4-20.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 38-3-163, relating to regulation of volunteer health practitioners during an emergency, as follows:

"(1) Consult and coordinate its activities with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, to provide for the efficient and effective use of volunteer health practitioners; and"

#### **SECTION 4-21.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(4)(D) and subsection (b) of Code Section 38-3-164, relating to registration systems, as follows:

"(D) Be designated by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency as a registration system for purposes of this article.

(b) While an emergency declaration is in effect, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan; a person authorized to act on behalf of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency; or a host entity may confirm whether volunteer health practitioners utilized in this state are registered with a registration system that complies with subsection (a) of this Code section. Confirmation shall be limited to obtaining the identities of the volunteer health practitioners from the system and determining whether the system indicates that the volunteer health practitioners are licensed and in good standing."

#### **SECTION 4-22.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 38-3-168, relating to construction with other provisions and inclusion, as follows:

"(b) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, may incorporate into the emergency forces of this state volunteer health practitioners who are not officers or employees of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a municipality or other local government within this state."

#### **SECTION 4-23.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-169, relating to regulatory authority, as follows:

"38-3-169.

The Department of Public Health may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this article. In doing so, the Department of Public Health shall consult with and consider the recommendations of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, and shall also consult with and consider rules and regulations promulgated by similarly empowered agencies in other states to promote uniformity of application of this article and make the emergency response systems in the various states reasonably compatible."

#### **SECTION 4-24.**

Code Section 40-1-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulatory compliance inspections, notifications, contacts with state, permit required for transporting hazardous materials, escorts or inspections, exceptions, recovery for damage or discharge, civil monetary penalties, routing agencies, and adoption of regulations, is amended by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q) The department is designated as the routing agency as defined in Title 49 C.F.R. Part 397, Subpart E. Routing determinations for hazardous materials shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Hazardous Materials Law, 49 U.S.C. Section 5112. The commissioner or his or her designee shall consult with Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, Georgia Department of Homeland Security, or other agencies as necessary to carry out these responsibilities."

#### **SECTION 4-25.**

Code Section 46-5-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency established pursuant to Code Section 38-3-20 unless the context clearly requires otherwise."

#### **SECTION 4-26.**

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 48-2-100, relating to short title, definitions, legislative findings, certain exemptions for out-of-state businesses and employees conducting operations related to declared state of emergency, and post-emergency application of state laws and requirements, as follows:

"(g)(1) Any out-of-state business that enters this state to perform qualified work during a disaster or emergency period shall provide to the department and to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency a statement that it is in this state for purposes of responding to the disaster or emergency, which statement shall include the ~~business'~~ business's name, state of domicile, principal business address, federal tax identification number, date of entry, and contact

information.

(2) A registered business in this state shall provide the information required in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the department and to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency for any affiliate that enters this state that is an out-of-state business. The notification shall also include contact information for the registered business in this state.

(h) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and the department shall promulgate regulations as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Code section."

#### **SECTION 4-27.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-29.4, relating to tax credit for disaster assistance funds received and rules and regulations, as follows:

"(a) A taxpayer who receives disaster assistance during a taxable year from the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency or the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in an amount equal to \$500.00 or the actual amount of such disaster assistance, whichever is less. The commissioner may require adequate supporting documentation showing that the taxpayer received such assistance."

#### **SECTION 4-28.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 48-8-13, relating to taxing jurisdiction for mobile telecommunications services, as follows:

"(f) A home service provider shall identify each customer's place of primary use and shall provide at least quarterly a complete listing of the total number of customers to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency. The home service provider shall indicate in such report whether it is employing an enhanced ZIP Code to assign each street address to a specific taxing jurisdiction so as to qualify for the safe harbor provisions of 4 U.S.C. Section 120. Further, each home service provider shall, upon request, provide information showing the total number of billings and the amount of fees collected to any taxing jurisdiction as to the customers whose place of primary use is within the jurisdiction of such taxing jurisdiction; provided, however, that in no event shall customer identification be required to be released. Such information shall initially be made available not later than July 1, 2006."

#### **SECTION 4-29.**

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, is amended by revising Code Section 51-1-50, relating to immunity of broadcasters from liability for Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program, as follows:

"51-1-50.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Broadcast' means the transmission of video or audio programming by an electronic or other signal conducted by radiowaves or microwaves, by wires, lines, coaxial cables, wave guides or fiber optics, by satellite transmissions directly or indirectly to viewers or listeners, or by any other means of communication.

(2) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, by cable, by direct or indirect satellite transmission, or by any other means of communication.

(3) 'Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program' means the voluntary program entered into by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and certain broadcasters licensed to serve in the State of Georgia, which program provides that if the Georgia Bureau of Investigation verifies that a child has been abducted and is in danger, an alert containing known details of the abduction is transmitted to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, which is then transmitted by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to broadcasters in Georgia; and those broadcasters participating in the program then broadcast or otherwise disseminate the alert to listeners, viewers, or subscribers.

(b) Any broadcaster participating in Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program shall not be liable for any civil damages arising from the broadcast or other dissemination of any alert generated pursuant to the Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program. The immunity provided for in this Code section shall apply to any broadcast or dissemination of information that is substantially consistent with the information transmitted by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and that takes place during an alert requested by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and for a period of two hours after such alert has ended or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency informs the participating broadcasters that the alert has changed in content.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit or restrict in any way any legal protection a broadcaster may have under any other law for broadcasting or otherwise disseminating any information."

**PART V**  
**SECTION 5-1.**

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

Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Cowser of the 46th and Jones II of the 22nd offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to SB 1 (LC 41 1092S) by replacing lines 37 through 38 with the following:*

(1)(A) Is intended or reasonably likely to ~~injure~~ cause serious bodily harm or kill



~~not less than ten individuals~~ any individual or group of individuals or to disable or destroy critical

*By replacing "and" with "and" at the end of line 40 and replacing lines 46 through 50 with the following:*

political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping;  
and  
(C) Is intended to advance, further, or effectuate any ideology or belief whether committed alone or as part of a command structure involving an identifiable set of other individuals.

*By inserting between lines 68 and 69 the following:*

(5) 'Serious bodily harm' means harm to the body of another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

*By deleting the quotation mark at the end of line 136 and inserting between lines 136 and 137 the following:*

(k) This Code section shall not apply to constitutionally protected speech or lawful assemblies."

*By replacing lines 233 through 234 with the following:*

(A) Is intended or reasonably likely to cause serious bodily injury or kill any individual or group of individuals or to disable or destroy critical infrastructure as part of a single

*By deleting "and" at the end of line 236 and replacing lines 242 through 246 with the following:*

political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping;  
and  
(C) Is intended to advance, further, or effectuate any ideology or belief whether committed alone or as part of a command structure involving an identifiable set of other individuals.

*By inserting between lines 263 and 264 the following:*

(11) 'Serious bodily harm' means harm to the body of another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Jackson, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Jones II of the 22nd and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to SB 1 (LC 41 1092S) by replacing lines 129 through 133 with the following:*

General is authorized to call upon the district attorney to assist in such prosecution.

(j) Whenever the Attorney General prosecutes any criminal cases arising under the provisions of this Code section, the Attorney General is authorized to appoint special assistant attorneys general for

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Jones of the 22nd, Cowsert amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 12.

SB 1, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 186. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Millar of the 40th, Brass of the 28th, Sims of the 12th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to clarify language relating to the effect of dual credit courses on HOPE scholarship and grant applicability; to provide that students who earned a high school diploma through certain dual credit coursework are eligible for a HOPE grant toward an associate degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 186:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant, so as to provide that students who earned a high school diploma through certain dual credit coursework are eligible for a HOPE grant toward an associate degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Code section, a student seeking an associate degree at a branch of the Technical College System of Georgia who received a high school diploma pursuant to Code Section 20-2-149.2 through completion of:

(1) A technical college diploma program and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field; or

(2) At least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career pathway and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field as determined by the Technical College System of Georgia

shall be eligible for a HOPE grant as long as he or she meets the residency requirements set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-519.1 and the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section. The HOPE grant shall be used to cover the cost of up to 30 degree hours to obtain an associate degree."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 186, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/1/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the SB 186. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Bruce Thompson

District 14

Senator Williams of the 27th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 81. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Burke of the 11th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to controlled substances; to amend Code Section 31-12-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to reporting disease, confidentiality, reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs; provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 81:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to provide for immunity; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change the definition of a dangerous drug; to add a drug to Schedule V; to change certain provisions of the electronic data base of prescription information; to change the dispenser prescription information transmission frequency; to provide for prescriber requirements; to provide for exemptions; to provide for prescription limitations; to provide for penalties; to amend Code Section 31-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting disease, confidentiality, reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, so as to add neonatal abstinence syndrome reporting; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for annual inspection; to provide for annual reporting of certain data; to provide for short titles; to provide for legislative findings; provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act."

**SECTION 1-2.**

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids rose from 28,647 in 2014 to 33,091 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two distinct but interconnected trends are driving America's opioid overdose epidemic:

- (1) A 15 year increase in deaths from prescription opioid overdoses; and
- (2) A recent surge in illicit opioid overdoses driven mainly by heroin and illegally made fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, naloxone is an overdose reversal and life-saving opioid antagonist that the Food and Drug Administration designates as a prescription only drug; and

WHEREAS, forty-seven states, including Georgia, have passed laws providing immunity to medical professionals who prescribe or dispense naloxone or persons who administer naloxone, a life-saving opioid antagonist; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Rule 480-34-0.31-.11 (naloxone) was signed by the Governor on December 14, 2016, to allow pharmacists to dispense naloxone to individuals pursuant to a state-wide standing order issued by the state health officer; and

WHEREAS, other states have passed laws to allow the similar sale of naloxone at pharmacies without a traditional patient-specific prescription, including: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

**SECTION 1-3.**

The General Assembly finds that it is imperative that Emergency Rule 480-34-0.31-.11 be codified to prevent against accidental overdoses and combat the opioid epidemic. The General Assembly further finds that this effort to permanently increase access to naloxone in Georgia shall be dedicated to Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., and his family in Gainesville, Georgia.

**SECTION 1-4.**

Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, is amended by revising Code Section 26-4-116.2, relating to authority of licensed health practitioners to prescribe opioid antagonists and immunity from liability, as follows:

"26-4-116.2.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'First responder' means any person or agency who provides on-site care until the arrival of a duly licensed ambulance service. This shall include, but not be limited to, persons who routinely respond to calls for assistance through an affiliation with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and rescue agencies.

(2) 'Harm reduction organization' means an organization which provides direct assistance and services, such as syringe exchanges, counseling, homeless services, advocacy, drug treatment, and screening, to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose.

(3) 'Opioid antagonist' means any drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effects of opioids acting on those receptors and that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid related overdose.

(4) 'Opioid related overdose' means an acute condition, including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, mania, or death, resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined or that a layperson would reasonably believe to be resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined for which medical assistance is required.

(5) 'Pain management clinic' means a clinic licensed pursuant to Article 10 of Chapter 34 of Title 43.

(6) 'Practitioner' means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state.

(b) The following persons may prescribe an opioid antagonist:

(1) A practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner may prescribe an opioid antagonist for use in accordance with a protocol specified by such practitioner to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose or to a pain management clinic, first responder, harm reduction organization, family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose; or

(2) The state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities, or categories of persons or entities, to obtain opioid antagonists under such conditions as the state health officer may impose. Such an order shall have state-wide effect.

(c) A pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to pharmacists may dispense opioid antagonists pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) A person acting in good faith and with reasonable care to another person whom he or she believes to be experiencing an opioid related overdose may administer an opioid

antagonist that was prescribed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section in accordance with the protocol specified by the practitioner or state health officer.

(e) The following individuals are immune from any civil or criminal liability or professional licensing sanctions for the following actions authorized by this Code section:

(1) Any practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner who prescribes an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Any practitioner or pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner or pharmacist who dispenses an opioid antagonist pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(3) The state health officer acting pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

~~(3)~~(4) Any person acting in good faith, other than a practitioner, who administers an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) Pursuant to any standing order issued under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, every pharmacy operating in this state shall keep a copy of the standing order issued by the state health officer and shall keep a record of every opioid antagonist dispensed pursuant to such standing order. Each record shall include the name of the purchaser, and the personal information of such purchaser shall include such purchaser's name and address, including the city, state, and ZIP Code. Such record shall be maintained by the pharmacy for two years. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent such record from being maintained electronically. Pharmacists shall not be required to submit this information to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Such standing order shall not require pharmacies in this state to maintain opioid antagonists in their biennial inventories."

### SECTION 1-5.

Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, is amended by revising Code Section 16-13-29, relating to Schedule V, as follows:

"16-13-29.

The controlled substances listed in this Code section are included in Schedule V:

(1) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing limited quantities of any of the following narcotic drugs, or salts thereof, which also contains one or more nonnarcotic, active, medicinal ingredients in sufficient proportion to confer upon the compound, mixture, or preparation valuable medicinal qualities other than those possessed by the narcotic drug alone:

(A) Not more than 200 milligrams of codeine, or any of its salts, per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;

(B) Not more than 100 milligrams of dihydrocodeine, or any of its salts, per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;



- (C) Not more than 100 milligrams of ethylmorphine, or any of its salts, per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;
- (D) Not more than 2.5 milligrams of diphenoxylate and not less than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage unit;
- (E) Not more than 100 milligrams of opium per 100 milliliters or per 100 grams;
- (2) Lacosamide;
- (3) Pregabalin;
- (4) Pyrovalerone;
- (5) Pseudoephedrine as an exempt over-the-counter Schedule V controlled substance distributed in the same manner as set forth in Code Section 16-13-29.2; provided, however, that such exemption shall take effect immediately and shall not require ~~rulemaking~~ rule making by the State Board of Pharmacy; provided, further, that wholesale drug distributors located within this state and licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy and which are registered and regulated by the DEA shall not be subject to any board requirements for controlled substances for the storage, reporting, record keeping, or physical security of drug products containing pseudoephedrine which are more stringent than those included in DEA regulations; ~~or~~
- (6) Ezogabine; or
- (7) Naloxone as an exempt Schedule V controlled substance, which shall require rule making by the State Board of Pharmacy and such rule shall require such substance to be sold only in a pharmacy. Such rule shall further authorize pharmacists and pharmacy interns and externs under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone only with a prescription by a licensed practitioner or under a standing order issued pursuant to Code Section 26-4-116.2."

#### **SECTION 1-6.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (635) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of a dangerous drug, as follows:

"(635) ~~Naloxone~~ Reserved;"

#### **PART II** **SECTION 2-1.**

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Substance Abuse Treatment and Overdose Prevention Act" or the "STOP Act."

#### **SECTION 2-2.**

The General Assembly finds that it is important to understand the needs of its residents with serious substance abuse disorders and the state's ability to provide appropriate and necessary programs and services to Georgia's citizens. Overdose deaths result from a variety of substances, including prescription painkillers, heroin, and synthetic designer drugs. Further, addressing the opioid epidemic will require a state-wide approach that is coordinated and focused on improving addiction and recovery services, overdose

prevention resources, disease reporting, and prescription drug policies and monitoring programs. Therefore, the General Assembly has determined it is in the best interests of the state and its citizenry to address these issues through the STOP Act.

#### **SECTION 2-2.1.**

Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-13-57.1.

Beginning on July 1, 2018, the electronic data base established pursuant to this part shall meet or exceed industry standards and shall be accessible and operating 99.5 percent of the time or such other operational standard as is deemed to meet the industry standard."

#### **SECTION 2-3.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 16-13-59, relating to information to include for each Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance prescription and compliance, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Each dispenser shall submit the prescription information required in subsection (a) of this Code section in accordance with transmission methods ~~and frequency requirements~~ established by the agency ~~on~~ at least ~~a weekly basis~~ every 24 hours and shall report, at a minimum, such prescription information no later than ~~ten days~~ 24 hours after the prescription is dispensed. If a dispenser is temporarily unable to comply with this subsection due to an equipment failure or other circumstances, such dispenser shall notify the board and agency."

#### **SECTION 2-4.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 16-13-60, relating to privacy and confidentiality, use of data, and security program, by revising subsections (a), (c), and (c.1) as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c), (c.1), and (d) of this Code section, prescription information submitted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-59 shall be confidential and shall not be subject to open records requirements, as contained in Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50."

"(c) The agency shall be authorized to provide requested prescription information collected pursuant to this part only as follows:

(1) To persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances for the sole purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care to a specific patient or to delegates of such persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in accordance with the following:

(A) Such delegates are members of the prescriber or dispenser's staff and retrieve and review information and reports strictly for purposes of determining usage, misuse, abuse, or underutilization of prescribed medication;

(B) Such dispenser's delegates are licensed, ~~registered, or certified by the state regulatory board governing the delegating prescriber or dispenser, and~~ or registered

under Title 26, provided that the delegating prescriber or dispenser shall be held responsible for the use of the information and data by their his or her delegates. Such delegates shall be limited to no more than two delegates per shift or rotation per dispenser; and

(C) Such prescriber's delegates may include any member of the prescriber's staff or health care facility staff in which the prescriber is practicing, provided that the delegating prescriber shall be held responsible for the use of the information and data by his or her delegates. Such delegates shall be limited to no more than two delegates per shift or rotation per prescriber; and

~~(C)~~(D) All information and reports retrieved and reviewed by delegates shall be maintained in a secure and confidential manner in accordance with the requirements of subsection (f) of this Code section;

(2) Upon the request of a patient, prescriber, or dispenser about whom the prescription information requested concerns or upon the request on his or her behalf of his or her attorney;

(3) To local or state law enforcement or prosecutorial officials pursuant to the issuance of a search warrant from an appropriate court or official in the county in which the office of such law enforcement or prosecutorial officials are located pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 or to federal law enforcement or prosecutorial officials pursuant to the issuance of a search warrant pursuant to 21 U.S.C. or a grand jury subpoena pursuant to 18 U.S.C.; and

(4) To the agency, the Georgia Composite Medical Board or any other state regulatory board governing prescribers or dispensers in this state, or the Department of Community Health for purposes of the state Medicaid program upon the issuance of a subpoena by such agency, board, or department pursuant to their existing subpoena power or to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services upon the issuance of a subpoena by the federal government pursuant to its existing subpoena powers.

(c.1) An individual authorized to access electronic data base prescription information pursuant to this part may:

(1) Communicate concerns about a patient's potential usage, misuse, abuse, or underutilization of a controlled substance with ~~other~~ prescribers and dispensers that are involved in the patient's health care; or

(2) Report potential violations of this article to the agency for review or investigation. Following such review or investigation, the agency may:

(A) Refer instances of a patient's possible personal misuse or abuse of controlled substances to the patient's primary prescriber to allow for potential intervention and impairment treatment;

(B) Refer probable violations of controlled substances being acquired for illegal distribution, and not solely for a patient's personal use, to the appropriate authorities for further investigation and potential prosecution; or

(C) Refer probable regulatory violations by prescribers or dispensers to the regulatory board governing such person."

**SECTION 2-5.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-63, relating to liability, as follows:

"16-13-63.

(a)(1) Nothing in this part shall require a dispenser ~~or prescriber~~ to obtain information about a patient from the program established pursuant to this part. A dispenser ~~or prescriber~~ shall not have a duty and shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that the dispenser ~~or prescriber~~ did or did not seek or obtain information from the electronic data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57. ~~Nothing in this part shall create a private cause of action against a prescriber or dispenser.~~

(2) Every prescriber prescribing Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances in this state shall register with the electronic data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 beginning January 1, 2018, and no later than July 1, 2018.

(3) Beginning on July 1, 2018, a prescriber or his or her delegate shall seek and review information from the electronic data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57 whenever he or she is prescribing benzodiazepines, opiates, opioids, opioid analgesics, or opioid derivatives to a patient for the first time and at least once every 90 days thereafter if such prescriber continues to prescribe a controlled substance to such patient. A prescriber or delegate shall be exempt from the duty to seek and review information from the electronic data base pursuant to this paragraph if:

(A) The patient is terminally ill or under the supervised care of a hospice program;

(B) The patient is in a long-term care facility that has dedicated or institutional long-term care pharmacies or the controlled substances under this paragraph are dispensed by a hospital pharmacy;

(C) The patient is undergoing addiction treatment in a program that is administering methadone or buprenorphine;

(D) The prescription is for a supply of three days or less with no refills permitted;  
or

(E) The electronic data base is not operational due to a systematic technological interruption or widespread electrical failure as a result of a natural disaster, provided that the prescriber notifies the board and agency of such incident.

(4)(A) When prescribing benzodiazepines, opiates, opioids, opioid analgesics, or opioid derivatives to an adult patient for the first time, a prescriber shall not issue a prescription for more than a five-day supply of such controlled substance.

(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall limit a prescriber who, in his or her professional medical judgment, determines that more than a five-day supply of benzodiazepines, opiates, opioids, opioid analgesics, or opioid derivatives is medically necessary for palliative care or to treat a patient's acute medical condition, chronic pain, or pain associated with a cancer diagnosis. Such condition shall be documented in the patient's medical record and the prescriber shall indicate that an alternative to such controlled substance was not appropriate to treat such medical condition.

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall apply to controlled substances specifically designated for treatment of abuse of or dependence on a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance.

(b) A dispenser or prescriber acting in good faith shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property for receiving or using information from the electronic data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57."

### **SECTION 2-6.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 16-13-64, relating to violations, criminal penalties, and civil damages, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c.1) Beginning on July 1, 2018, a prescriber or his or her designee who knowingly and intentionally fails to register and fails to seek and review information as required by this part or who knowingly and intentionally disregards the prescription information, if found guilty of such offense shall be punished as follows:

(A) Upon conviction of the first offense, the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined up to \$200.00;

(B) Upon conviction of the second offense, the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$200.00 nor more than \$500.00;

(C) Upon conviction of the third offense, the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature and shall be fined not less than \$400.00 nor more than \$5,000.00; and

(D) Upon conviction of the fourth offense, the defendant shall be guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned for not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine not to exceed \$50,000.00, or both.

All such actions shall be reported to the licensing board responsible for issuing the prescriber's or delegate's license for action to be taken against such prescriber's or delegate's license."

### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

Code Section 31-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting disease, confidentiality, reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'neonatal abstinence syndrome' means a group of physical problems that occur in a newborn infant who was exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs while in the mother's womb.

(2) The department shall require notice and reporting of incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome. The department shall require the reporting thereof to the department from a health care provider, coroner, or medical examiner, or any other person or entity the department determines has knowledge of diagnosis or health

outcomes related, directly or indirectly, to neonatal abstinence syndrome. The department shall provide an annual report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, and the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such annual report shall include any department findings and recommendations on how to reduce the number of infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome."

**PART IV.**  
**SECTION 4-1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, is amended by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

"26-5-22.

The authorized department shall conduct an annual onsite inspection of each narcotic treatment program licensed in this state. Such inspection shall include, but not be limited to, the premises, staff, persons in care, and documents pertinent to the continued licensing of such narcotic treatment program so that the department may determine whether a provider is operating in compliance with licensing requirements.

26-5-23.

The Department of Community Health and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall publish an annual report using data from the department's central registry data base on the number of patients in enrolled treatment, the number of patients discharged from treatment, patients' state of residence, and other information determined by the departments. Such published report shall exclude patient identifying information and be compliant with state and federal laws."

**PART V.**  
**SECTION 5-1.**

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

Senators Unterman of the 45th and Miller of the 49th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 81 (LC 37 2336S) by inserting after line 268 the following:*

(1.1) Nothing in this part shall create a private cause of action against a prescriber or dispenser.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Unterman, Miller amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Unterman of the 45th and Miller of the 49th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the committee substitute to SB 81 (LC 37 2336S) by:

Deleting lines 306 through 325, (Section 2-6 in its entirety).

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Unterman, Miller amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 81, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 152. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that it is the policy of the state that students who are subject to compulsory attendance shall not be assigned to an alternative education program for more than two semesters except under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 152:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that it is the policy of this state that students who are subject to compulsory attendance shall not be assigned to an alternative education program for more than two semesters except under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-154.1, relating to alternative education programs, as follows:

"(a) It is the policy of this state that the alternative education program shall provide a learning environment that includes the objectives of the content standards and that the instruction in an alternative education program shall enable students to return to a general or career education program as quickly as possible. Course credit shall be earned in an alternative education program in the same manner as in other education programs. It is the policy of this state that it is preferable to reassign disruptive students who are subject to mandatory attendance pursuant to Code Section 20-2-690.1 shall not be suspended or expelled without assignment to an alternative education program rather than suspending or expelling such students from school. It is further the policy of this state that, except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 20-2-751.1 and except for serious offenses, the duration of any assignment of a disruptive student to an alternative education program shall not exceed the remainder of the semester in which the student is suspended or expelled and the following semester as long as the student exhibits acceptable behavior while in the alternative education program. As used in this subsection, serious offenses include physical assault or battery of school personnel or



other students, bullying, and unlawful use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol; provided, however, that any student assigned to an alternative education program for a serious offense shall have the right to request a hearing pursuant to the procedures provided for in Code Section 20-2-754 after two semesters in such alternative education program for purposes of returning to a regular classroom."

### SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 20-2-735, relating to adoption of policies by local boards to improve student learning environment, as follows:

"(f) It is the policy of this state that ~~it is preferable to reassign~~ disruptive students who are subject to mandatory attendance pursuant to Code Section 20-2-690.1 shall not be suspended or expelled without assignment to alternative educational settings rather than to suspend or expel such students from school. It is further the policy of this state that, except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 20-2-751.1 and except for serious offenses, the duration of any assignment of a disruptive student to an alternative educational setting shall not exceed the remainder of the semester in which the student is suspended or expelled and the following semester as long as the student exhibits acceptable behavior while in the alternative education program. As used in this subsection, serious offenses include physical assault or battery of school personnel or other students, bullying, and unlawful use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol; provided, however, that any student assigned to an alternative educational setting for a serious offense shall have the right to request a hearing pursuant to the procedures provided for in Code Section 20-2-754 after two semesters in such alternative educational setting for purposes of returning to a regular classroom."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 20-2-751.5, relating to student codes of conduct, as follows:

"(d) Local board policies relating to student codes of conduct shall provide that each local school superintendent shall fully support the authority of principals and teachers in the school system to remove a student from the classroom pursuant to Code Section 20-2-738, including establishing and disseminating procedures. It is the policy of this state that ~~it is preferable to reassign~~ disruptive students who are subject to mandatory attendance pursuant to Code Section 20-2-690.1 shall not be suspended or expelled without assignment to alternative educational settings rather than to suspend or expel such students from school. It is further the policy of this state that, except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 20-2-751.1 and except for serious offenses, the duration of any assignment of a disruptive student to an alternative educational setting shall not exceed the remainder of the semester in which the student is suspended or expelled and the following semester as long as the student exhibits acceptable behavior while in the alternative education program. As used in this subsection, serious offenses include physical assault or battery of school personnel or other students, bullying, and unlawful

use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol; provided, however, that any student assigned to an alternative educational setting for a serious offense shall have the right to request a hearing pursuant to the procedures provided for in Code Section 20-2-754 after two semesters in such alternative educational setting for purposes of returning to a regular classroom."

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-768, relating to expulsion or suspension of students for felonies, as follows:

"20-2-768.

(a) Each local board of education is authorized to refuse to readmit or enroll any student who has been suspended or expelled for being convicted of, being adjudicated to have committed, being indicted for, or having information filed for the commission of any felony or any delinquent act under Code Sections 15-11-602 and 15-11-707 which would be a felony if committed by an adult. If refused readmission or enrollment, the student or the student's parent or legal guardian has the right to request a hearing pursuant to the procedures provided for in Code Section 20-2-754.

(b) A hearing officer, tribunal, panel, superintendent, or local board of education shall be authorized to place a student denied enrollment in a local school system under subsection (a) of this Code section in an alternative educational ~~system~~ setting as appropriate and in the best interest of the student and the education of other students within the school system. Except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 20-2-751.1 and except for serious offenses, the duration of any assignment of a disruptive student to an alternative educational setting shall not exceed the remainder of the semester in which the student is suspended or expelled and the following semester as long as the student exhibits acceptable behavior while in the alternative education program. As used in this subsection, serious offenses include physical assault or battery of school personnel or other students, bullying, and unlawful use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol; provided, however, that any student assigned to an alternative educational setting for a serious offense shall have the right to request a hearing pursuant to the procedures provided for in Code Section 20-2-754 after two semesters in such alternative educational setting for purposes of returning to a regular classroom.

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#### SECTION 5.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
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Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 152, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:10 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

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HB 208. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Knight of the 130th, Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to revise definitions, license fees, and license requirements; to amend Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, so as to revise boat registration fees and allow additional methods for reporting the sale of boats; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 245. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Smith of the 134th, Hitchens of the 161st, Hugley of the 136th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to provide for the establishment of a process by the Professional Standards Commission by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates, certificates by endorsement, or expedited certificates upon moving to Georgia with their service member or transitioning service member spouse; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 266. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Willard of the 51st, Fleming of the 121st, Evans of the 42nd, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservators of minors, so as to revise the personal property value that a natural guardian may receive of a minor without having to become a legally qualified conservator of the minor; to revise the amount of the debt owing to a minor which a natural guardian may release without approval by the court; to revise the amount of the proposed gross settlement of a minor's claim by which the natural guardian of the minor may compromise without becoming the conservator of the minor or seeking court approval; to revise the amount by which a conservator of a minor may compromise any contested or doubtful claim or release the debtor and compromise all debts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 275. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Knight of the 130th, Powell of the 32nd, Smith of the 70th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to change provisions relative to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to regulate activities related to body surfing and wake surfing; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 314. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, Trammell of the 132nd and Watson of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to establish qualified low-income community investment; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain entities may earn credit against the entity's state tax liability; to disallow refundability and sale on the open market of claimed credits; to provide for certification of qualified capital investments; to provide for recapture of credit claimed under certain circumstances; to provide for a request of determination for eligibility; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 328. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Rutledge of the 109th, Williams of the 168th, Tanner of the 9th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to provide for the maximum length and load of vehicles; to provide for methods for determining load limits for vehicles utilizing idle reduction technology; to revise provisions for FlexAuto lanes; to clarify the meaning of certain flashing signals; to provide for rules of the road when approaching or entering an intersection with a signal in unactivated dark mode; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 330. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Benton of the 31st and Hugley of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a relative search by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, so as to specify additional information to be provided in the notice to certain individuals identified in a diligent search conducted as part of a dependency proceeding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 331. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Benton of the 31st and Hugley of the 136th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general education provisions, so as to provide for a kinship caregiver to give legal consent in the form of an



affidavit for a child residing with such kinship caregiver to receive educational services and medical services directly related to academic enrollment and to participate in curricular or extracurricular activities for which parental consent is usually required; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that falsifying a kinship caregiver's affidavit shall constitute false swearing; to provide an affidavit form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 337. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 11, 15, 44, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Uniform Commercial Code, clerks of superior courts, property, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to modernize provisions relating to the transmittal, filing, recording, access to, and territorial effect of tax liens issued by the Department of Revenue; to provide for definitions; to provide for modern technological advances in electronic record keeping relating to the filing and public access to state tax liens; to provide for certificates of clearance for state tax liens; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters, to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 338. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Coleman of the 97th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools identified as in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for an Education Turnaround Advisory Council; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; to revise provisions relating to contracts for strategic waivers school systems; to revise provisions relating to charters for charter systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 341. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Coomer of the 14th, Golick of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 and Code Section 17-10-6.2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses and punishment for sexual

offenders, respectively, so as to provide for mandatory terms of imprisonment for trafficking of individuals for sexual servitude; to change provisions relating to the model notice for the human trafficking hotline; to change provisions relating to punishment for other sexual offenses; to clarify provisions relating to the probation portion of a split sentence imposed for certain sexual offenses; to amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, so as to provide a conforming cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 344. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Quick of the 117th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Willard of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motion to set aside determination of paternity, so as to allow parties beyond movants in a case concerning a child support order to request a genetic test from the Department of Human Services under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 357. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for the titling of certain vessels; to provide for procedures with regard to titling such vessels; to provide for legislative intent and findings; to provide a short title; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a cap on the sales and use tax on the purchase or lease of a vessel; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 437. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, England of the 116th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to recreate the former Agricultural Education Advisory Commission which had been abolished by operation of law on December 31, 2016; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 476. By Representatives Greene of the 151st, Ealum of the 153rd and Dukes of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroners of Dougherty County; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 477. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th and Morris of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Appling County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 480. By Representatives Gordon of the 163rd, Stephens of the 165th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Chatham County Urban Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for findings and determinations; to define certain terms; to provide for a board of trustees, appointment of members, and meetings; to provide for powers and duties; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority and to authorize the collection for the payment of such revenue bonds; to make the revenue bonds of the authority exempt from taxation; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to the authority; to provide for the validation of bonds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 486. By Representatives Benton of the 31st, Petrea of the 166th, Spencer of the 180th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-26-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions to operation of the Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act and burden of proof, so as to provide for training of proxy caregivers; to provide for selection of curricula by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for select providers to train proxy caregivers in accordance with selected curriculum; to provide for professional delegation exceptions; to revise good faith efforts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 124. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Decatur Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to exempt the property and revenue bonds of the authority from taxation; to provide for the separate enactment of a certain provision of this Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the House:

HR 51. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, McCall of the 33rd, Williams of the 119th and Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the prescribed methodology for establishing forest land fair market value; to permit the withholding of a portion of assistance grants to provide for the costs of establishing forest land fair market value; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

HR 362. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Harden of the 148th, Williams of the 119th and Watson of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 266. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Tippins of the 37th, Beach of the 21st, Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the control of signs and signals on public roads generally, so as to require a study considering the conversion

of stop signs to yield signs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SB 267. By Senator Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Hapeville Water and Sewer Authority, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L.1979, p. 3461), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 343. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Cowser of the 46th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Walker III of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sally Bell; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 344. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Millar of the 40th, Mullis of the 53rd, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 1, 2017, as Independent Living Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 345. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 40 Under Forty Georgia Muslims; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 346. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes for being awarded the Purple Heart Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on November 29, 2016; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 347. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Rhett of the 33rd, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the choral group, Men of Summer Hill; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 348. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Dugan of the 30th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes for her service in the United States Army; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 349. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Burke of the 11th, Shafer of the 48th, Harper of the 7th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL urging Congress to block grant Medicaid funding to be used for indigent health care and Medicaid funding; and for other purposes.

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SR 350. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard for being awarded the Legislative Women's Caucus Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership award; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 351. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Grady Memorial Hospital and Grady Health System on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 352. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Homelessness; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

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A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta therapy dogs known as "Canines For Kids"; and for other purposes.

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SR 354. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 6, 2017, as Ghana's Independence Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 208. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Knight of the 130th, Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to revise definitions, license fees, and license requirements; to amend Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, so as to revise boat registration fees and allow additional methods for reporting the sale of boats; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

- HB 245. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Smith of the 134th, Hitchens of the 161st, Hugley of the 136th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to provide for the establishment of a process by the Professional Standards Commission by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates, certificates by endorsement, or expedited certificates upon moving to Georgia with their service member or transitioning service member spouse; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security.

- HB 266. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Willard of the 51st, Fleming of the 121st, Evans of the 42nd, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservators of minors, so as to revise the personal property value that a natural guardian may receive of a minor without having to become a legally qualified conservator of the minor; to revise the amount of the debt owing to a minor which a natural guardian may release without approval by the court; to revise the amount of the proposed gross settlement of a minor's claim by which the natural guardian of the minor may compromise without becoming the conservator of the minor or seeking court approval; to revise the amount by which a conservator of a minor may compromise any contested or doubtful claim or release the debtor and compromise all debts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

- HB 275. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Knight of the 130th, Powell of the 32nd, Smith of the 70th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to game and fish, so as to change provisions relative to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to regulate activities related to body surfing and wake surfing; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

HB 314. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, Trammell of the 132nd and Watson of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to establish qualified low-income community investment; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain entities may earn credit against the entity's state tax liability; to disallow refundability and sale on the open market of claimed credits; to provide for certification of qualified capital investments; to provide for recapture of credit claimed under certain circumstances; to provide for a request of determination for eligibility; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 328. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Rutledge of the 109th, Williams of the 168th, Tanner of the 9th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to provide for the maximum length and load of vehicles; to provide for methods for determining load limits for vehicles utilizing idle reduction technology; to revise provisions for FlexAuto lanes; to clarify the meaning of certain flashing signals; to provide for rules of the road when approaching or entering an intersection with a signal in unactivated dark mode; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- HB 330. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Benton of the 31st, Hugley of the 136th and Bennett of the 94th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a relative search by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, so as to specify additional information to be provided in the notice to certain individuals identified in a diligent search conducted as part of a dependency proceeding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- HB 331. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Benton of the 31st, Hugley of the 136th and Bennett of the 94th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general education provisions, so as to provide for a kinship caregiver to give legal consent in the form of an affidavit for a child residing with such kinship caregiver to receive educational services and medical services directly related to academic enrollment and to participate in curricular or extracurricular activities for which parental consent is usually required; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that falsifying a kinship caregiver's affidavit shall constitute false swearing; to provide an affidavit form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- HB 337. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 11, 15, 44, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Uniform Commercial Code, clerks of superior courts, property, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to modernize provisions relating to the transmittal, filing, recording, access to, and territorial effect of tax liens issued by the Department of Revenue; to provide for definitions; to provide for modern technological advances in electronic record keeping relating to the filing and public access to state tax liens; to provide for certificates of clearance for state tax liens; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters, to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- HB 338. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Coleman of the 97th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools identified as in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for an Education Turnaround Advisory Council; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; to revise provisions relating to contracts for strategic waivers school systems; to revise provisions relating to charters for charter systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- HB 341. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Coomer of the 14th, Golick of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 and Code Section 17-10-6.2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses and punishment for sexual offenders, respectively, so as to provide for mandatory terms of imprisonment for trafficking of individuals for sexual servitude; to change provisions relating to the model notice for the human trafficking hotline; to change provisions relating to punishment for other sexual offenses; to clarify provisions relating to the probation portion of a split sentence imposed for certain sexual offenses; to amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, so as to provide a conforming cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- HB 344. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Quick of the 117th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Willard of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motion to set aside determination of paternity, so as to allow parties beyond movants in a case concerning a child support order to request a genetic test from the Department of Human Services under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 357. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for the titling of certain vessels; to provide for procedures with regard to titling such vessels; to provide for legislative intent and findings; to provide a short title; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a cap on the sales and use tax on the purchase or lease of a vessel; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 437. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, England of the 116th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to recreate the former Agricultural Education Advisory Commission which had been abolished by operation of law on December 31, 2016; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 476. By Representatives Greene of the 151st, Ealum of the 153rd and Dukes of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroners of Dougherty County; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 477. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th and Morris of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Appling County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 480. By Representatives Gordon of the 163rd, Stephens of the 165th, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Chatham County Urban Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for findings and determinations; to define certain terms; to provide for a board of trustees, appointment of members, and meetings; to provide for powers and duties; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority and to authorize the collection for the payment of such revenue bonds; to make the revenue bonds of the authority exempt from taxation; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to the authority; to provide for the validation of bonds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 486. By Representatives Benton of the 31st, Petrea of the 166th, Spencer of the 180th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-26-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions to operation of the Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act and burden of proof, so as to provide for training of proxy caregivers; to provide for selection of curricula by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for select providers to train proxy caregivers in accordance with selected curriculum; to provide for professional delegation exceptions; to revise good faith efforts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HR 51. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, McCall of the 33rd, Williams of the 119th and Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the prescribed methodology for establishing forest land fair market value; to permit the withholding of a portion of assistance grants to provide for the costs of establishing forest land fair market value; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HR 362. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Harden of the 148th, Williams of the 119th and Watson of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 143      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 117	Do Pass	HB 264	Do Pass
HB 283	Do Pass	HB 290	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 349	Do Pass
HB 380	Do Pass
SB 143	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman



The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Butler of the 55th                      Tate of the 38th

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Parent
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Payne
Beach	Jeffares	Rhett
Black	Jones, B	Seay
Brass	Jones, E	Shafer
Burke	Jones, H	Sims
Cowsert	Kennedy	Stone
Davenport	Kirk	Thompson, B
Dugan	Ligon	Tillery
Fort	Lucas	Tippins
Ginn	Martin	Unterman
Gooch	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Millar	Watson
Harbison	Miller	Wilkinson
Harper	Mullis	

Not answering were Senators:

Butler (Excused)	Henson	Hill, H.
Jackson	James	Tate (Excused)
Thompson, C.	Williams	

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators:    James of the 35th                      Williams of the 27th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Miller of the 49th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Tyler Smiley of Gainesville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Bryan J. Whitfield.

The following legislation, favorably reported by the committees, as listed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, was put upon its adoption:

SENATE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR STUDY COMMITTEES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SR 152      Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; create (NR&E-47th)
- SR 224      Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees; create  
(RI&U-47th)
- SR 130      Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee;  
create (Substitute)(S&T-52nd)
- SR 290      Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee; create (I COOP-12th)
- SR 307      Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Joint Task Force; create  
(RULES-45th)

The substitute to the following resolution was put upon its adoption:

\*SR 130:

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology offers the following substitute to SR 130:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, state agencies possess great amounts of valuable information and reports on all aspects of life for the citizens of this state, including, without limitation, health, business, public safety, labor, and transportation data; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous amount of data maintained by state agencies can result in the duplication of efforts, data, records, and parts of data and records that may result in the maintenance of inconsistent data and records concerning the same citizen; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a quick and efficient delivery system to respond to legislative and executive branch inquiries is harmful to the policy-making process and ultimately costs taxpayers money; and

WHEREAS, progressive states have evolved to become data-driven governments that use data as a strategic asset to improve the delivery of services to the state's citizens, to become more efficient stewards of citizens' data, and to reduce unnecessary costs; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the quality and consistency of public data is essential to maintaining the data's value and utility and achieving high value solutions to improve the lives and health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, new information technology has fundamentally changed the way people search for and expect to find information and can aggregate large quantities of data to allow the state to provide better information to citizens with increasing efficiency and thoroughness; and

WHEREAS, the state should evaluate ways to appropriately, efficiently, and securely share data between and within state agencies to allow for quicker, more impactful cross-agency analysis to allow policymakers to make quicker, more informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, the state should use the innovations in information technology in other states and private industry to enhance public access to public data to make the state more transparent and to promote public trust while eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in the execution and delivery of government services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

(1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of 14 members.

(B) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. In addition, the President of the Senate shall appoint three persons from private industry as follows:

(i) One member with expertise in health information technology;

(ii) One member with expertise in data security or a related technology field; and

(iii) One member from a stakeholder's group with expertise in the delivery of healthcare or other service provider utilizing public data in Georgia.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. In addition, the Speaker shall appoint three persons from private industry as follows:

(i) One member with expertise in health information technology;

(ii) One member with expertise in data security or a related technology field; and

(iii) One member from a stakeholder's group with expertise in the delivery of

healthcare or other service provider utilizing public data in Georgia.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall determine the best practices for the state to achieve the most efficient system for maintaining and delivering the state's public records and data to public officials, government entities, and private citizens, including appropriate bidirectional access between public and private industries; recommend specific solutions and legislation for an efficient open data and transparency law based upon open data policy principles for state agencies to maintain and share public data that is owned, controlled, collected, or maintained by state agencies; examine, solicit, and procure public and private institution grants and partnerships to assist in the performance of its duties. Such partnerships shall include, but are not limited to, opportunities from which the state can expect a clear return on investment from health information technology and other data-driven interventions that will improve the health and well-being of our citizens.

(4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(C) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the

committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the legislation on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the legislation, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

The legislation on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, except SR 130, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SR 130, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

**SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Friday March 3, 2017  
Twenty-eighth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 143

Jones of the 10th  
Millar of the 40th  
Henson of the 41st  
Parent of the 42nd  
Anderson of the 43rd  
Davenport of the 44th  
Butler of the 55th  
**DEKALB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4636), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4057), so as to remove the tolling provision regarding such exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**SUBSTITUTE**

HB 349

Brass of the 28th  
**CITY OF GRANTVILLE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Grantville, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 5030), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3865), so as to provide for elections in odd-numbered years for the mayor and the councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2; to provide for the lengthening of the terms of office of the mayor and the councilmembers from Posts 1 and 2; to provide for a referendum with respect to the lengthening of said terms of office; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 380

Black of the 8th  
**ECHOLS COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the election of the members of the board of education of Echols County, approved April 10, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 3514), as amended, so as to revise the districts for the election of members of the board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to repeal and reserve certain provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

\*SB 143:

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to SB 143:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4636), as amended, so as to modify the time limitation on such exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

An Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4636), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (f) of Section 1 as follows:

"(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall apply only to taxable years 2007 through 2021. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, unless renewed or extended by subsequent Act of the General Assembly, the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to taxable year 2022 or any subsequent taxable year.

(2) If an equalized homestead option sales and use tax pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A. is placed into effect in DeKalb County during the period that the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section is in effect, the exemption granted by subsection (b) of this section shall continue in effect as long as the equalized homestead option sales and use tax is in effect, notwithstanding the fact that such period may extend beyond the 2021 tax year, and for a period of time following the cessation of the collection of the equalized homestead option sales and use tax in DeKalb County that is equal to the difference in time between when the equalized homestead sales and use tax goes into effect in DeKalb County and January 1, 2022."

### **SECTION 2.**

The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of DeKalb County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct such election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2017. The election superintendent shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which amends the homestead exemption from  
 ( ) NO certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead by extending the time limitation on such exemption?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2018, and shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after that date. If the Act is not so approved, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following such election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by DeKalb County. It shall be the duty of the election superintendent of DeKalb County to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State.

### **SECTION 3.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### **SECTION 4.**

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



On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except SB 143, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

SB 143, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross SB 216, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 36, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and SB 216 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SB 211 Student Assessments; consideration of local reading programs; research based formative assessments; summative component; provide (Substitute) (ED&Y-37th)
- SR 204 Kyle Gilbert Memorial Highway; Gwinnett County; dedicate (Substitute) (TRANS-49th)
- SB 180 Hospital Care for the Indigent; additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; provide (Substitute)(FIN-11th)
- SB 134 "Save, Earn, Win Act" (B&FI-48th)
- SB 250 State Sexual Offender Registry; individual is convicted in another country; require registration (JUDY-53rd)
- SB 193 Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program; program mission and practice; revise (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)
- SB 153 Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers; exempt certain activities (Substitute) (H&HS-28th)
- SB 191 Petroleum Pipelines; regulation and permitting in this state; definitions; provide (Substitute)(NR&E-17th)
- SB 241 Controlled Substances; electronic data base of prescription information; provisions; change (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)
- SB 126 State Tort Claims; venue of actions; provisions; change (Substitute) (JUDY-18th)
- SB 226 Alcoholic Beverages; regulations; provisions; annual production requirements for Georgia farm wineries; change (Substitute)(RI&U-49th)
- SR 228 Property Conveyance; authorize 18 counties (SI&P-25th)
- SR 229 Public Property; granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads; authorize 10 counties (SI&P-25th)

- SB 222 'Local Government 9-1-1 Authority Act'; Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; create (RI&U-18th)
- SB 99 Georgia Crime Information Center; purging a person's hospitalization information for purpose of National Instant Criminal Background Check; provide for a judicial procedure (Substitute)(PUB SAF-42nd)
- SB 170 'Georgia SERVES Act of 2017'; child care services for foster children and their families; provide for certification of volunteers (Substitute) (SJUDY-6th)
- SB 200 Insurance; synchronizing patients' chronic medications; provide (I&L-52nd)
- SB 258 Eligibility and Qualifications for Office; ineligibility for office for holders of public money of municipalities who refuse; pay over such funds to proper office; provide (RULES-19th)
- SB 164 Insurance; copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible; for services rendered by a physical therapist; prohibit certain insurers from imposing (Substitute)(I&L-40th)
- SB 219 Motor Vehicles; definitions; operation of motor vehicles with automated driving systems on certain public roads; provide (Substitute)(TRANS-51st)
- SB 242 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-45th)
- SB 132 Civil Practice; statutory civil case filing and disposition forms; allow Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate forms; child custody proceedings; provide (Substitute)(JUDY-19th)
- SR 146 Certain Rights for Victims; suffered an act committed; in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws; provide-CA (Substitute) (JUDY-18th)
- SB 127 Failure to Provide Notice Not Rendering Responsible Person Liable; victim to file a motion in a criminal case to assert his or her rights; allow (Substitute)(JUDY-18th)
- SB 173 Captive Insurance Companies; provisions; extensively revise (Substitute) (I&L-25th)

- SR 192 General Assembly; election of local school superintendents; local boards of education by grand juries as alternative to appointment; authorize -CA (Substitute)(ED&Y-50th)
- SB 149 School Resource Officers; training requirements; provide (Substitute) (ED&Y-10th)
- SB 29 Education; drinking water in child care learning centers and for lead contamination; require testing (H&HS-39th)
- SB 216 Sales Tax; per capita share of certain municipalities to be paid to the county governing authority; eliminate a provision (FIN-41st)
- SB 30 Sustainable Community School Operational Grants; definitions; planning and implementation grants; provide (Substitute)(ED&Y-39th)
- SB 221 Optometrists; administer pharmaceutical agents by injection; authorize doctors of optometry; limitations and requirements; provide (Substitute) (H&HS-45th)
- SB 206 'Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Act' (I&L-9th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SB 211. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Stone of the 23rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student assessments, so as to provide for consideration of local reading programs when establishing a research based formative assessment with a summative component for grades one and two; to provide for a review and recommended solution for ongoing assessments in kindergarten through grade five in reading and mathematics and for the assessments in grades three through eight; to provide for a comparability study to determine and establish the concordance of nationally recognized academic assessments with content standards and assessments in grades nine through 12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 211:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student assessments, so as to provide for consideration of local reading programs when establishing a research based formative assessment with a summative component for grades one and two; to pursue maximum flexibility under federal law for state and local assessments; to provide for a comparability study to determine and establish the concordance of nationally recognized academic assessments with content standards and assessments in grades nine through 12; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student assessments, is amended by revising subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a student assessment program consisting of instruments, procedures, and policies necessary to implement the program and shall fund all costs of providing and scoring such instruments, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. The student assessment program shall include a comprehensive summative assessment program for grades three through 12. In addition, each local school system shall administer, with state funding, a research based formative assessment with a summative component that is tied to performance indicators in English, language arts/reading, and mathematics in grades one and two, subject to available appropriations. Such research based assessment shall be selected, after consultation with local school systems. Such research based assessment shall provide for real-time data analysis for students, teachers, school leaders, and parents; allow flexible grouping of students based on skill level; and measure student progress toward grade level expectations throughout the school year. Each local school system may elect to administer, with state funding, nationally norm-referenced instruments in reading, mathematics, science, or social studies in grade three, four, or five and in grade six, seven, or eight, subject to available appropriations, with assistance to such school systems by the State Board of Education with regard to administration guidance, scoring, and reporting of such instruments. Further, the State Board of Education shall adopt a school readiness assessment for students entering first grade and shall administer such assessment pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-151. Each local school system is strongly encouraged to develop and implement a program of multiple formative assessments in reading and mathematics for kindergarten

through fifth grade to ensure that students entering sixth grade are on track to meet grade-level expectations, including mastery in reading by the end of third grade to prepare for the infusion of literacy in subsequent grades and mastery in basic mathematics skills by the end of fifth grade and in accordance with the local school system's five-year strategic plan, performance indicators, and, if applicable, flexibility contract or other agreement with the State Board of Education for local school systems that are not under a flexibility contract. The State Board of Education shall periodically review, revise, and upgrade the content standards. Following the adoption of such content standards, the State Board of Education shall contract for development of end-of-grade assessments to measure the content standards. As part of the comprehensive summative assessment program, end-of-grade assessments in English, language arts/reading, and mathematics shall be administered annually to students in grades three through eight, and such tests in science and social studies shall be administered annually to students in grades five and eight. These tests shall contain features that allow for comparability to other states with whom establishing such comparison would be statistically sound; provided, however, that no such comparison shall be conducted which would relinquish any measure of control over assessments to any individual or entity outside the state. Further, as part of the comprehensive summative assessment program, the State Board of Education shall adopt and administer, through the Department of Education, end-of-course assessments for students in grades nine through 12 for all core subjects, as determined by the state board. Writing performance shall be assessed, at a minimum, for students in grades three, five, eight, and 11 and may be assessed for students in additional grade levels as designated by the State Board of Education. Such required writing performance assessment may be embedded within the assessments included in the comprehensive summative assessment program. Writing performance results shall be provided to students and their parents. If authorized by federal law to establish and operate an innovative assessment system pursuant to 34 C.F.R. Section 200.104, the Department of Education may establish a pilot program for local school systems that have an existing program of multiple formative assessments during the course of the academic year that result in a single summative score that is valid and reliable in measuring individual student achievement or growth and assessing individual student needs or deficiencies, to utilize such local assessments in place of end-of-grade or end-of-course assessments, if provided for in the terms of the local school system's flexibility contract. As used in this subsection, the term 'flexibility contract' means a charter for a charter system or a charter school or a contract entered into with the State Board of Education for a strategic waivers school system."

"(t)(1) The State Board of Education shall direct the existing assessment workgroup to pursue maximum flexibility for state and local assessments under federal law. Such maximum flexibility shall include, but not be limited to, utilization of nationally recognized college and career ready high school assessments, provided that comparability can be established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, as well as application for innovative assessment demonstration authority, as provided for in

34 C.F.R. Section 200.104. The state board shall provide a report regarding such no later than September 1, 2017, to the State School Superintendent, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the Senate Education and Youth Committee and the House Committee on Education and shall post such report on the Department of Education website no later than September 1, 2017.

(2) The State Board of Education shall conduct a comparability study to determine and establish the concordance of nationally recognized academic assessments, including, but not limited to, the SAT, ACT, and ACCUPLACER with alignment to state content standards in grades nine through 12. Such comparability study shall also determine whether the nationally recognized high school academic assessment provides data that are comparable to current end-of-course assessments and valid and reliable for all subgroups and whether the assessment provides differentiation between schools' performances as required by the state accountability plan. The state board shall initiate such study no later than July 1, 2017, and shall post such study on the Department of Education website and provide the study to the State School Superintendent, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the Senate Education and Youth Committee and the House Committee on Education upon completion of the federal review process."

## SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

## SECTION 3.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims

E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 211, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 3, 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 211. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ David Shafer  
District 48

SR 204. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Kyle Gilbert and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SR 204:

#### A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

#### PART I

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and



WHEREAS, Mr. Kyle Gilbert demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans, and was killed in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mr. Gilbert was a junior leader of his battalion and his commendations included the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Gilbert will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a highway in his memory.

## **PART II**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and civil rights activists on August 15, 2015, with the passing of Mr. Horace Julian Bond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and raised in Pennsylvania while his father served as the first African American president of Lincoln University; and

WHEREAS, he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he helped found *The Pegasus*, a literary magazine, and worked as an intern at *TIME* magazine; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Morehouse College, Mr. Bond was a founding member of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, led nonviolent student protests against segregation in Atlanta parks, restaurants, and movie theaters, and helped form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was voted into the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965 but could not take his seat until court ordered action in 1967 because the legislature refused to swear him in due to his vocal opposition to the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, he served in the House of Representatives until 1975 and went on to serve in the Georgia Senate from 1975 to 1986, sponsoring more than 60 bills that were ratified into law during his tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond served as president of the Southern Poverty Law Center from 1971 to 1979 and was an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1998 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, he served as a commentator for NBC's "Today" show, wrote a national newspaper column, and produced poems that have appeared in publications such as the *Nation* and the *New York Times*; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

### **PART III**

WHEREAS, Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson have long been recognized for their talent on stage and ability to bring joy and delight to audiences; and

WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, LaTanya Richardson Jackson was a student at Spelman College when she met her husband, Samuel, while he was attending Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, Samuel has appeared in more than 100 films and is one of Hollywood's most respected actors, with an incredible career spanning five decades; and

WHEREAS, he is cool like Fonzie, starring as Jules, the philosopher hit man, in the cult classic *Pulp Fiction* and appearing in numerous other Quentin Tarantino films, including *The Hateful Eight*, *Kill Bill*, and *Django Unchained*; and

WHEREAS, his depth as an actor can be further demonstrated by his wide-ranging roles in movies such as *Jackie Brown*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, *A Time to Kill*, *The Incredibles*, *Do the Right Thing*, *Snakes on a Plane*, and the *Avengers* and *Star Wars* series; and

WHEREAS, a standout actress in her own right, LaTanya starred in the 2003 musical *The Fighting Temptations* and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Lead Actress in a Play for her role in the 2013 performance of *A Raisin in the Sun*; and

WHEREAS, they are blessed with one remarkable daughter, Zoe Jackson, who is a freelance film and television producer; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body recognize the lives and careers of these distinguished individuals by dedicating a road in their honor.

**PART IV**

WHEREAS, the Berrong family of Towns County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Berrong served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military during World War II and was captured as a prisoner of war; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Berrong family sacrificed their own safety and comfort to protect and serve this nation in the military; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kris Berrong continues his family's tradition of service as a member of the Hiawassee City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford Berrong ran the town store in High Tower while the Titus post office was operated by Mr. Homer Berrong; and

WHEREAS, generations of the Berrong family have lived their entire lives near the bridge on SR 2/US 76 near Clayton Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, some of Towns County's first educators were members of the Berrong family while Mr. Darren Berrong serves as the current superintendent for Towns County high schools; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgia family be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

**PART V**

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, his first musical, *I Know I've Been Changed*, premiered at the famous Fox Theatre in Atlanta; in 2005, his first feature film, *Diary Of A Mad Black Woman*, debuted at number one; and in 2006, he released his first book, *Don't Make A Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries On Life And Love*, which remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry's comedic talents delighted audiences worldwide with the TBS series *House of Payne* and later with the series *Meet the Browns*, which were the highest and second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he revitalized Delta Airlines' former headquarters and opened a 200,000 square foot studio in Atlanta that employs hundreds of Georgians, and in 2015, Mr. Perry bought 330 acres of the former military base, Fort McPherson, on which he will restore and construct state-of-the-art facilities that will open the door for local business opportunities and job creation in the motion picture and television industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry strongly supports our state and national communities through charities such as Feeding America, Covenant House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, Project Adventure, Perry Place, and his own foundation, the Tyler Perry Foundation, which transforms tragedy into triumph by empowering economically disadvantaged youths, seniors, and families to overcome adversity by achieving a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART VI**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 20 from I-985 to State Route 13 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Kyle Gilbert Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 129 from Cascade Road to State Route 14 (Whitehall Street) in Fulton County is dedicated as the Julian Bond Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of the State Route 3 Connector from State Route 3/Northside/Metropolitan to State Route 14/154 Peters Street in Fulton County is dedicated as the Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 2/US 76 located near Clayton Mountain Road running from Rabun County into Towns County is dedicated as the Berrong Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Lee Street from the West End Mall to the entrance of Fort McPherson in Fulton County is dedicated as the Tyler Perry Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Samuel L. and LaTanya Richardson Jackson, the

Berrong family, and Mr. Tyler Perry; and to the family of Mr. Kyle Gilbert and Mr. Horace Julian Bond.

Senators Miller of the 49th and Beach of the 21st offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Transportation substitute to SR 204 (LC 39 1637S) by inserting after "system;" on line 1 the following:*

authorizing the conveyance of certain Georgia Department of Transportation owned real property located in Ben Hill County;

*By inserting after line 114 the following:*

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Ben Hill County; and

WHEREAS, said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract of approximately 3.81 acres described as the former Fitzgerald GDOT Field Office lying and being in Land Lot 91, 3rd Land District, City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County and acquired on March 11, 2004 from Village Plaza, Inc., which is recorded at Deed Book 557, Pages 281-282 of the Superior Court of Ben Hill County; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-3, declared the approximately 3.81 acres of improved real property surplus to its current and future needs for public road purposes, and resolved to surplus the above-described property; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia on behalf of the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services desires to purchase the approximately 3.81 acres for the consideration of the fair market value.

## **PART VII**

*By inserting after line 136 the following:*

## **PART VIII**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

### **SECTION 1.**

That the Georgia Department of Transportation is the owner of the above-described real property located in Ben Hill County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the Department of Transportation is acting by and through the State Properties Commission.

### **SECTION 2.**

That the Georgia Department of Transportation is authorized to waive the sealed bid process pursuant to Code Sections 32-7-3 and 32-7-4 of the O.C.G.A. and convey the

above-described real property by appropriate instrument to the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, for the consideration of fair market value which shall not exceed \$365,000.00.

**SECTION 3.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 4.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Ben Hill County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

**SECTION 5.**

That ownership of the above-described real property shall remain in the Georgia Department of Transportation until the property is conveyed.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Miller, Beach amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Walker

Y Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 Y Henson

Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SR 204, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

03/03/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SR 204. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ L.C. Walker  
 District 20

SB 180. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to SB 180:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to change certain criteria relating to grants to such hospital authorities; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent

generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospital organizations; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, is amended by revising Code Section 31-7-94, relating to grants to hospital authorities, as follows:

"31-7-94.

The state is authorized to make grants, as funds are available, to hospital authorities and rural hospital organizations for public health purposes, provided that any funds so granted shall be distributed to and among the various public hospital authorities and rural hospital organizations in the state in proportion to the number of hospital beds operated by each such hospital authority or rural hospital organization at the end of the calendar year preceding the grant. Funds shall be distributed to public hospitals and rural hospital organizations operated by consolidated governments in the same manner as to authority hospitals prescribed in this Code section and rural hospital organizations. Grants made by the state pursuant to this Code section shall be administered by the Department of Community Health in accordance with Code Section 31-7-94.1 and such rules, regulations, and procedures as it shall deem necessary for effective administration of such grants."

**SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-7-94.1, relating to the certification of rural hospitals for grant eligibility, as follows:

"31-7-94.1.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Rural Hospital Organization Assistance Act of 2017.'

(b) The General Assembly finds that hospital authorities and rural hospital organizations ~~are created under Code Section 31-7-72 in and for each county and municipal corporation of the state~~ essential in order to promote public health goals of the state. The General Assembly further finds that many hospitals in rural counties, ~~whether or not they are owned or operated by hospital authorities,~~ are in desperate financial straits. In order to preserve the availability of primary health care services provided by such hospitals to residents of rural counties, the General Assembly has determined that a program of state grants is necessary and recommends funds be made



available to such hospitals. These grants will be conditioned upon those hospitals continuing to furnish essential health care services to residents in their areas of operation as well as engaging in the long-range planning and any restructuring which may be required for those hospitals to survive by devising cost-effective and efficient health care systems for meeting local health care needs.

(c) As used in this Code section, the term:

~~(1) 'Department of Community Health' means the Department of Community Health created under Chapter 2 of this title.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'Hospital' means an institution which has a permit as a hospital issued under this chapter.

~~(3)~~(2) 'Rural county' means a county having a population of less than ~~35,000~~ 45,000 according to the United States decennial census of ~~1990~~ 2010 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

~~(4) 'Rural hospital' means a hospital which has been certified by the Department of Community Health as:~~

~~(A) Being located in a rural county;~~

~~(B) Participating in both Medicaid and medicare and accepting both Medicaid and medicare patients;~~

~~(C) Providing health care services to indigent patients; and~~

~~(D) Maintaining a 24 hour emergency room.~~

(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and medicare and accepts both Medicaid and medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Has at least 10 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Maintains a 24 hour emergency room;

(G) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(H) Is current with all audits and reports required by law.

(d) A rural hospital organization may apply for a grant available under subsection (e) of this Code section if it has been certified by the ~~Department of Community Health~~ department as:

- (1) A rural hospital organization; and
- (2) ~~Having~~ Has submitted a grant application which includes:
  - (A) A problem statement indicating the problem the rural hospital organization proposes to solve with the grant funds;
  - (B) The goals of the proposed solution;
  - (C) The organizational structure, financial system, and facilities that are essential to the proposed solution;
  - (D) The projected longevity of the proposed solution after the grant funds are expended;
  - (E) Evidence of collaboration with other community health care providers in achieving the proposed solution;
  - (F) Evidence that funds for the proposed solution are not available from another source;
  - (G) Evidence that the grant funds would assist in returning the rural hospital organization to an economically stable condition or that any plan for closure or realignment of services involves development of innovative alternatives for the discontinued services;
  - (H) Evidence of a satisfactory record-keeping system to account for grant fund expenditures within the rural hospital organization and the rural county;
  - (I) A community health survival plan describing how the plan was developed, the goals of the plan, the links with existing health care providers under the plan, the implementation process including quantification of indicators of the hospital's financial well-being, measurable outcome targets, and the current condition of such hospital; and
  - (J) Such additional evidence as the ~~Department of Community Health~~ department may require to demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed solution for which grant funds are sought.
- (e) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Code Section 31-7-94, the Department of Community Health~~ The department is authorized to make grants to rural ~~hospitals~~ hospital organizations certified as meeting the requirements of subsection (d) of this Code section. Grants to rural hospitals owned or operated by hospital authorities or rural hospital organizations may be for any of the following purposes:
  - (1) Infrastructure development, including, without being limited to, health information technology, facility renovation, or equipment acquisition; provided, however, that the amount granted to any qualified hospital may not exceed the expenditure thresholds that would constitute a new institutional health service requiring a certificate of need under Chapter 6 of this title and the grant award may be conditioned upon obtaining local matching funds;
  - (2) Strategic planning, including, without being limited to, strategies for personnel retention or recruitment, development of an emergency medical network, or the development of a collaborative and integrated health care delivery system with other health care providers, and the grant award may be conditioned upon obtaining local matching funds for items such as telemedicine, billing systems, and medical records.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the maximum grant to any grantee shall be ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$500,000.00;

(3) Nontraditional health care delivery systems, excluding operational funds and purposes for which grants may be made under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection. For the purposes of this paragraph, the maximum grant to any grantee shall be ~~\$1.5~~ \$2.5 million; or

(4) The provision of 24 hour emergency room services open to the general public.

~~Any grants to certified rural hospitals which are not owned or operated by hospital authorities shall be limited to the purpose described in paragraph (4) of this subsection.~~

(f) In awarding grants under this Code section, the ~~Department of Community Health~~ department may give priority to any otherwise eligible rural hospital organization which meets the definition of a 'necessary provider' as specified in the state's 'Rural Healthcare Plan' of May, 1998.

~~(g) The maximum grant to any hospital authority or rural hospital organization shall be \$4 million per calendar year.~~

~~(g)(h) The Department of Community Health~~ department shall be authorized to certify rural ~~hospitals~~ hospital organizations as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section and shall adopt regulations to implement its powers and duties under this Code section."

### SECTION 3.

Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to tax credits for donations to certain rural hospitals, as follows:

"(c)(1) A rural hospital organization that receives donations pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 shall:

(A) Utilize such donations for the provision of health ~~care-related~~ care related services for residents of a rural county or for residents of the area served by a critical access hospital; and

(B) Report on a form provided by the department:

(i) All ~~all~~ contributions received from individual and corporate donors pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 ~~and show~~ detailing the manner ~~or purpose~~ in which the contributions received were expended by the rural hospital organization; and

(ii) Any payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received by the rural hospital organization pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 48-7-29.20.

(2) The department shall annually prepare a report compiling the information received pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection for the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee."

### SECTION 4.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, is amended by

revising subsections (b), (c), and (e) of Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, as follows:

"(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$2,500.00~~ \$5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(3) Anything to the contrary contained in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection notwithstanding, in the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, 90 percent of the actual amount expended or \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership.

(c) A corporation or other entity shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses in an amount not to exceed ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or 75 percent of the corporation's income tax liability, whichever is less."

"(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~\$50~~ \$60 million in 2017, \$60 million in 2018, and ~~\$70~~ \$60 million in 2019.

(2)(A) No more than \$4 million of the aggregate limit established by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be contributed to any individual rural hospital organization in any taxable year. From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, the commissioner shall only preapprove contributions submitted by individual taxpayers in an amount not to exceed \$2 million, and from corporate donors in an amount not to exceed \$2 million. From July 1 to December 31 each taxable year, subject to the aggregate limit in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit in this paragraph, the commissioner shall approve contributions submitted by individual taxpayers and corporations or other entities.

(B) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that has received the maximum amount of contributions for that taxable year, the Department of Community Health shall provide the individual or corporate donor with a list, ranked in order of financial need, as determined by the Department of Community Health, of rural hospital organizations still eligible to receive contributions for the taxable year.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural hospital organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a rural hospital organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contribution that the taxpayer intends to make to the rural hospital

organization. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount ~~with~~ within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide written notice to the taxpayer and rural hospital organization of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limits prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4)(A) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section shall retain their approval in the event the credit percentage in subsection (b) of this Code section is modified for the year in which the taxpayer was preapproved.

(C) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section shall receive the full benefit of the income tax credit established by this Code section even though the rural hospital organization to which the taxpayer made a donation does not properly comply with the reports or filings required by this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to rural hospital organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the rural hospital organization is removed from the Department of Community Health list pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection."

#### **SECTION 5.**

Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, is amended in subsection (a) by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (49), by deleting the period and adding "; or" at the end of paragraph (50), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(51) Records related to Code Section 31-8-9.1 containing the identity of any individual or corporate donor that made or applied to make a contribution to a rural hospital organization pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20, unless the identity of such individual or corporate donor is redacted prior to public disclosure."

#### **SECTION 6.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 7.**

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

Senators Burke of the 11th and Cowser of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the substitute to SB 180 (LC 34 5161S) by deleting all matter from line 1 through line 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to change certain criteria relating to grants to such hospital authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

*By deleting Sections 3, 4, and 5 and renumbering Sections 6 and 7 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.*

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Burke, Cowser amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
E Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowser	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 180, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 134. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to the Department of Banking and Finance and financial institutions generally, so as to allow banks and credit unions to offer savings promotion raffle accounts in which deposits to a savings account enter a depositor in a raffle; to provide for definitions; to amend Code Section 16-12-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to gambling and related offenses, so as to provide for an exception to the definition of "lottery"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 2.

SB 134, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Hill of the 4th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 250. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd, Kirk of the 13th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, so as to require registration on the State Sexual Offender Registry when an individual is convicted in another country; to provide that the sentencing superior court judge shall make the risk assessment classification as part of sentencing for sexual offenders convicted in this state; to provide for recommendations by the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to such sentencing judge; to provide for appeals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		



On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SB 250, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/3/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 250. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ John Wilkinson  
District 50

SB 193. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Burke of the 11th, Thompson of the 14th and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, so as to revise the program mission and practice; to remove certain references to medically indigent women; to revise the definition of contract management agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 193:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, so as to revise the program mission and practice; to repeal legislative authority; to remove certain references to medically indigent women; to revise certain definitions; to amend Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 31, relating to the Indigent Care Trust Fund, so as to remove the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, is amended by

repealing Code Section 31-2A-30, relating to legislative authority, and designating said Code section as reserved.

### SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 31-2A-31, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (3), (5), and (8) as follows:

"(3) 'Contract management agency' or 'agency' means a nongovernmental charitable organization in this state which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and whose mission and practice is to ~~provide~~ promote alternatives to abortion services to ~~medically indigent women~~ at no cost."

"(5) ~~'Medically indigent' means a person who is without health insurance or who has health insurance that does not cover pregnancy or related conditions for which treatment and services are sought and whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget~~ Reserved."

"(8) ~~'Trust fund' means the Indigent Care Trust Fund created by Code Section 31-8-152~~ Reserved."

### SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-2A-32, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, as follows:

"31-2A-32.

There is established within the department the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program. The purpose of the ~~grant~~ program shall be to ~~promote healthy pregnancies and childbirth~~ develop a state-wide effort that promotes healthy pregnancies and childbirth by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that provide pregnancy support services."

### SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 31-2A-33, relating to administration and duties, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The contract management agency selected by the department shall meet the definition of a contract management agency as defined in paragraph (3) of Code Section 31-2A-31 and shall:

- (1) Create a grant application process;
- (2) Evaluate grant applications and make recommendations to the department;
- (3) Communicate acceptance or denial of grant applications to direct client service providers;
- (4) Monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant;
- (5) Maintain records for each grant applicant and award; and
- (6) Coordinate activities and correspondence between the department and direct client service providers."

**SECTION 5.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 31-2A-35, relating to grants, as follows:

"31-2A-35.

(a) Grants shall be awarded annually on a competitive basis to direct client service providers who display competent experience in providing any of the services included in Code Section 31-2A-34 pursuant to guidelines and criteria established pursuant to this article.

(b) The department shall, with input from the agency, determine the maximum grant amount to be awarded to each direct client service provider, and such grant amount shall not exceed 85 percent of the annual revenue for the prior year of any provider.

(c) The grant agreement entered into between the agency and a direct client service provider shall stipulate that the grant shall be used to provide any or all pregnancy support services at the discretion of the service provider pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-34. The agreement shall further stipulate that a direct client service provider shall not perform, promote, or act as a referral for an abortion, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (9) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-2A-36, and that grant funds shall not be used to promote or be otherwise expended for political or religious purposes, including, but not limited to, counseling or written material. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit any direct client service provider from promoting or expending nongrant funds for a political or religious purpose."

**SECTION 6.**

Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 31, relating to the Indigent Care Trust Fund, is amended by revising Code Section 31-8-154, relating to authorized expenditure of contributed funds, as follows:

"31-8-154.

All moneys contributed and revenues deposited and transferred to the trust fund pursuant to this article and any interest earned on such moneys shall be appropriated to the department for only the following purposes:

- (1) To expand Medicaid eligibility and services;
- (2) For programs to support rural and other health care providers, primarily hospitals, who serve the medically indigent;
- (3) For primary health care programs for medically indigent citizens and children of this state; or
- ~~(4) For the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program established under Article 2 of Chapter 2A of this title; or~~
- ~~(5)~~(4) Any combination of purposes specified in paragraphs (1) through ~~(4)~~ (3) of this Code section."

**SECTION 7.**

Said article is further amended in Code Section 31-8-156, relating to appropriation of state funds by the General Assembly, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) An appropriation pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall specify each purpose, if any, as specified in paragraphs (1) through ~~(5)~~ (4) of Code Section 31-8-154, for which the trust funds are appropriated thereby."

### SECTION 8.

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

Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Jackson of the 2nd and Butler of the 55th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 193 (LC 37 2377ERS) by inserting after "definitions;" on line 4 the following:*  
to revise certain grant criteria;

*By inserting after line 71 the following:*

### SECTION 5.1.

Said article is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 31-2A-36, relating to criteria for grant consideration, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (9), by replacing the "." with "; and" at the end of paragraph (10), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(11)(A) Provide medically accurate information.

(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'medically accurate information' means information that is:

(i) Verified or supported by the weight of medical research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific methods;

(ii) Recognized as correct and objective by leading medical organizations with relevant expertise, such as the American Medical Association, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, and the American Academy of Family Physicians; or by government agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control, the federal Food and Drug Administration, the National Cancer Institute, the American Psychological Association, and the National Institute of Health; or

(iii) Recommended by or affirmed in the medical practice guidelines of a nationally recognized accrediting organization, such as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the National Committee for Quality Assurance, the American Medical Accreditation Program, the American Accreditation HealthCare Commission/Utilization Review Accreditation Commission, and the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory HealthCare."

Senators Heath of the 31st and Harbin of the 16th offered the following amendment #1a:

Amend Amendment 1

by inserting after line 28:

“(iv) Such information shall include the likely hood of the birth of a healthy child.”

Senator Henson of the 41st offered the following amendment #1b:

Amend Amendment 1 to the HHS committee substitute to SB 193

by inserting on line 19 after “Physicians;” “the American Psychological Association”

and striking “the American Psychological Association” on line 21

On the adoption of amendment #1a, there were no objections, and the Heath, Harbin amendment #1a to the Orrock, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1b, there were no objections, and the Henson amendment #1b to the Orrock, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1, the yeas were 15, nays 31, and the Orrock, et al. amendment #1 as amended to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone

Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 36, nays 16.

SB 193, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/3/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 193. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ Bill Heath  
District 31

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 461. By Representative Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Heard County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 502. By Representative Cooke of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bremen to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 503. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Randolph County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide a method for the selection, resignation, and removal of its members and for filling vacancies; to provide for the qualification, terms, and oath of its members; to provide for rules and operation of the joint board; to provide for employees of the joint board; to provide for compensation; to provide for expenditures of funds and reimbursement; to provide for definitions; to repeal an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Randolph County; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates, abolishment of the previous board, and the transfer of certain of its property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 504. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Corbett of the 174th and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority as a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and a public corporation, to have the responsibility and authority to promote tourism, trade, and conventions in the City of Waycross, Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 507. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Douglas of the 78th, Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Jonesboro, approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4056), as amended, so as to create districts for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for elections by plurality; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 511. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Warm Springs, approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4110), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 197. By Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Hatchett of the 150th, Kelley of the 16th, Brockway of the 102nd and Bonner of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act, so as to provide for requirements for solicitations of services for obtaining a copy of an instrument conveying real estate; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 354. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center, so as to reconstitute the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for its membership, manner of appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties; to provide for exemption from taxation; to provide for venue; to provide for disposition of property; to exempt its property from levy and sale; to transfer certain assets and liabilities; to authorize the Department of Economic Development to contract with the authority for certain projects; to repeal certain laws; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 375. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 52nd, Hanson of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to modify certain



provisions relating to tax executions; to repeal the fee collected for issuing tax executions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 391. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Coomer of the 14th, Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe place for newborns; to expand the locations where a newborn child can be left to include fire stations and police stations; to provide for definitions; to allow the mother to decline to provide her name and address when a child is left in the physical custody of certain facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 448. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education, so as to require certain education and postsecondary educational institutions to qualify for exemptions with the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission and the maintenance of exemptions provided for under such part; to provide for an exception; to provide for the promulgation of rules, regulations, and policies for the effectuation of such exemptions; to revise the membership of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; to provide for completion of current terms of appointment to the commission; to revise the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 153. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers, so as to exempt certain activities of hearing aid dealers, hearing aid dispensers, and others related to the manufacture and sale of certain nonprescription

hearing aids from the applicability of said chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 153:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 20 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers, so as to exempt certain activities related to the manufacture and sale of certain over-the-counter hearing aids from the applicability of said chapter; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the selling of over-the-counter hearing aids to individuals under 18 years of age; to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 20 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers, is amended by revising Code Section 43-20-7, relating to license required, scope of authority of license holders, and issuance of duplicate licenses, as follows:

"43-20-7.

- (a) ~~It is~~ Except as provided in Code Section 43-20-19.1, it shall be unlawful for any person or firm to engage in the practice of dispensing hearing aids, as defined in this chapter, in this state without having a valid license issued under this chapter.
- (b) No person or firm, except those exempted in Code ~~Section~~ Sections 43-20-19 and 43-20-19.1, shall engage in the practice of dispensing hearing aid devices or instruments or display a sign or in any way advertise or represent himself or herself or any firm as practicing the dispensing of hearing aid devices or instruments in this state unless such person holds an unsuspended, unrevoked license issued by the board.
- (c) A dispenser's license issued under this chapter shall entitle the holder to dispense hearing aid devices or instruments under the supervision of a licensed dealer.
- (d) The dealer's license issued under this chapter shall permit and require the holder to establish and operate an establishment open to the public for the purpose of dispensing hearing aids and providing follow-up services.
- (e) Except as provided in Code Section 43-20-19.1, ~~no~~ firm shall engage in the practice of dispensing hearing aid devices or instruments or display a sign or in any way advertise or represent itself as dispensing hearing aid devices or instruments in this state unless each office or location is staffed by a person who holds a valid dispenser's license issued under this chapter.
- (f) Duplicate dealers' licenses shall be issued by the division director on behalf of the

board to valid license holders operating more than one office or place of practice upon the payment of an additional dealer's license fee for each location, provided that each such location shall be staffed and supervised by a person holding a valid dispenser's license issued under this chapter."

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-20-19.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Air-conduction hearing aid' means a wearable sound-amplifying device intended to compensate for impaired hearing.

(2) 'Over-the-counter hearing aid' means a hearing aid that:

(A) Uses the same fundamental scientific technology as an air-conduction hearing aid or a wireless air-conduction hearing aid;

(B) Has been approved for manufacture by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(C) Is manufactured by a manufacturer that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

(D) Has the capacity for the volume to be adjusted by the end user; and

(E) Is intended to be used by adults to compensate for mild to moderate hearing impairment.

(3) 'Wireless air-conduction hearing aid' shall have the same meaning as provided in 21 C.F.R. Section 874.3305 and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as such existed on June 30, 2017.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any person from manufacturing or selling an over-the-counter hearing aid, provided that:

(1) The purchaser of the over-the-counter hearing aid shall provide proof that he or she has obtained an audiogram administered within the past six months from an audiologist licensed under Chapter 44 of Title 43 or a hearing aid dealer or hearing aid dispenser prior to purchasing the over-the-counter hearing aid; and

(2)(A) The over-the-counter hearing aid is not sold or otherwise furnished to an individual who is under 18 years of age.

(B) In any case where a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in doubt as to whether or not the person to whom an over-the-counter hearing aid is to be sold or otherwise furnished is actually 18 years of age or older, it shall be the duty of the person selling or otherwise furnishing such over-the-counter hearing aid to request to see and to be furnished with proper identification in order to verify the age of such person. The failure to make such request and verification in any case where the person to whom the over-the-counter hearing aid is sold or otherwise furnished is less than 18 years of age may be considered by the trier of fact in determining whether the person selling or otherwise furnishing such over-the-counter hearing aid did so knowingly.

(C) Any person who violates this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) All marketing material shall reflect that any product sold pursuant to this Code section clearly reflects that such product is an over-the-counter hearing aid as defined under this Code section."

### SECTION 3.

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

Senators Henson of the 41st, Brass of the 28th and Watson of the 1st offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 153 (LC 37 2393S) by replacing lines 2 through 5 with the following: hearing aid dealers and dispensers, so as to provide for the sale of over-the-counter hearing aids under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the selling of over-the-counter hearing aids to individuals under 18 years of age; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers; to provide for related*

*By replacing "manufacture" on line 45 with "use" and replacing "has been approved by" on line 47 with "is registered with".*

*By replacing lines 55 through 75 with the following:*

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person, firm, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or like organization or any other entity that employs as an employee or independent contractor one or more persons licensed under this chapter as a hearing aid dispenser or licensed under Chapter 44 of this title as an audiologist may sell an over-the-counter hearing aid, provided that:

(1) The over-the-counter hearing aid is not sold or otherwise furnished to an individual who is under 18 years of age.

(2) The purchaser of the over-the-counter hearing aid provides proof that he or she has obtained an audiogram administered within the past six months. Such proof shall be maintained by the seller for seven years; and

(3) All marketing material for any such over-the-counter hearing aid clearly reflects that such product is an 'over-the-counter hearing aid' as such term is defined in this Code section and does not market the product as any other type of hearing aid or device.

(c) The board may adopt such rules and regulations as may be reasonable and necessary to enforce this Code section, provided that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this Code section and do not interfere with the sale of over-the-counter hearing aids as allowed under this Code section."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Henson, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

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Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 153, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 191. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 4th, Stone of the 23rd, Watson of the 1st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12, 22, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, eminent domain, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines in this state; to provide for the issuance of certain permits by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for appeals of the decision of the director; to require certain notices; to provide for the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to place conditions on the use of

eminent domain for construction, expansion, and extension of petroleum pipelines; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment offered the following substitute to SB 191:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Titles 12, 22, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, eminent domain, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for the issuance of certain permits by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for appeals of the decision of the director; to require certain notices; to provide for the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to place conditions on the use of eminent domain for new construction and extension of petroleum pipelines; to provide for the issuance of certificates of need by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority under certain circumstances; to provide for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to provide for appeals of the decision of the executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 17

12-17-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Board of Natural Resources.

(2) 'Director' means the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

(3) 'Division' means the Environmental Protection Division within the Department of Natural Resources.

(4) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline constructed and in use prior to January 1, 2016.

(5) 'Extension' means a modification to an existing petroleum pipeline that increases the length or footprint of the existing petroleum pipeline by a distance greater than one linear mile.

(6) 'New petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline that was not constructed and in use prior to January 1, 2016. The term 'new petroleum pipeline' shall not include an expansion, an extension, or any maintenance.

(7) 'Petroleum pipeline' means a fixed conduit constructed to transport petroleum or petroleum products in or through this state.

(8) 'Petroleum pipeline company' means a corporation organized under the laws of this state or which is organized under the laws of another state and is authorized to do business in this state and which is specifically authorized by its charter or articles of incorporation to construct and operate petroleum pipelines for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products.

12-17-2.

On or after July 1, 2017, any construction of a new petroleum pipeline or an extension in this state shall require a permit from the director as provided in this chapter. Such permit shall be required without regard to whether the petroleum pipeline company intends to exercise any power of eminent domain pursuant to Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 22. No construction activity on any portion of a new petroleum pipeline or any extension shall occur unless and until such permit is obtained.

12-17-3.

(a) Any application to the division for a permit under this chapter shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Siting information, including, but not limited to, a map showing the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(2) Information obtained from a cultural resource assessment conducted along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(3) Information as to geological and hydrologic features along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(4) Information on the presence of threatened and endangered species along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(5) Evidence of financial responsibility by the petroleum pipeline company; and

(6) Any other information that the board may require by rules and regulations.

(b) Within ten days of applying for a permit, the applicant shall provide:

(1) Notice of the filing of an application under this Code section to all landowners whose property may be condemned, purchased, or otherwise acquired for purposes of constructing a new petroleum pipeline or for any extension; and

(2) Public notice in the legal organ of each county through which the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension is to be located.

12-17-4.

(a) In making the decision as to whether to grant the permit required by this chapter, the director shall determine after a hearing whether the location and construction of the portion of the petroleum pipeline for which the permit is sought are consistent with and not an undue hazard to the environment and natural resources of this state after consideration of the following factors:

(1) The information required to be contained in the petroleum pipeline company's application under Code Section 12-17-3;

(2) The direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed new petroleum pipeline or the proposed extension;

(3) Alternative alignments to the proposed new petroleum pipeline or the proposed extension;

(4) That ample opportunity has been afforded for public comment, specifically including, but not limited to, comment by the governing body of any municipality or county within which the proposed petroleum pipeline or the extension or any part thereof is to be located; and

(5) Such other factors the director deems reasonable and applicable or that the board by rules and regulations has established in order to protect the best interests of this state, its citizens, and its natural resources.

(b) All landowners subject to notice pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 12-17-3 may intervene in the permit administrative process by filing with the division a notice of intervention, which shall include:

(1) The intervenor's name and the address of the property giving rise to the intervenor's right of intervention;

(2) A copy of the notice pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 12-17-3 delivered to the intervenor; and

(3) The intervenor's evidence regarding the factors set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section to be considered by the director in determining whether to issue a permit under this chapter.

(c) The applicant shall bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that the director should issue a permit as provided under this chapter.

(d) The director's decision shall be based on the record before the director, which shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's submissions, written comments submitted to the director, and research the director may conduct in analyzing the application.

(e) For any new petroleum pipeline or an extension that utilizes eminent domain, no permit shall be issued under this Code section unless and until the applicant has been issued a certificate of need by the executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority as provided in Code Section 50-23-32.1.

12-17-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'aggrieved or adversely affected' means a challenged action has caused or will cause persons injury in fact and where the injury is to an interest within the zone of interests to be protected or regulated by the statutes that



the director is empowered to administer and enforce.

(b) Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a decision or action of the director shall pursuant to this chapter, upon filing a petition within 30 days after the issuance of such order or taking of such action, have a right to a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board. The hearing before the administrative law judge shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of the director, and any party to the hearing, including the department, shall have the right of judicial review thereof in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(c) In the event the director asserts in response to the petition before the administrative law judge that the petitioner is not aggrieved or adversely affected, the administrative law judge shall take evidence and hear arguments on this issue and thereafter make a ruling on same before continuing with the hearing. The burden of going forward with evidence on this issue shall rest with the petitioner.

12-17-6.

(a) No later than July 1, 2018, the board shall, pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and reasonable for purposes of enforcement of this chapter, which shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

(1) The submission of a permit application and provisions for the application review process, not to exceed 180 days in length;

(2) Provisions for a nonrefundable application fee which shall be sufficient to defray the administrative costs of review of the application by the division and of the cost to the division of monitoring and inspection of compliance with any such permit that may be issued;

(3) Reasonable public notice of the filing of an application of a permit to an owner of property who, after reasonable efforts, cannot personally be given the notice required in subsection (b) of Code Section 12-17-3;

(4) Provisions for hearings to be held prior to any action on any permit; and

(5) Evidence of financial responsibility as required pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 12-17-3.

(b) No permit shall be granted by the division prior to the promulgation of rules and regulations as provided for in this Code section."

## **SECTION 2.**

Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the construction, operation, etc., of petroleum pipelines, is amended by repealing Part 1 and enacting a new Part 1 to read as follows:

"Part 122-3-80.

As used in this part, the term:

- (1) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (2) 'Expansion' means a modification to an existing petroleum pipeline within the existing easement or right of way that increases the supply of petroleum by:
  - (A) Increasing the diameter of an existing petroleum pipeline; or
  - (B) Constructing a parallel petroleum pipeline.
- (3) 'Extension' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (4) 'Maintenance' means:
  - (A) The care or upkeep of an existing petroleum pipeline and its appurtenances;
  - (B) The replacement of an existing petroleum pipeline within the same easement or right of way; or
  - (C) The relocation of an existing petroleum pipeline for repair within one linear mile of the existing petroleum pipeline's alignment.
- (5) 'New petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (6) 'Parallel petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline that runs side by side to an existing petroleum pipeline.
- (7) 'Petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (8) 'Petroleum pipeline company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

22-3-81.

Subject to the provisions, conditions, and restrictions of this part, petroleum pipeline companies are granted the power to acquire property or interests in property by eminent domain for the purpose of an expansion, an extension, maintenance, or constructing a new petroleum pipeline.

22-3-82.

A petroleum pipeline company shall not exercise the power of eminent domain granted in Code Section 22-3-81 for the purpose of constructing a new petroleum pipeline or for extension unless and until a certificate of need is issued by the executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority as provided in Code Section 50-23-32.1 and a permit is issued by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources as provided in Chapter 17 of Title 12. No such certificate of need or permit shall be required of a petroleum pipeline company exercising the power of eminent domain for the purpose of maintenance or expansion.

22-3-83.

Prior to initiating eminent domain proceedings or threatening to do so, the petroleum pipeline company shall cause to be delivered to each landowner whose property may be condemned a written notice containing the following language in boldface type:

'CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12, PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, AND CODE SECTION 50-23-32.1 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO CONDEMN YOUR PROPERTY. THOSE CODE SECTIONS ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS PRIOR TO CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO A PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY.'

22-3-84.

When a petroleum pipeline company that has met all the requirements of this part is unable to acquire the property or interest required for the purpose of an expansion, an extension, maintenance, or constructing a new petroleum pipeline, after reasonable negotiation with the owner of such property or interest, the petroleum pipeline company may acquire such property or interest by the use of the condemnation procedures authorized by Chapter 2 of this title."

### **SECTION 3.**

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 50-23-32, relating to powers and duties of the Division of Energy Resources of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (12), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (13), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(14) Review and consider applications for the issuance of a certificate of need to a petroleum pipeline company for the construction of a new petroleum pipeline or an extension."

### **SECTION 4.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-23-32.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Executive director' means the executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority.

(2) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(3) 'Extension' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(4) 'New petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code

Section 12-17-1.

(5) 'Petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(6) 'Petroleum pipeline company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(b) On or after July 1, 2017, a petroleum pipeline company desiring to use the power of eminent domain, granted under Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 22, to acquire property for a new petroleum pipeline or an extension shall be required to obtain a certificate of need from the executive director as provided in this Code section. No construction activity on any portion of such new petroleum pipeline or any such extension shall occur unless and until such certificate of need is obtained.

(c) Any application for a certificate of need shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Siting information, including, but not limited to, a map showing the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the proposed extension;

(2) Information as to the need for such proposed new petroleum pipeline or proposed extension, including, but not limited to, what interests will be served by such proposed new petroleum pipeline or proposed extension, the current demand, and the anticipated future demand for petroleum in this state; and

(3) Any other information that the authority may require by rules and regulations.

(d) Within ten days of applying for a certificate of need, the applicant shall provide:

(1) Notice of the filing of an application under this Code section to all landowners whose property may be condemned, purchased, or otherwise acquired for purposes of constructing a new petroleum pipeline or for any extension; and

(2) Public notice in the legal organ of each county through which the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension is to be located.

(e) In making a decision as to whether to grant a certificate of need, the executive director shall determine after a hearing whether such proposed new petroleum pipeline or such proposed extension is necessary in order to serve the best interests of this state in accordance with the following factors:

(1) Whether petroleum pipelines currently within this state are adequate to meet the reasonable public needs in this state;

(2) The volume of demand for petroleum in this state, and whether the present demand and that reasonably to be anticipated in the future can be supported through petroleum pipelines and other means of distribution currently within this state, if any;

(3) The benefit of the proposed additional supply of petroleum relative to the risks that would be created; and

(4) Any other factors which the executive director deems relevant to the analysis of the necessity for the proposed new petroleum pipeline or proposed extension.

(f)(1) As used in this Code section, the term 'aggrieved or adversely affected' means a challenged action has caused or will cause persons injury in fact and where the injury is to an interest within the zone of interests to be protected or regulated by the statutes that the executive director is empowered to administer and enforce.

(2) Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a decision or action of the

executive director pursuant to this Code section shall, upon filing a petition within 30 days after the issuance of such order or taking of such action, have a right to a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the authority. The hearing before the administrative law judge shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of the executive director, and any party to the hearing, including the authority, shall have the right of judicial review thereof in accordance with Chapter 13 of this title, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(3) In the event the executive director asserts in response to the petition before the administrative law judge that the petitioner is not aggrieved or adversely affected, the administrative law judge shall take evidence and hear arguments on this issue and thereafter make a ruling on same before continuing with the hearing. The burden of going forward with evidence on this issue shall rest with the petitioner.

(g) No later than July 1, 2018, the authority shall, pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and reasonable for purposes of enforcement of this Code section, which shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

(1) The submission of a certificate of need application and provisions for the application review process, not to exceed 180 days in length;

(2) Provisions for a nonrefundable application fee which shall be sufficient to defray the administrative costs of review of the application by the authority;

(3) Reasonable public notice of the filing of an application of a permit to an owner of property who, after reasonable efforts, cannot personally be given the notice required in subsection (d) of this Code section; and

(4) Provisions for hearings on any action to be taken as to a certificate of need.

(h) No certificate of need shall be granted by the executive director prior to the promulgation of rules and regulations as provided for in this Code section."

#### **SECTION 5.**

For purposes of proposing rules and regulations, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

#### **SECTION 6.**

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

Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 4th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th and others offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment substitute to SB 191 (LC 36 3343S) by inserting between "obtained" and the period on lines 47 and 234 the following:*

; provided, however, that no permit shall be issued for any new petroleum pipeline or any extension within any area included within the Georgia coastal zone management program as provided in Code Section 12-5-327

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Hill of the 6th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 24, nays 19, and the Jeffares, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Tillery of the 19th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment substitute to SB 191 (LC 36 3343S) by striking line 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; to prohibit the disposal of coal ash in certain vital areas; to provide for related*

*By inserting between lines 142 and 143 the following:*

#### **SECTION 2.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"12-8-24.4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'coal combustion residuals' means fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, and flue-gas desulfurization materials generated from burning coal for the purpose of generating electricity by electric utilities and independent power producers.

(b) On and after July 1, 2017, no disposal of coal combustion residuals in any municipal solid waste landfill located within the ground-water recharge area of the Floridan aquifer shall occur."

*By redesignating Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively.*

The President ruled the Ligon, Tillery amendment #2 to the committee substitute not germane to the underlying bill.

Senators Harbin of the 16th, McKoon of the 29th, Ligon of the 3rd and Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment #3:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment substitute to SB 191 (LC 36 3343S) by replacing line 7 with the following:*

Natural Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to place conditions on the use

*By replacing line 207 with the following:*  
by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 15A

50-15A-1.

The provisions of 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B as such existed on January 1, 2017, regarding government burdens on the free exercise of religion, shall in like manner apply to this state or any political subdivision thereof."

**SECTION 3.1.**

Said title is further amended by revising by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 50-23-32, relating to powers and duties of the

*By replacing line 295 with the following:*

For purposes of Section 3 and proposing rules and regulations, this Act shall become effective upon its

The President ruled the Harbin, et al. amendment #3 to the committee substitute not germane to the underlying bill.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C

Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
N Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	N Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 13.

SB 191, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 12:35 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 1:30 p.m.

At 1:33 p.m. David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, called the Senate to order.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 241. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Miller of the 49th, Watson of the 1st and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions of the electronic data base of prescription information; to transfer responsibilities for the electronic data base of prescription information of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the department's authority to continue the maintenance and development of the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for definitions; to change the frequency of reporting provision; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the department to maintain and administer the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 241:



A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions of the electronic data base of prescription information; to transfer responsibilities for the electronic data base of prescription information of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the department's authority to continue the maintenance and development of the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for definitions; to change the frequency of reporting provision; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the department to maintain and administer the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, is amended by adding new paragraphs to Code Section 16-13-21, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

"(6.3) 'De-identified' means data that has been processed to remove personal identifiers from the health information in compliance with the standard and implementation rules of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, P.L. 104-191."

"(7.1) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-57, relating to program to record prescription information into electronic data base, administration, and oversight, as follows:

"16-13-57.

(a) Subject to funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise available for such purpose, the ~~agency~~ department shall, in consultation with members of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the State Board of Pharmacy, and the agency, establish and maintain a program to electronically record into an electronic data base prescription information resulting from the dispensing of Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances and to electronically review such prescription information that has been entered into such data base. The purpose of such program shall be to assist in the reduction of the abuse of controlled substances; to improve, enhance, and encourage a better quality of health care by promoting the proper use of medications to treat pain and terminal illness; ~~and~~ to reduce duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of controlled substance practices; for health oversight purposes; and to

gather data for epidemiological research.

(b) Such program shall be administered by the ~~agency at the direction and oversight of the board~~ department."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-58, relating to funds for development and maintenance of program and granting of funds to dispensers, as follows:

"16-13-58.

(a) The ~~agency~~ department shall be authorized to apply for available grants and may accept any gifts, grants, donations, and other funds to assist in developing and maintaining the program established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57; provided, however, that neither the ~~board, agency, department~~ nor any other state entity shall accept a grant that requires as a condition of the grant any sharing of information that is inconsistent with this part.

(b) The ~~agency~~ department shall be authorized to grant funds to dispensers for the purpose of covering costs for dedicated equipment and software for dispensers to use in complying with the reporting requirements of Code Section 16-13-59. Such grants to dispensers shall be funded by gifts, grants, donations, or other funds received by the ~~agency~~ department for the operation of the program established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57. The ~~agency~~ department shall be authorized to establish standards and specifications for any equipment and software purchased pursuant to a grant received by a dispenser pursuant to this Code section. Nothing in this part shall be construed to require a dispenser to incur costs to purchase equipment or software to comply with this part.

(c) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require any appropriation of state funds."

### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-59, relating to information to include for each Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance prescription and compliance, as follows:

"16-13-59.

(a) For purposes of the program established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57, each dispenser shall submit to the ~~agency~~ department by electronic means information regarding each prescription dispensed for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance. The information submitted for each prescription shall include at a minimum, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) DEA permit number or approved dispenser facility controlled substance identification number;
- (2) Date the prescription was dispensed;
- (3) Prescription serial number;
- (4) If the prescription is new or a refill;
- (5) National Drug Code (NDC) for drug dispensed;

- (6) Quantity and strength dispensed;
  - (7) Number of days supply of the drug;
  - (8) Patient's name;
  - (9) Patient's address;
  - (10) Patient's date of birth;
  - (11) Patient gender;
  - (12) Method of payment;
  - (13) Approved prescriber identification number or prescriber's DEA permit number;
  - (14) Date the prescription was issued by the prescriber; and
  - (15) Other data elements consistent with standards established by the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy, if designated by regulations of the agency department.
- (b) Each dispenser shall submit the prescription information required in subsection (a) of this Code section in accordance with transmission methods and frequency requirements established by the agency department ~~on at least a weekly basis and shall report, at a minimum, such prescription information no later than ten days after the prescription is dispensed.~~ If a dispenser is temporarily unable to comply with this subsection due to an equipment failure or other circumstances, such dispenser shall notify the ~~board and agency~~ the department.
- (c) The agency department may issue a waiver to a dispenser that is unable to submit prescription information by electronic means acceptable to the agency department. Such waiver may permit the dispenser to submit prescription information to the agency department by paper form or other means, provided all information required in subsection (a) of this Code section is submitted in this alternative format and in accordance with the frequency requirements established pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Requests for waivers shall be submitted in writing to the agency department.
- (d) The agency department shall not revise the information required to be submitted by dispensers pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section more frequently than annually. Any such change to the required information shall neither be effective nor applicable to dispensers until six months after the adoption of such changes.
- (e) The agency department shall not access or allow others to access any identifying prescription information from the electronic data base after two years from the date such information was originally received by the agency department. The agency department may retain ~~aggregated de-identified~~ prescription information for ~~a period of two years from the date the information is received~~ more than two years but shall promulgate regulations and procedures that will ensure that any identifying information the agency department receives from any dispenser or reporting entity that is two years old or older is deleted or destroyed on an ongoing basis in a timely and secure manner.
- (f) A dispenser may apply to the agency department for an exemption to be excluded from compliance with this Code section if compliance would impose an undue hardship on such dispenser. The agency department shall provide guidelines and criteria for what constitutes an undue hardship.

(g) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'dispenser' shall include any pharmacy or facility physically located in another state or foreign country that in any manner ships, mails, or delivers a dispensed controlled substance into this state."

#### SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-60, relating to privacy and confidentiality, use of data, and security program, as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c), (c.1), and (d) of this Code section, prescription information submitted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-59 shall be confidential and shall not be subject to open records requirements, as contained in Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(b) The agency department, in conjunction with the board, shall establish and maintain strict procedures to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of patients, prescribers, and patient and prescriber information collected, recorded, transmitted, and maintained pursuant to this part are protected. Such information shall not be disclosed to any person or entity except as specifically provided in this part and only in a manner which in no way conflicts with the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, P.L. 104-191. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the agency from accessing prescription information as a part of an investigation into suspected or reported abuses or regarding illegal access of the data. Such information may be used in the prosecution of an offender who has illegally obtained prescription information.

(c) The agency department shall be authorized to provide requested prescription information collected pursuant to this part only as follows:

(1) To persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances for the sole purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care to a specific patient or to delegates of such persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in accordance with the following:

(A) Such delegates are members of the prescriber or dispenser's staff and retrieve and review information and reports strictly for purposes of determining usage, misuse, abuse, or underutilization of prescribed medication;

(B) Such delegates are licensed, registered, or certified by the state regulatory board governing the delegating prescriber or dispenser, and the delegating prescriber or dispenser shall be held responsible for the use of the information and data by their delegates; and

(C) All information ~~and reports~~ retrieved and reviewed by delegates shall be maintained in a secure and confidential manner in accordance with the requirements of subsection (f) of this Code section;

(2) Upon the request of a patient, prescriber, or dispenser about whom the prescription information requested concerns or upon the request on his or her behalf of his or her attorney;

(3) To local or state law enforcement or prosecutorial officials pursuant to the issuance of a search warrant from an appropriate court or official in the county in

which the office of such law enforcement or prosecutorial officials are located pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 or to federal law enforcement or prosecutorial officials pursuant to the issuance of a search warrant pursuant to 21 U.S.C. or a grand jury subpoena pursuant to 18 U.S.C.; and

(4) To the agency, the Georgia Composite Medical Board or any other state regulatory board governing prescribers or dispensers in this state, or the Department of Community Health for purposes of the state Medicaid program, for health oversight purposes, or upon the issuance of a subpoena by such agency, board, or department pursuant to their existing subpoena power or to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services upon the issuance of a subpoena by the federal government pursuant to its existing subpoena powers.

(c.1) An individual authorized to access electronic data base prescription information pursuant to this part may:

(1) Communicate concerns about a patient's potential usage, misuse, abuse, or underutilization of a controlled substance with ~~other~~ prescribers and dispensers that are involved in the patient's health care; ~~or~~ and

(2) Report potential violations of this article to the agency for review or investigation.

Following such review or investigation, the agency ~~may~~ shall:

(A) Refer instances of a patient's possible personal misuse or abuse of controlled substances to the patient's primary prescriber to allow for potential intervention and impairment treatment;

(B) Refer probable violations of controlled substances being acquired for illegal distribution, and not solely for a patient's personal use, to the appropriate authorities, including the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, for further investigation and potential prosecution; or

(C) Refer probable regulatory violations by prescribers or dispensers to the regulatory board governing such person.

(d) The ~~board~~ department may provide ~~statistical~~ de-identified data to government entities and other entities for statistical, research, educational, instructional, drug abuse prevention, or grant application purposes after removing information that could be used to identify prescribers ~~or individual patients or persons who received prescriptions from dispensers~~; ~~the board may provide nonpatient specific data to the agency for instructional, drug abuse prevention, and research purposes.~~

(e) Any person or entity ~~who~~ that receives electronic data base prescription information or related reports relating to this part from the ~~agency~~ department shall not ~~provide~~ disclose such information or reports to any other person or entity except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as otherwise permitted pursuant to this part.

(f) Any permissible user identified in this part who directly accesses electronic data base prescription information shall implement and maintain a comprehensive information security program that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that are substantially equivalent to the security measures of the ~~agency~~ department. The permissible user shall identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information that

could result in the unauthorized disclosure, misuse, or other compromise of the information and shall assess the sufficiency of any safeguards in place to control the risks.

(g) No provision in this part shall be construed to modify, limit, diminish, or impliedly repeal any authority ~~existing on June 30, 2011,~~ of a licensing or regulatory board or any other entity so authorized to obtain prescription information from sources other than the data base maintained pursuant to this part; provided, however, that the agency department shall be authorized to release information from the data base only in accordance with the provisions of this part."

#### SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-61, relating to the Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee, members, terms, officers, procedure, and compensation, as follows:

"16-13-61.

(a) There is established an Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee for the purposes of consulting with and advising the agency department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of how prescriptions are electronically reviewed pursuant to this part. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, data collection, regulation of access to data, evaluation of data to identify benefits and outcomes of the reviews, communication to prescribers and dispensers as to the intent of the reviews and how to use the data base, and security of data collected.

(b) The advisory committee shall consist of ~~ten~~ eleven members as follows:

(1) A representative from the agency department;

(2) A representative from the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(3) A representative from the Georgia Board of Dentistry;

(4) A representative with expertise in personal privacy matters, appointed by the president of the State Bar of Georgia;

(5) A representative from a specialty profession that deals in addictive medicine, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(6) A pain management specialist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(7) An oncologist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(8) A representative from a hospice or hospice organization, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(9) A representative from the State Board of Optometry; ~~and~~

(10) The consumer member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-21; and

(11) A representative from the agency.

(c) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve a three-year term or until the appointment and qualification of such member's successor.

(d) The advisory committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its membership to serve a term of one year. The vice chairperson shall serve as the

chairperson at times when the chairperson is absent.

(e) The advisory committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon request by at least three of the members and shall meet at least one time per year. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

(f) The members shall receive no compensation or reimbursement of expenses from the state for their services as members of the advisory committee."

#### **SECTION 7.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 16-13-62, relating to rules and regulations, as follows:

"16-13-62.

The agency department shall establish rules and regulations to implement the requirements of this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed to authorize the agency department to establish policies, rules, or regulations which limit, revise, or expand or purport to limit, revise, or expand any prescription or dispensing authority of any prescriber or dispenser subject to this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed to impede, impair, or limit a prescriber from prescribing pain medication in accordance with the pain management guidelines developed and adopted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board."

#### **SECTION 8.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 16-13-64, relating to violations, criminal penalties, and civil damages, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) A dispenser who knowingly and intentionally fails to submit prescription information to the agency department as required by this part or knowingly and intentionally submits incorrect prescription information shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for each such offense by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine not to exceed \$50,000.00, or both, and such actions shall be reported to the licensing board responsible for issuing such dispenser's dispensing license for action to be taken against such dispenser's license."

#### **SECTION 9.**

Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31, relating to the Department of Public Health, is amended in Code Section 31-2A-4, relating to the obligation to safeguard and promote health of people of the state, by revising paragraphs (13) and (14) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(13) Exchange data with the Department of Community Health for purposes of health improvement and fraud prevention for programs operated by the Department of Community Health pursuant to mutually agreed upon data sharing agreements and in accordance with federal confidentiality laws relating to health care; ~~and~~

(14) Provide The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia the data set forth in Code Section 15-12-40.1, without charge and in the electronic format requested; and

(15) Maintain and administer the electronic data base of prescription information established under Code Section 16-13-57."

### SECTION 10.

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

Senators Heath of the 31st and Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 241 (LC 37 2387S) by deleting line 10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

base of prescription information; to amend Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospice care, so as to provide for the disposal of controlled substances upon the death of a hospice patient; to provide for a definition; to provide for persons authorized to dispose of controlled substances; to provide for a time frame; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;

*By inserting after line 282 the following:*

Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospice care, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-180.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'controlled substance' means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of Code Sections 16-13-25 through 16-13-29.

(b) When a person dies while lawfully in possession of a controlled substance for personal use, any person lawfully entitled to dispose of the decedent's property may deliver the controlled substance to another person for the purpose of disposal under the same conditions as provided for ultimate users pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 822(g) (4). An ultimate user includes a person who has lawfully obtained and possesses a controlled substance for his or her own use or for use by a member of his or her household pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 802(27). A member of the hospice patient family unit or the hospice care team as such terms are defined in this article shall be authorized to dispose of the deceased patient's controlled substances under this Code section. Such controlled substances shall be disposed of in accordance with the federal Controlled Substances Act. Such disposal shall be conducted within 72 hours of the death of the patient."

### SECTION 11.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Heath, Unterman amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.



The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 0.

SB 241, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 126. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, so as to change provisions relating to the venue of actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 126:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, so as to change provisions relating to the venue of actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, is amended by revising Code Section 50-21-28, relating to venue of actions, as follows:

"50-21-28.

All tort actions against the state under this article shall be brought in the state or superior court of the county wherein the tort giving rise to the loss occurred; provided, however, that, wrongful death actions may be brought in the county wherein the tort giving rise to the loss occurred or the county wherein the decedent died, and provided, further, that in any case in which an officer or employee of the state may be included as a defendant in his or her individual capacity, the action may be brought in the county of residence of such officer or employee. All actions against the state for losses sustained in any other state shall be brought in the county of residence of any officer or employee residing in this state upon whose actions or omissions the claim against the state is based."

**SECTION 2.**

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

Senators McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Payne of the 54th and Ligon of the 3rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend LC 29 7443S to SB 126

by redesignating Section 2 as Section 4 and inserting after Line 18 the following:

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

“Chapter 15A

50-15A-1

The provisions of 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B as such existed on January 1, 2017, regarding government burdens on the free exercise of religion, shall in like manner apply to this state or any political subdivision thereof.”

Senator Henson of the 41st requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President Pro Tempore ruled the amendment not germane.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

SB 126, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

Mar. 3, 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 126. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ N.G. Orrock  
District 36

The President resumed the Chair.

SB 226. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to change certain provisions relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages; to change provisions relating to certain annual production requirements for Georgia farm wineries; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 226:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to change certain provisions relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages; to change provisions relating to certain annual production requirements for Georgia farm wineries; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is amended by revising Code Section 3-6-21.1, relating to licensing of farm wineries to engage in retail and wholesale sales, surety bond, and excise taxes, as follows:

"3-6-21.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Farm winery' means a winery which makes at least 40 percent of its annual production from agricultural produce grown in the state where the winery is located and:

(A) Is located on premises, a substantial portion of which is used for agricultural purposes, including the cultivation of grapes, berries, or fruits to be utilized in the manufacture or production of wine by the winery; or

(B) Is owned and operated by persons who are engaged in the production of a substantial portion of the agricultural produce used in its annual production.

For purposes of this paragraph, the commissioner shall determine what is a substantial portion of such winery premises or agricultural produce.

(2) 'Georgia farm winery' means a farm winery which is licensed by the commissioner to manufacture wine in Georgia.

(3) 'Tasting room' means an outlet for the promotion of a farm winery's wine by

providing samples of such wine to the public and for the sale of such wine at retail for consumption on the premises and for sale in closed packages for consumption off the premises. Samples of wine can be given free of charge or for a fee.

(b) The commissioner may authorize any Georgia farm winery to offer wine samples and to make retail sales of its wine and the wine of any other Georgia farm winery in tasting rooms at the winery and at five additional locations in this state for consumption on the premises and in closed packages for consumption off the premises; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provisions of this title to the contrary, if the licensee is also issued a license pursuant to Code Section 3-4-24, the commissioner shall not authorize more than one tasting room for such Georgia farm winery and shall require that such tasting room shall be located on the licensed premises of the Georgia farm winery; and provided, further, that the Georgia farm winery shall not sell its wine or the wine of any other farm winery in more than one tasting room, and such tasting room shall be located on the licensed premises of the Georgia farm winery. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'licensed premises' shall mean the premises for which the farm winery license is issued or property located contiguous to the farm winery and owned by the farm winery.

(c)(1) The commissioner may authorize any licensee which is a farm winery to sell up to 24,000 gallons per calendar year of its wine at wholesale within the state; provided, however, that the commissioner shall not authorize any licensed farm winery to sell its wine at wholesale unless such licensed farm winery shall have first offered its products for sale at a fair market wholesale price to a licensed Georgia wholesaler and such wholesaler does not accept the farm winery's product within 30 days of such offer.

(2) A farm winery licensee shall also be authorized to sell, deliver, or ship its wine in bulk or in bottles, whether labeled or unlabeled, in accordance with regulations of the commissioner, to Georgia farm winery licensees and shall be authorized to acquire and receive deliveries and shipments of such wine made by Georgia farm winery licensees.

(3) A Georgia farm winery licensee shall be authorized, in accordance with regulations of the commissioner, to acquire and receive deliveries and shipments of wine in bulk from out-of-state producers and shippers in an amount not to exceed ~~20~~ 40 percent of its annual production, provided that the Georgia farm winery licensee receiving any such shipment or shipments files timely reports with the commissioner and keeps such records of the receipt of such shipment or shipments as may be required by the commissioner.

(4) Any wine received in bulk pursuant to ~~paragraph (3)~~ paragraph 3 of this subsection shall have levied thereon the requisite taxes as prescribed by Code Section 3-6-50, and such taxes shall be reported and remitted to the commissioner as provided in Code Section 3-2-6.

(d) The annual license tax for each license issued pursuant to this Code section shall be \$50.00.

(e) The surety bond required as a condition upon issuance of a license pursuant to this

Code section shall be the same as that required pursuant to Code Section 3-6-21 with respect to wineries.

(f) Wines sold at retail by a manufacturer as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section shall have levied thereon an excise tax as prescribed by Code Section 3-6-50, and such tax shall be reported and remitted to the commissioner as provided in Code Section 3-2-6."

### **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### **SECTION 3.**

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

Senators Unterman of the 45th, Millar of the 40th, Hill of the 6th and Jones of the 25th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 226 (LC 36 3320S) by inserting after "wineries;" on line 3 the following:*

to provide that governing authorities of counties and municipalities in which the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is lawful may authorize sales of such alcoholic beverages during certain times on Sundays; to change the times on Sundays during which farm wineries may sell certain wine for consumption on the premises.

*By inserting after line 8 the following:*

amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 3-3-7, relating to local authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, as follows:

"(s) Notwithstanding other laws, in all counties or municipalities in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the governing authority of the county or municipality, as appropriate, may by adoption of a resolution or ordinance authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight."

### **SECTION 1.1**

Said title is further

*By inserting after line 69 the following:*

### **SECTION 1.2**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-6-21.2, relating to Sunday sales on farm wineries, off-site sales, and sales in special entertainment districts, as follows:

"3-6-21.2.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title to the contrary, in all counties in which the sale of wine is lawful by a farm winery and in all municipalities in which the sale of wine is lawful by a farm winery, a farm winery which is licensed to sell its wine in a tasting room or other licensed farm winery facility within the county or municipality, as the case may be, ~~for consumption on the premises or in closed packages for consumption off the premises~~ shall be authorized to sell its wine and the wine of any other Georgia farm winery licensee ~~on Sundays from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight in the~~ in a tasting room or other licensed farm winery facility for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight or in closed packages for consumption off the premises on Sundays from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight, to the same extent as its county or municipal license would otherwise permit. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to authorize a farm winery to sell wine as provided in this Code section on any other premises which are not actually located on the property where such farm wine is produced, except in special entertainment districts designated by the local governing authority of the county or municipality, as applicable."

Senators Cowser of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st and Kennedy of the 18th offers the following amendment #1a:

*Amend the AM 37 0355 to the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 226 (LC 36 3320S) by deleting lines 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

*"Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to SB 226 (LC 36 3320S) by inserting between "beverages;" and "to" on line 2 the following:*

*to provide that in each county or municipality in which the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is lawful, the governing authority of such county or municipality may authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays between 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 Midnight, if approved by referendum; to provide procedures; to specify that rejection shall not nullify prior election results for approval of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays;*

*By inserting between "wineries;" and "to" on line 3 the following:*

*to provide for payment of the expense of a referendum election; to provide for farm wineries to sell wine earlier than 12:30 P.M. on Sundays under certain circumstances;*

*By inserting between lines 8 and 9 the following:*

*amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 3-3-7, relating to local authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, as follows:*

*"(s)(1) Notwithstanding other laws, in each county or municipality in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the governing*

authority of the county or municipality, as appropriate, may authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight, if such Sunday sales are approved by referendum as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) Any governing authority desiring to permit and regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight, pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall so provide by proper resolution or ordinance specifying the hours during such period when such sales may occur. Upon receipt of the resolution or ordinance, the election superintendent shall issue the call for an election for the purpose of submitting the question the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight to the electors of that county or municipality for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall issue the call and shall conduct the election on a date and in the manner authorized under Code Section 21-2-540. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the date of the election in the official organ of the county. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

' ( ) YES Shall the governing authority of (name of county or municipality) be authorized to permit and regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays between the hours of 10:30 A.M. until and 12:00 Midnight?'

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight shall vote 'Yes,' and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast on the question are for approval of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight, the resolution or ordinance approving such sales shall become effective upon the date so specified in that resolution or ordinance. If more than one-half of the votes cast on the question are for disapproval of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight, such rejection shall not nullify the prior election results for approval of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays pursuant to any provision of this title nor shall such rejection nullify any resolution or ordinance allowing such sales on Sundays at certain times, facilities, or locations as otherwise authorized under this title.

(3) The expense of the election shall be borne by the county or municipality in which the election is held. The election superintendent shall canvass the returns, declare the result of the election, and certify the result to the Secretary of State."



**SECTION 2.**

Said title is further

*By redesignating Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 4 and 5, respectively, and inserting between lines 69 and 70 the following:*

**SECTION 3.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-6-21.2, relating to Sunday sales on farm wineries, off-site sales, and sales in special entertainment districts, as follows:

"3-6-21.2.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title to the contrary, in all counties in which the sale of wine is lawful by a farm winery and in all municipalities in which the sale of wine is lawful by a farm winery, a farm winery which is licensed to sell its wine in a tasting room or other licensed farm winery facility within the county or municipality, as the case may be, for consumption on the premises or in closed packages for consumption off the premises shall be authorized to sell its wine and the wine of any other Georgia farm winery licensee on Sundays from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight ~~in the~~ in a tasting room or other licensed farm winery facility, to the same extent as its county or municipal license would otherwise permit; provided, however, that if such sales of wine on Sundays are lawful at a time earlier than 12:30 P.M. within the county or municipality in which the licensed premises of the Georgia farm winery is located, the Georgia farm winery shall be authorized to sell its wine and the wine of any other Georgia farm winery licensee beginning at such earlier time. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed so as to authorize a farm winery to sell wine as provided in this Code section on any other premises which are not actually located on the property where such farm wine is produced, except in special entertainment districts designated by the local governing authority of the county or municipality, as applicable."

Senator Unterman of the 45th asked unanimous consent that her amendment be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the Unterman, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was withdrawn.

The Cowsert, et al. amendment #1a was therefore rendered moot.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	N Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

SB 226, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 271. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 167th, Spencer of the 180th, Hogan of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to shore protection, so as to revise various provisions relative to shore protection; to revise and add definitions; to establish authority and powers of the Department of Natural Resources; to revise provisions relating to permit activities and procedures; to provide for applicability; to strike obsolete language and correct cross-references; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 292. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, Code Section 35-3-34, and Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and general provisions regarding torts, respectively, so as to provide for, revise, and clarify laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 413. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 44 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to provide for regulation of certain

matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for venue in proceedings against rural telephone cooperatives; to change certain provisions relating to the bylaws of rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for return of revenues upon the death of a member of a rural telephone cooperative; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

SR 228. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of certain state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SR 228, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

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Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SR 228. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Burt Jones  
District 25

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SR 229. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 4th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Bleckley, Cherokee, Douglas, Evans, Glynn, Hall, Laurens, Rockdale, Upson, and Walton Counties; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery

Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SR 229, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SB 222. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 45, and 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, public officers and employees, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for members, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities; to change certain provisions relating to the remittance of 9-1-1 charges; to provide for payment by service suppliers to the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for legal representation; to provide for penalties and interest for noncompliance; to revise definitions relative to the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Henson of the 41st, Jeffares of the 17th and others offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend SB 222 (LC 28 8368ER) by inserting after "cost recovery fee" on line 664 ", not to exceed 45 cents per month,".*

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Tillery, et al. amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	E Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 3.

SB 222, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SB 99. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Harper of the 7th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of the Georgia Crime Information Center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, so as to provide for a judicial procedure for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the center for the purpose of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the retention of a person's involuntary hospitalization information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to SB 99:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so as to clarify the type of hospitalization as an inpatient in any mental hospital that

prohibits the issuance of a weapons carry license; to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of the Georgia Crime Information Center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, so as to provide for judicial procedures for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the center for the purpose of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the retention of a person's involuntary hospitalization information; to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so to require judicial notification to certain persons admitted to certain facilities of certain firearm prohibitions that attach to such admission; to provide for retention of jurisdiction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, is amended by revising subparagraph (b)(2)(J) as follows:

"(J) Except as provided for in subsection (b.1) of this Code section, any person who has been involuntarily hospitalized as an inpatient in any mental hospital or alcohol or drug treatment center within the five years immediately preceding the application. The judge of the probate court may require any applicant to sign a waiver authorizing any mental hospital or treatment center to inform the judge whether or not the applicant has been an inpatient in any such facility in the last five years and authorizing the superintendent of such facility to make to the judge a recommendation regarding whether the applicant is a threat to the safety of others and whether a license to carry a weapon should be issued. When such a waiver is required by the judge, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$3.00 for reimbursement of the cost of making such a report by the mental health hospital, alcohol or drug treatment center, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, which the judge shall remit to the hospital, center, or department. The judge shall keep any such hospitalization or treatment information confidential. It shall be at the discretion of the judge, considering the circumstances surrounding the hospitalization and the recommendation of the superintendent of the hospital or treatment center where the individual was a patient, to issue the weapons carry license or renewal license;"

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 35-3-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of the Georgia Crime Information Center, and provision of



certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e)(1) The Georgia Crime Information Center shall be authorized to provide criminal history records, wanted person records, and involuntary hospitalization records information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any successor agency for the sole purpose of inclusion in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System in accordance with the federal Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 921, et seq.; provided, however, that with respect to involuntary hospitalization records, the center shall forward only such information as is necessary to identify such persons.

(2) The records of the ~~Georgia Crime Information Center~~ center shall include information as to whether a person has been involuntarily hospitalized. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and in order to carry out the provisions of this Code section and Code Section 16-11-172, the ~~Georgia Crime Information Center~~ center shall be provided such information and no other mental health information from the involuntary hospitalization records of the probate courts concerning persons involuntarily hospitalized after March 22, 1995, in a manner agreed upon by ~~the Probate Judges Training Council and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia and the bureau to preserve the confidentiality of patients' rights in all other respects. Further, notwithstanding any other provisions of law and in order to carry out the provisions of this Code section and Code Section 16-11-172, the center shall be provided information as to whether a person has been adjudicated mentally incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime, has been involuntarily hospitalized, or both from the records of the clerks of the superior courts concerning persons involuntarily hospitalized after March 22, 1995, in a manner agreed upon by The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia and the ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau to preserve the confidentiality of patients' rights in all other respects.

(2.1)(A) When a person's mental health information has been submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection, such person may petition the court in which such hospitalization proceedings occurred for relief. A copy of such petition for relief shall be served upon the opposing civil party or the prosecuting attorney, as the case may be, or their successors, who appeared in the underlying case. Within 60 days of the receipt of such petition, such court shall hold a hearing on such petition; provided, however, that such time period may be extended for good cause as determined by the court. The prosecuting attorney may represent the interests of the state at such hearing.

(B) At the hearing provided for under this paragraph, the court shall receive and consider evidence concerning:

(i) The circumstances which caused the petitioner's hospitalization and regarding firearm disabilities from which relief is sought;

(ii) The petitioner's mental health and criminal history records, if any. The court

shall require the petitioner to sign a waiver authorizing the record custodian of any hospital where such petitioner received mental health treatment for such hospitalization or any other facility or outpatient treatment center where he or she received mental health treatment since such hospitalization to release such records to the court. The court shall keep such hospitalization and treatment records confidential to the extent possible;

(iii) The petitioner's reputation, which shall be developed at a minimum through character witness statements, testimony, or other character evidence; and

(iv) Changes in the petitioner's condition or circumstances since the hospitalization relevant to the relief sought.

(C)(i) The court shall issue a written order of its decision on such petition filed under this paragraph no later than 30 days after the hearing.

(ii) The court shall grant such petition if it finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the petitioner will not likely act in a manner dangerous to public safety and that granting the relief will not be contrary to the public interest.

(iii) If the court grants such petition, the clerk of court shall report such order to the center immediately, but in no case later than ten days after the date of such order, and the center shall purge and remove such record that is the subject of the order from any data base in which the center makes available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and notify the United States Attorney General that the basis for such record being made available no longer is applicable, as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after receipt of such order.

(iv) No petition for relief may be filed within a period of one year from the date of the final order on a previous petition for relief.

(2.2)(A) After five years have elapsed from the date that a person's involuntary hospitalization information has been received by the Georgia Crime Information Center or not purged for an additional five-year period as provided for under this paragraph, the center shall purge its records of such information as soon as practicable and in any event purge such records within 30 days after the expiration of such five-year period provided for in this paragraph.

(B) Within 30 days of the expiration of such five-year period, the center shall notify the court retaining jurisdiction over the case of a person's involuntary hospitalization of the pending expiration of such five-year period. Within 15 days of the receipt of such notice, such court retaining jurisdiction shall decide whether, in its discretion based upon the facts of the underlying case, to hold a hearing to determine whether public safety and the public interest requires that such person's involuntary hospitalization information not be purged for an additional five-year period.

(C)(i) If the court decides not to hold a hearing, the court shall issue an order of its decision not to hold a hearing and the clerk of court shall report such order to the center immediately, but in no case later than ten days after the date of such decision, and the center shall purge and remove such record that is the subject of the order from any data base in which the center makes available to the National

Instant Criminal Background Check System and notify the United States Attorney General that the basis for such record being made available is no longer applicable, as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after receipt of such order.

(ii) If the court decides to hold a hearing, the court shall issue a notice of hearing to the person whose involuntary hospitalization records are the subject of such hearing and the opposing civil party or the prosecuting attorney, as the case may be, or their successors, who appeared in the underlying case. The court shall hold such hearing within 30 days of its decision to hold a hearing; provided, however, that in its discretion the court may extend the time for the holding of such hearing for good cause. The provisions of subparagraphs (D) and (E) shall apply to such hearing.

(D) At the hearing provided for under this paragraph, the court shall receive and consider evidence concerning:

(i) The circumstances which caused the person's hospitalization and regarding firearm disabilities from which relief is sought;

(ii) The person's mental health and criminal history records, if any. The court shall require the person to sign a waiver authorizing the record custodian of any hospital where such person received mental health treatment for such hospitalization or any other facility or outpatient treatment center where he or she received mental health treatment since such hospitalization to release such records to the court. The court shall keep such hospitalization and treatment records confidential to the extent possible;

(iii) The person's reputation, which shall be developed at a minimum through character witness statements, testimony, or other character evidence; and

(iv) Changes in the person's condition or circumstances since the hospitalization relevant to the relief sought.

(E)(i) The court shall issue a written order of its decision on such petition filed under this paragraph no later than 30 days after the hearing.

(ii) If the court does not find by clear and convincing evidence that the person will likely act in a manner dangerous to public safety and that purging such records will not be contrary to the public interest, it shall order that such person's involuntary hospitalization information be purged. The clerk of court shall then report such order to the center immediately, but in no case later than ten days after the date of such order, and the center shall purge and remove such record that is the subject of the order from any data base in which the center makes available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and notify the United States Attorney General that the basis for such record being made available no longer is applicable, as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after receipt of such order. Otherwise, the court shall order that the person's involuntary hospitalization not be purged for an additional five-year period; provided, however, that during such additional five-year period the person may petition pursuant to paragraph (2.1) of this subsection.

(2.3)(A) A record shall be kept of hearings conducted pursuant to paragraphs (2.1) and (2.2) of this subsection. Such record shall be exempt from disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(B) Any appeal of the court's ruling filed pursuant to paragraphs (2.1) and (2.2) of this subsection shall be as provided for by the laws governing the appeal of decisions from such court; provided, however, that notwithstanding Code Section 5-3-2, any such appeal from a probate court, as defined in Code Section 15-9-120, shall be by de novo investigation to the superior court.

(C) Information received by a prosecuting attorney pursuant to paragraph (2.1) or (2.2) of this subsection shall not be used against the person who is the subject of the petition in any other case or context unless such information is obtained in such other case or context by other rules of evidence or discovery.

(3)(A) The records of the center shall include information as to whether a person has been involuntarily hospitalized. In order to carry out the provisions of Code Section 16-11-129, the center shall be provided such information and no other mental health information from the records of the probate and superior courts ordering persons to be involuntarily hospitalized. With respect to probate court records, such information shall be provided in a manner agreed upon by the Probate Judges Training Council and the bureau. With respect to superior court records, such information shall be provided in a manner agreed upon by The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia and the bureau. Such records shall be provided in a manner so as to preserve the confidentiality of patients' rights in all other respects.

(B) In order to carry out the provisions of Code Section 16-11-129, the center shall be provided information as to whether a person has been adjudicated mentally incompetent to stand trial or has been found not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime. The clerk of court shall report such information to the center immediately, but in no case later than ten days after such adjudication of mental incompetence or finding of not guilty by reason of insanity."

### SECTION 3.

Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in Code Section 37-3-62, relating to hearing on petition for court ordered evaluation, recipients of hearing notice, appointment of representatives, contents of notice, patient's right to counsel, waiver of hearing, and procedure upon issuance of order for evaluation, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) After a full and fair hearing or, if the hearing is waived, after a full review of the evidence, if the court is satisfied that immediate evaluation is necessary, the court shall issue an order to any peace officer to deliver the patient forthwith to the evaluating facility designated by the department to admit persons ordered by that court to be evaluated. The court shall provide notification to any person admitted to a facility under this Code section of the prohibitions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(d)(4) and (g)(4) that attach to such admission. The court shall retain jurisdiction of the case for purposes of Code Section 35-3-34."

**SECTION 4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 37-7-62, relating to hearing on petition for court ordered evaluation, notice, appointment of representatives, patient's right to counsel, waiver of hearing by patient, and procedure upon issuance of order for evaluation, as follows:

"(b) After a full and fair hearing or, if the hearing is waived, after a full review of the evidence, if the court is satisfied that immediate evaluation is necessary, the court shall issue an order to any peace officer to deliver the patient forthwith to the evaluating facility designated by the department to admit persons ordered by that court to be evaluated. The court shall provide notification to any person admitted to a facility under this Code section of the prohibitions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(d)(4) and (g)(4) that attach to such admission. The court shall retain jurisdiction of the case for purposes of Code Section 35-3-34."

**SECTION 5.**

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

Senators Heath of the 31st, Harper of the 7th and Mullis of the 53rd offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to SB 99 (LC 41 1109S) by replacing lines 1 through 3 with the following:*

To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to change provisions relating to the definition of a term; to clarify the type of hospitalization as an inpatient in any mental hospital that prohibits

*By replacing lines 19 through 21 with the following:*

Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-11-125.1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Knife' means a cutting pointed or sharp edged instrument ~~designed for the purpose of offense and defense~~ consisting of a blade that is greater than five 12 inches in length which is fastened to a handle."

**SECTION 1A.**

Said part is further amended by revising subparagraph (b)(2)(J) of Code Section 16-11-129, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, as follows:

Senators Harper of the 7th, Henson of the 41st, Dugan of the 30th and Heath of the 31st offered the following amendment #1a:

AM 29 2596 to SB 99 (LC 41 1109S)

by striking lines 11 - 13 and replacing it with

“(2) ‘Knife’ means a cutting instrument designed for the purpose of offense and defense consisting of a blade that is greater than 12 inches in length which is fastened to a handle.”

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Harper, et al. amendment #1a to the Heath, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #1 as amended, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Henson of the 41st called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 41, nays 12, and the Heath, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

SB 99, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 3, 2017

Due to slowness, due to handicap, in the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 99. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Donzella J. James  
District 35

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

- HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- HB 197. By Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Hatchett of the 150th, Kelley of the 16th, Brockway of the 102nd and Bonner of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act, so as to provide for requirements for solicitations of services for obtaining a copy of an instrument conveying real estate; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

- HB 271. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 167th, Spencer of the 180th, Hogan of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to shore protection, so as to revise various provisions relative to shore protection; to revise and add definitions; to establish authority and powers of the Department of Natural Resources; to revise provisions relating to permit activities and procedures; to provide for applicability; to strike obsolete language and correct cross-references; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

- HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of



handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 292. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, Code Section 35-3-34, and Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and general provisions regarding torts, respectively, so as to provide for, revise, and clarify laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 354. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center, so as to reconstitute the Georgia International and Maritime Trade Center Authority; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for its membership, manner of appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties; to provide for exemption from taxation; to provide for venue; to provide for disposition of property; to exempt its property from levy and sale; to transfer certain assets and liabilities; to authorize the Department of Economic Development to contract with the authority for certain projects; to repeal certain laws; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 375. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 52nd, Hanson of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to modify certain provisions relating to tax executions; to repeal the fee collected for issuing tax executions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 391. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Coomer of the 14th, Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe place for newborns; to expand the locations where a newborn child can be left to include fire stations and police stations; to provide for definitions; to allow the mother to decline to provide her name and address when a child is left in the physical custody of certain facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Judiciary.

HB 413. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 44 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to provide for regulation of certain matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for venue in proceedings against rural telephone cooperatives; to change certain provisions relating to the bylaws of rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for return of revenues upon the death of a member of a rural telephone cooperative; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 448. By Representatives Williams of the 119th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dempsey of the 13th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education, so as to require certain education and

postsecondary educational institutions to qualify for exemptions with the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission and the maintenance of exemptions provided for under such part; to provide for an exception; to provide for the promulgation of rules, regulations, and policies for the effectuation of such exemptions; to revise the membership of the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; to provide for completion of current terms of appointment to the commission; to revise the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 461. By Representative Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Heard County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 502. By Representative Cooke of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Bremen to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 503. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Randolph County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide a method for the selection, resignation, and removal of its members and for filling vacancies; to provide for the qualification, terms, and oath of its members; to provide for rules and operation of the joint board; to provide for employees of the joint board; to provide for compensation; to provide for expenditures of funds and reimbursement; to provide for definitions; to repeal an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Randolph County; to provide for

related matters; to provide for effective dates, abolishment of the previous board, and the transfer of certain of its property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 504. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Corbett of the 174th and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority as a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and a public corporation, to have the responsibility and authority to promote tourism, trade, and conventions in the City of Waycross, Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 507. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Douglas of the 78th, Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Jonesboro, approved April 4, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4056), as amended, so as to create districts for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for elections by plurality; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 511. By Representative Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Warm Springs, approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4110), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 170. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Gooch of the 51st, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to provide for the certification of volunteers to provide child care services for foster children and their families; to provide for limited immunity; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment by the Department of Human Services of a uniform certification system including varying levels of certification; to provide for statutory construction; to establish the Georgia SERVES Act Advisory Committee and provide for its membership and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Special Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 170:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to provide for the establishment by the Department of Human Services of a uniform volunteer certification system including varying levels of certification; to provide for limited immunity; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to establish a uniform volunteer certification system for the support of public and private agency foster caregivers; to provide for a central data base of Georgia SERVES Volunteers that can be accessed by the department and contracted child welfare agencies to verify the approval status of volunteers; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, is amended in Code Section 49-5-3, relating to definitions relative to children and youth services, by revising paragraph (16) as follows:

"(16) 'Reasonable and prudent parent standard' means the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child, that a caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in foster care under the responsibility of the department to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities, including but

not limited to allowing a Georgia SERVES Volunteer to provide babysitting and mentoring of the child pursuant to Article 1A of this chapter."

### **SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 49-5-12.2, relating to immunity from liability, as follows:

"49-5-12.2.

Any caregiver or other entity under contract with the department shall be immune from civil liability as a result of a caregiver's approval of the participation of a child, who is in the custody of the department, in an age or developmentally appropriate activity, including in activities with or approved by a Georgia SERVES Volunteer, so long as such caregiver or other entity under contract with the department acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard. A caregiver or other entity under contract with the department shall also be immune from civil liability or from penalty by any division of the department, as a result of a caregiver's approval of interaction between a child and a Georgia SERVES Volunteer so long as such caregiver acts in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard. No provision in any agreement between the department and a caregiver or an entity under contract with the department shall diminish the standard of care provided in this Code section."

### **SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

#### "ARTICLE 1A

49-5-30.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia SERVES Act of 2017.'

49-5-31.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to help the Department of Human Services support and thus retain more foster parents and encourage Georgia SERVES Volunteers to become fully approved foster parents if they have a positive volunteering experience. It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish a uniform volunteer process which is separate from the foster parent approval process to provide increased support for approved foster parents who provide care for children in state foster care. The intent of this article is to streamline the volunteer training and approval process, without reducing in any way the ability of the Department of Human Services and its partners to protect children in care. Properly implemented, this system will increase the number of volunteers helping with the foster care system and aid in retention of foster parents. Further, certified volunteers will be able to serve any public or private agency foster parent across county lines and child-placing agencies seamlessly. The focus shall be on better serving foster parents with an engineered support system that assists them in providing normalcy and enabling opportunities for social development, recreation,

academic growth, and positive life experiences, based on a foster caregiver's support needs and the child's developmental, emotional, physical, and other needs. By establishing a uniform volunteer process, this will also decrease the burden on the state and county departments of family and children services to solely provide for support of foster caregivers, manage volunteers, and establish a system whereby foster care volunteers are able to support the work of any public or private child welfare agencies without having to be re-vetted by each agency.

49-5-32.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Babysitting' means informal, short-term child care.
- (2) 'Caregiver' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 49-5-3.
- (3) 'Child-placing agency' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 49-5-3.
- (4) 'Georgia SERVES Volunteer' or 'volunteer' means an individual certified pursuant to this article to provide for varying degrees of support to foster families.
- (5) 'Household support' means assistance provided to foster parents in accomplishing domestic tasks such as meal preparation, yard work, household repairs, maintenance, and other similar activities.
- (6) 'Level I volunteer' means a volunteer certified pursuant to this article to provide household support, babysitting, and mentoring in the foster parents' home or in the community.
- (7) 'Level II volunteer' means a volunteer certified pursuant to this article to provide household support in the foster parents' home and babysitting and mentoring in the foster parents' home and in their own home for up to 72 hours at a time.
- (8) 'Mentoring' means supported services for foster children focused on improving their well-being through a positive adult relationship, role modeling, and support of their academic and social endeavors.

49-5-33.

(a) The department shall establish a uniform certification system and guidelines for individuals serving as volunteers for foster children and their families in this state. The department shall ensure that the system provides for coordination within the department between the Division of Family and Children Services, the Office of Residential Child Care, and any other appropriate divisions or offices to provide for a seamless process for volunteers to become certified pursuant to this article and to serve as a volunteer for any child-placing agency or the department. The department shall establish two certification levels for volunteers, as follows:

- (1) Level I volunteers shall be certified to provide household support, babysitting, and mentoring in the home of the foster child or in the community; and
- (2) Level II volunteers shall be certified to include Level I support and to provide babysitting and mentoring in the volunteer's own home for up to 72 hours at a time.

(b) The department shall provide for issuance of a photo identification card with an expiration date, not to exceed one year from the date of issuance, and level of

certification to each Georgia SERVES Volunteer certified pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Level I and II volunteers shall be subject to fingerprint and criminal background checks pursuant to Code Section 49-5-69.1, subject to checks of publicly available records of the Department of Corrections, Sexual Offender Registry, and State Board of Pardons and Paroles, and subject to self-checks of the child abuse registry pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 49-5-185.

(d) The department shall establish specific requirements for each level of volunteer, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Training requirements for each level of volunteers as appropriate, including, but not limited to, a minimum of two hours of online or in-person training, initially and annually thereafter. Such training may include, as determined appropriate by the department for each level, best standards for care, safety issues, mandatory reporting requirements, and caring for children with therapeutic needs;

(2) Modified home assessments for Level II volunteers, including, but not limited to:

(A) Identifying information on all household members, including name, sex, and age;

(B) A home environmental assessment, including sleeping arrangements for children and confirmation that the home is safe, clean, hazard-free, and has sufficient space, working smoke alarms, and fire extinguishers;

(C) Documentation of driver's license and insurance if the volunteer will be transporting children; and

(D) A brief psychosocial assessment of the volunteer to include his or her understanding of child development, understanding of the Division of Family and Children Services discipline policy and the reasonable and prudent parent standards, and identifying any limitations on which type of children for whom the volunteer will be providing babysitting or mentoring care; and

(3) Specialized requirements for volunteers serving foster children who are medically fragile or who have been diagnosed with an emotional or behavioral disorder.

(e) The department shall be authorized to impose a fee on applicants to cover all reasonable costs of certifying volunteers and establishing and maintaining a state-wide data base pursuant to this article.

(f) No later than July 1, 2018, the department shall establish a state-wide data base of certified volunteers which can be utilized by the department and accessed by contracted child-placing agencies to review volunteer information, including certification levels, safety check results, training, volunteer activities, matches, significant events, the approving entity, and other relevant participation and approval data.

(g) The department may contract with one or more outside entities to assist in establishing and administering the uniform certification system established pursuant to this Code section.

(h) At least every two years, the department shall review and update, as necessary, the certification system and guidelines established pursuant to this article for the certification of volunteers.



49-5-34.

(a) A child-placing agency may accept any volunteer certified at the appropriate level to provide services as needed, regardless of any other child-placing agency affiliation of the volunteer.

(b) Caregivers of foster children shall be given full autonomy to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard, as defined in Code Section 49-5-3, in engaging the services of Georgia SERVES Volunteers.

(c)(1) Nothing in this article shall prevent a child-placing agency from requiring additional standards for its other volunteers.

(2) Nothing in this article shall be construed to require a foster parent to accept any volunteer certified pursuant to this article."

#### **SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 13.

SB 170, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 200. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for synchronizing patients' chronic medications; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

SB 200, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/3/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 200. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Steve Gooch  
District 51

SB 258. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowser of the 46th, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for ineligibility for office for holders of public money of municipalities who refuse or fail to account and pay over such funds to the proper officer; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowser	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

SB 258, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 164. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th and Williams of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to prohibit certain insurers from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible amount greater than such charges imposed on a physician or an osteopath to an insured for services rendered by a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, or chiropractor; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to SB 164:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to prohibit certain insurers from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or office visit deductible amount greater than such charges imposed on a physician or an osteopath to an insured for services rendered by a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, or chiropractor; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'health benefit plan' means any hospital, health, or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, contract or agreement with a health maintenance organization, subscriber contract or agreement, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurance benefit plan, or other insurance contract under any other name. The term shall include any health insurance plan established under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 and under Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49, the 'Georgia

Medical Assistance Act of 1977.'

(b) No health benefit plan issued, delivered, or renewed in this state shall impose a different or additional copayment, coinsurance, or office visit charge to an insured when he or she obtains the services of a licensed physical therapist, a licensed occupational therapist, or a licensed chiropractor than when such insured obtains the services of a primary care physician or licensed osteopath."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 164, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 219. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with automated driving systems on certain public roads; to provide for submission of certain information to the Department of Revenue to operate motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with such systems in certain locations; to provide for notice to local governing authorities; to provide for the collection of data from the operation of such motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of information and data to the General Assembly by the manufacturer of motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SB 219:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to exempt persons operating an automated motor vehicle with the automated driving system engaged from the requirement to hold a driver's license; to provide for satisfaction of requirement to notify law enforcement in certain instances of collisions by automated motor vehicles; to provide for certain equipment and insurance requirements for automated motor vehicles; to provide for registration requirements for such vehicles; to provide for exclusive jurisdiction governing such vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (17.2) and adding three new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(5.1) 'Automated driving system' or 'ADS' means hardware and software that are collectively capable of performing all aspects of the dynamic driving task for a motor vehicle on a part-time or full-time basis without any supervision of, or intervention in, the dynamic driving task by a human operator. As used in this paragraph, 'dynamic driving task' means operational aspects, including steering, braking, accelerating, and monitoring of a vehicle and the roadway, and tactical aspects, including responding to events, determining when to change lanes, turning, using signals, and other related actions. The term 'dynamic driving task' does not include strategic aspects of a

driving task, including, but not limited to, determining destinations or waypoints.

(5.2) 'Automated motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle equipped with an automated driving system."

"(20.1) 'Human operator' means a natural person in a motor vehicle with immediate access to controls for steering, braking, and accelerating."

## SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-21, relating to exemptions to driver's license requirement, by revising paragraphs (11) and (12) and adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) as follows:

"(11) Any resident who is 15 years of age or over while taking actual in-car training in a training vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle under the direct personal supervision of a driving instructor when such driving instructor and training vehicle are licensed by the department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 43, 'The Driver Training School License Act.' As used in the previous sentence, the term 'commercial motor vehicle' shall have the meaning specified in Code Section 40-5-142. All vehicles utilized for the in-car training authorized under this paragraph shall be equipped with dual controlled brakes and shall be marked with signs in accordance with the rules of the department clearly identifying such vehicles as training cars belonging to a licensed driving school. A driving instructor shall test the eyesight of any unlicensed person who will be receiving actual in-car training prior to commencement of such training, and no unlicensed driver shall receive in-car training unless such person has at least the visual acuity and horizontal field of vision as is required for issuance of a driver's license in subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-27; ~~and~~

(12) Any person while operating a personal transportation vehicle:

(A) On any way publicly maintained for the use of personal transportation vehicles by the public and no other types of motor vehicles in accordance with a local ordinance adopted pursuant to Part 3 or 6 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of this title; or

(B) When crossing a street or highway used by other types of motor vehicles at a location designated for such crossing pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 40-6-331 or pursuant to a PTV plan authorized by a local authority as described in Part 6 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of this title; and

(13) An automated motor vehicle with the ADS engaged."

## SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"40-6-279.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter to the contrary, when an accident involves an automated vehicle, the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Sections 40-6-270, 40-6-271, 40-6-272, 40-6-273, and 40-6-273.1 shall be deemed satisfied if the vehicle owner or a person acting on behalf of the vehicle owner, promptly contacts a local law enforcement agency to report such crash or if the automated motor vehicle has the capability of alerting a law enforcement agency to such crash."

"40-8-11.

(a) An automated motor vehicle with the automated driving system engaged may operate without a human driver physically present in the vehicle. Any person operating an automated motor vehicle with the automated driving system engaged on the highways of this state shall ensure such vehicle:

(1) Is capable of being operated in compliance with Chapters 6 and 8 of this title and complies with federal law, unless an exemption has been granted under applicable federal or state law; and

(2) Maintains motor vehicle liability coverage in an amount no less than the requirements of commercial indemnity and liability insurance for limousine carriers under Code Section 40-1-166 or self insurance under Code Section 33-34-5.1.

(b) Prior to operating on the highways of this state, an automated motor vehicle shall be properly registered in accordance with Code Section 40-2-20. If an automated vehicle is registered in this state, the vehicle shall be identified on the registration as an automated motor vehicle.

(c) No motor vehicle laws of this state shall prohibit an ADS from being the operator or driver of a motor vehicle, and no motor vehicle laws of this state shall require a licensed human driver or operator to operate a motor vehicle that is being operated by an ADS under this Code section.

(d) With respect to an automated motor vehicle, the requirements under Code Sections 40-8-76 and 40-8-76.1 shall be the sole responsibility of human occupants of the vehicle and shall not apply to an ADS or an automated motor vehicle.

(e) Unless otherwise provided in this Code section, automated motor vehicles, automated driving systems, and any commercial use or operation of automated motor vehicles are governed exclusively by this Code section."

#### **SECTION 4.**

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

Senators Gooch of the 51st and Miller of the 49th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Transportation Committee substitute to SB 219 (LC 39 1642ERS) by deleting line 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

*in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (38) and adding three*

*By inserting after line 26 the following:*

"(38) 'Operator' means any person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle, or who causes an automated motor vehicle to move or travel with an automated driving system engaged."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Gooch, Miller amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.



On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Cowser	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 219, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/3/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 219. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

SB 242. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 242:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, is amended by revising subsection (g) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g) A Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g.1) of this Code section, a delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section with more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time, except this limitation shall not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse ~~that~~ who is practicing:

- (1) In a hospital licensed under Title 31;
- (2) In any college or university as defined in Code Section 20-8-1;
- (3) In the Department of Public Health;
- (4) In any county board of health;
- (4.1) In any community service board;
- (5) In any free health clinic;
- (6) In a birthing center;
- (7) In any entity:

(A) Which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, and primarily serves uninsured or indigent Medicaid and medicare patients; or

(B) Which has been established under the authority of or is receiving funds pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c of the United States Public Health Service Act;

(8) In any local board of education which has a school nurse program; ~~or~~

(9) In a health maintenance organization that has an exclusive contract with a medical group practice and arranges for the provision of substantially all physician services to enrollees in health benefits of the health maintenance organization; or

(10) In any emergency medical services system operated by, or on behalf of, any county or municipality with a full-time medical director."

(g.1) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section with more than ten advanced practice registered nurses at any one time, may not supervise more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time pursuant to nurse protocol agreements, and shall not be required to conduct any meetings, observations, or review of medical records except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the advanced practice registered nurses practice at a location that:

(1) Maintains evidence-based clinical practice guidelines;

(2) Is accredited by an accrediting body, approved by the board, such as the Joint Commission or a nationally recognized accrediting organization with comparable standards;

(3) Requires the delegating physician to document and maintain a record of review of at least 10 percent of the advanced practice registered nurses' medical records to monitor quality of care being provided to patients, which may be conducted electronically or onsite;

(4) Requires the delegating physician and advanced practice registered nurse to participate in and maintain documentation of quarterly clinical collaboration meetings, either by telephone, in person, or onsite, for purposes of monitoring care being provided to patients; and

(5) Requires the delegating physician's name, contact information, and record of the visit to be provided to the patient's primary care provider of choice with the patient's consent within 24 hours of the visit."

## **SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
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Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
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Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 242, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 3:33 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 4:05 p.m.

At 4:07 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 132. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to repeal and revise provisions requiring such forms be transmitted; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and general provisions for child custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide

for conforming cross-references; to require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 132:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to revise provisions relating to the transmission of such forms; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and general provisions for child custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended by revising Code Section 9-11-133, relating to forms meeting requirements for civil case filing and disposition, as follows:

"9-11-133.

~~(a) The forms set out in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this Code section or forms substantially similar to such forms shall be sufficient to meet the requirements The Judicial Council of Georgia, with the approval of the Supreme Court, shall promulgate forms to be used for civil case filing and disposition ~~forms~~ information; provided, however, that the general civil case filing information form and domestic relations case filing information form shall be required to contain an acknowledgment by the filer that the complaint and any exhibits or other attachments satisfy the redaction requirements of Code Section 9-11-7.1. ~~The civil case forms set out in Exhibit F of the 'Report and Recommendations of the 1997-1998 Court Filings Committee' published by the State Bar of Georgia and dated May 15, 1998, are substantially similar to the forms set out in this Code section.~~~~

~~(b) **General Civil Case Filing Information Form.**~~

~~GENERAL CIVIL CASE FILING  
INFORMATION FORM~~

(NONDOMESTIC)

Court  
 Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 State mm-dd-yyyy  
Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s) (last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

Defendant(s) (last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of plaintiffs \_\_\_\_\_

No. of defendants \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK PRIMARY CASE TYPE:  
(Check only ONE)

IF TORT, IS CASE TYPE:  
(Check no more than TWO)

Contract/Account

Auto Accident

Wills/Estate

Premises Liability

Real Property

Medical Malpractice

Dispossessory/Distress

Other Professional

Personal Property

Negligence

Equity

Product Liability

Habeas Corpus

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Appeals, Reviews

\_\_\_\_\_

Postjudgment Garnishment,  
Attachment, or Other Relief

Are punitive damages pleaded?  
 Yes  No

Nondomestic Contempt

Tort (If tort, fill in right column)

~~Other General Civil (specify)~~

~~(e) Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form.~~

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE FILING  
INFORMATION FORM

Court ~~Superior~~ County \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
mm-dd-yyyy  
Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s)  
(last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

Defendant(s)  
(last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/Petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_

~~Pro Se~~

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTEMPT

CHECK CASE TYPE:  
(one or more)

- ~~Divorce (includes annulment)~~  
Contested? ~~Yes~~ ~~No~~
- ~~Child Custody~~  
issue? ~~Yes~~ ~~No~~
- ~~Child Support~~  
issue? ~~Yes~~ ~~No~~

- ~~Contempt—Custody, Visitation, or Parenting Time~~
- ~~Contempt—Child Support and Alimony~~
- ~~Contempt—Child Support~~
- ~~Contempt—Alimony~~
- ~~Other Domestic Contempt~~

~~Separate Maintenance~~

FAMILY VIOLENCE

~~Additional information~~

- ~~\_\_\_ Adoption~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Paternity (includes legitimation)~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Interstate Support Enforcement Action~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Domestication of Foreign Custody Decree~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Family Violence Act Petition~~

~~Ex Parte Relief~~

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~~Did the initial pleading include a request for relief:~~

- ~~1. From alleged family violence? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- ~~2. Was ex parte relief requested? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~
- ~~3. Was ex parte relief granted? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

~~MODIFICATION~~

~~OTHER~~

- ~~\_\_\_ Modification—Custody, Visitation, or Parenting Time~~  
Does the modification include a parent selection by a child who is at least 14 years of age? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- ~~\_\_\_ Modification—Child Support and Alimony~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Modification—Child Support~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Modification—Alimony~~

~~Have the parties agreed to binding arbitration? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

~~Have the parties reached a custodial agreement? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

~~If yes, is custody:~~

- ~~\_\_\_ Joint custody~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Joint legal custody~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Joint physical custody~~
- ~~\_\_\_ Sole custody to: \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~Financial affidavit submitted? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

~~Child support forms submitted? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

~~(d) General Civil Case Final Disposition Form.~~



GENERAL CIVIL CASE FINAL  
DISPOSITION FORM  
(NONDOMESTIC)

Court  
\_\_\_ Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ State disposed mm dd yyyy  
Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting party \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Title)

Name of plaintiff/petitioner(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of defendant/respondent(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant/respondent's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF DISPOSITION

AWARD

1. \_\_\_ Pretrial Dismissal (specify which type)

A. \_\_\_ Involuntary

B. \_\_\_ Voluntary (without prejudice)

C. \_\_\_ Voluntary (with prejudice)

2. \_\_\_ Pretrial Settlement

3. \_\_\_ Default Judgment

4. \_\_\_ Summary Judgment

1. If verdict for plaintiff, how much was awarded?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ compensatory

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ punitive

2. If verdict on cross or counter-claims, how much was awarded?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ compensatory

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ punitive

3. Did the court modify the

- 5.  Transferred/  
Consolidated award?  
 Yes  No
  - 6.  Bench Trial 4. ~~Were attorneys fees~~
  - 7.  Jury Trial (specify  
outcome further) awarded?  
 Yes  No
  - A.  Dismissal after  
jury selected \_\_\_\_\_
  - B.  Settlement during  
trial ADR
  - C.  Judgment on Verdict 1. ~~Was ADR utilized?~~  
 Yes  No
  - D.  Directed Verdict or  
JNOV 2. ~~If yes, was it (check if~~  
~~applicable):~~  
 court annexed?  
 court mandated?
- 
- 1. Judgment on verdict.  
Was the verdict:  
A.  For plaintiff(s) (all)  
B.  For defendant(s) (all)  
C.  Other: (explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_)
  - 3. ~~Did the matter settle after~~  
~~trial for other than~~  
~~judgment? (If known at~~  
~~the time of this~~  
~~submission)~~  
 Yes  No

**(e) Domestic Relations Case Final Disposition Information form.**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE FINAL  
DISPOSITION INFORMATION FORM**

Court \_\_\_\_\_  
 Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
disposed mm-dd-yyyy  
Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reporting party \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Title)

Name of plaintiff/petitioner(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of defendant/respondent(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant/respondent's attorney

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #

\_\_\_\_\_

~~RELIEF GRANTED (Check all that apply)~~

1. \_\_\_ ~~Ex Parte Relief~~

2. \_\_\_ ~~Temporary Relief~~

3. \_\_\_ ~~Final Relief~~

TYPE OF DISPOSITION

1. ~~Dismissed Without~~

~~Final Order~~

A. \_\_\_ ~~Voluntary (by parties)~~

B. \_\_\_ ~~Involuntary (by court)~~

A. \_\_\_ ~~Divorce/Annulment/ Separate Maintenance~~

B. \_\_\_ ~~Child Custody~~

(i) ~~Parenting plan~~

included? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

(ii) ~~Custodial arrangement:~~

\_\_\_ ~~Joint custody~~

\_\_\_ ~~Joint legal custody~~

\_\_\_ ~~Joint physical custody~~

\_\_\_ ~~Sole custody~~

2. \_\_\_ ~~Pretrial Settlement~~

3. \_\_\_ ~~Judgment on the Pleadings~~

4. \_\_\_ ~~Summary Judgment~~

5. \_\_\_ ~~Trial~~

to: \_\_\_\_\_

A. ~~Bench Trial~~

B. ~~Jury Trial~~

1. ~~\_\_\_ Dismissal after jury selected~~

2. ~~\_\_\_ Settlement during trial~~

3. ~~\_\_\_ Judgment on Verdict~~

4. ~~\_\_\_ Directed Verdict or JNOV~~

ADR

1. ~~Was mediation utilized? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

2. ~~If yes, was it (check if applicable): \_\_\_ court annexed? \_\_\_ court mandated?~~

3. ~~Was there an agreement to binding arbitration? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
~~If yes, what matters were subject to binding arbitration? \_\_\_ Child custody~~

~~(iii) Fourteen year old made parental selection? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

C. ~~Visitation or parenting time~~  
~~Approximate percentage of parenting time per year (or number of days) for: \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father~~  
~~Parenting time was contested? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

D. ~~Child Support~~  
~~(i) Forms attached? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

E. ~~Legitimation/ Paternity~~

F. ~~Alimony~~

G. ~~Contempt~~

H. ~~Equitable Division~~

I. ~~Protective Order~~

~~Finding of family violence? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

J. ~~Adoption~~

K. ~~Attorney's fees? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~  
~~If yes, in what amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and to whom: \_\_\_\_\_~~

L. ~~Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

~~\_\_\_ Visitation or Parenting Time~~ 4. ~~\_\_\_ Dismissed prior to~~  
~~\_\_\_ Parenting Plan~~ ~~granting of relief.~~

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**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3, relating to commencement of action and filing of civil case filing form, as follows:

"(b) At the time of filing the complaint for a civil action in superior court or state court, the plaintiff shall file the appropriate civil case filing form with the clerk of the court. The form shall contain complete information and shall be substantially in the form prescribed ~~in Code Section 9-11-133~~ by the Judicial Council of Georgia. The filing of the complaint shall not be delayed for the filing of the case filing form. If, after a civil action has been filed, the court presiding over the civil action decides that the civil case filing form has not been filed or has been filed incorrectly, the court shall require the plaintiff to file the civil case filing form or an amended form. In no case shall the failure to accurately complete the civil case filing form required by this Code section provide a basis to dismiss a civil action."

**SECTION 2-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58, relating to entry of judgment and filing of civil case disposition form, as follows:

"(b) **When judgment entered.** The filing with the clerk of a judgment, signed by the judge, with the fully completed civil case disposition form constitutes the entry of the judgment, and, unless the court otherwise directs, no judgment shall be effective for any purpose until the entry of the same, as provided in this subsection. As part of the filing of the final judgment, a civil case disposition form shall be filed by the prevailing party or by the plaintiff if the case is settled, dismissed, or otherwise disposed of without a prevailing party; provided, however, that the amount of a sealed or otherwise confidential settlement agreement shall not be disclosed on the civil case disposition form. The form shall be substantially in the form prescribed ~~in Code Section 9-11-133~~ by the Judicial Council of Georgia. If any of the information required by the form is sealed by the court, the form shall state that fact and the information under seal shall not be provided. The entry of the judgment shall not be made by the clerk of the court until the civil case disposition form is filed. The entry of the judgment shall not be delayed for the taxing of costs. This subsection shall not apply to actions brought pursuant to ~~Code Sections 44-7-50 through 44-7-59~~ Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44, relating to landlord and tenant dispossessory proceedings."

**SECTION 2-3.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24, relating to the duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts, as follows:

"(4) Analyze data relating to civil cases ~~collected pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58~~ and on or before the first day of October each year provide such data, analysis, or both data and analysis to the courts and agencies of the judicial branch, agencies of the executive branch, and the chairpersons of the standing committees of each house of the General Assembly that are assigned issues related to courts;"

**SECTION 2-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82, relating to the authority of the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, as follows:

"(a) The commission shall be authorized to:

(1) Define, implement, and administer a state-wide courts automation system including data collection, networking, data storage, retrieval, processing, and distribution;

(2) Coordinate and cooperate with the state's chief information officer with regard to planning, implementation, and administration of a state-wide courts automation system to take advantage of existing state resources where possible;

~~(3) Receive electronic data from the civil case filing and disposition forms that are required to be filed in civil cases pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58 and that are transmitted to the commission by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority in a format and media agreed to by the commission and the authority;~~

~~(4) Compile the civil filings and dispositions data, and provide such data to the Administrative Office of the Courts;~~

~~(5) Participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the duties specified in this paragraph and paragraphs paragraph (2); (3), and (4) of this subsection and for the release of the information from civil case filing and disposition forms;~~

~~(6)~~(4) Administer federal, state, local, and other public or private funds made available to it for implementation of the courts automation system;

~~(7)~~(5) Coordinate state-wide strategies and plans for incorporating county and local governments into the courts automation system, including review of requirements of the several state agencies for documents, reports, and forms and the consolidation, elimination, or conversion of such documents, reports, and forms to formats compatible with electronic transmittal media;

~~(8)~~(6) Establish policies and procedures, rules and regulations, and technical and performance standards for county and local government access to the courts automation system network; and

~~(9)~~(7) Offer advisory services to county and local governments to assist in guiding

their efforts toward automating their court procedures and operations."

#### SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (17) and (18) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-61, relating to duties of superior court clerks generally, as follows:

"(17) To file ~~and transmit~~ all civil case filing and disposition forms ~~required to be filed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58~~ and transmit the data contained on such forms to the Administrative Office of the Courts;

~~(18)(A) To transmit to the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within 30 days of filing the civil case filing and disposition forms prescribed in Code Section 9-11-133.~~

~~(B)~~ To electronically collect and transmit to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority all data elements required in subsection (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 in a form and format required by the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. The data transmitted to the authority pursuant to this ~~Code section~~ paragraph shall be transmitted to the Georgia Crime Information Center in satisfaction of the clerk's duties under subsection (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 and to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission which shall provide the data to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use ~~of~~ by the state judicial branch. Public access to said data shall remain the responsibility of the Georgia Crime Information Center. No release of collected data shall be made by or through the authority;"

#### SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-94, relating to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, as follows:

"(3) The purpose of the authority shall be to provide a cooperative for the development, acquisition, and distribution of record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials for superior court clerks of the state, on such terms and conditions as may be determined to be in the best interest of the operation of the office of the clerk of superior court, local government, and the state, in light of the following factors:

(A) The public interest in providing cost-efficient access to record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials, and a pool which will provide related resources and uniformity;

(B) Cost savings to local government and the state, through efficiency in the provision of record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials;

(C) Fair and adequate compensation to local governments for costs incurred in the operation of the offices of clerks of superior court; and

(D) Such other factors as are in the public interest and welfare.

The authority shall be the sole owner of its compiled and developed information developed through any function performed or any program or system administered on behalf of the authority. For the purposes of this subsection, the authority shall not be considered the sole owner of information developed pursuant to ~~Code Section 15-6-97.1 or~~ Code Section 15-6-97.2 and Article 5 of Chapter 6 of Title 12."

#### SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-6-97.1, relating to the superior court civil case information system and funding, as follows:

~~"(a) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia, in agreement with the Georgia Courts Automation Commission and the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall participate in the development and operation of the civil case filing and disposition information system described in paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24 and paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82. The authority shall provide such data in electronic format to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission within three days of receipt. The media and format shall be determined by the authority and the commission.~~  
~~(b) The authority shall have the power to use funds available and participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the duties described in subsection (a) of this Code section~~ Reserved."

#### SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-7-50, relating to the authority of the clerks of state courts, as follows:

"15-7-50.

Clerks of state courts are authorized and directed to:

- (1) File and enter all civil case filing and disposition forms ~~required to be filed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58;~~
- (2) Transmit to the ~~Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within 30 days of filing~~ Administrative Office of the Courts the data contained on the civil case filing and disposition forms ~~prescribed in Code Section 9-11-133;~~ and
- (3) Participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the duties provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Code section."

#### SECTION 2-9.

Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for child custody proceedings, is amended by revising Code Section 19-9-1.2, relating to the required domestic relations case filing information form, as follows:

"19-9-1.2.

Pursuant to Code Section 9-11-3, and in addition to the filing requirements contained in Code Section 19-6-15, in all proceedings under this article the plaintiff shall file a



domestic relations case filing information form as ~~set forth in Code Section 9-11-133~~ prescribed by the Judicial Council of Georgia."

### SECTION 2-10.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (h) of Code Section 19-9-3, relating to discretion of judge in child custody disputes and filing of domestic relations final disposition form, as follows:

"(h) In addition to filing requirements contained in Code Section 19-6-15, upon the conclusion of any proceeding under this article, the domestic relations final disposition form as ~~set forth in Code Section 9-11-133~~ prescribed by the Judicial Council of Georgia shall be filed."

### PART III SECTION 3-1.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

### SECTION 3-2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
N Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

SB 132, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 258. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Jasperse of the 11th, Welch of the 110th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for sentencing to minimum terms of imprisonment for persons who knowingly commit the offense of aggravated assault upon a peace officer through the discharge of a firearm while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to prohibit such persons from eligibility for sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons so convicted from eligibility for sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 261. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-66 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to petitions for exoneration and discharge as a first offender, hearings, and retroactive grant of first offender status, so as to allow certain individuals sentenced to a term of incarceration between March 18, 1968, and October 31, 1982, to petition the court for a retroactive grant of first offender status if he or she would have otherwise qualified for sentencing pursuant to this article; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 285. By Representative Knight of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, so as to revise the criteria used by tax assessors to determine the fair market value of real property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 428. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 42 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown development authorities, so as to authorize assessments under Code Section 36-42-17; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 470. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Belton of the 112th, Smyre of the 135th, Coomer of the 14th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create a program for making grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 155. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Reeves of the 34th, Hatchett of the 150th, Frye of the 118th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 192. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Williamson of the 115th, Hatchett of the 150th, Willard of the 51st, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 and Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 14 of the O.C.G.A., relating to management of bank and trust companies and directors and officers of corporations, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the responsibilities and standard of care of directors and officers of banks, trust companies, and corporations; to clarify and expand the ability of directors and officers to rely on other individuals in the performance of their duties; to shield directors and officers from liability for monetary damages to the corporation, its shareholders, and certain other parties in the absence of gross negligence; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 249. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Newton of the 123rd, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances and death investigations, respectively, so as to collect more information regarding the dispensing and use of certain controlled substances; to change the frequency of reporting certain prescriptions in the electronic data base of prescription information; to clarify provisions relating to confidentiality; to change provisions relating to liability and duties; to change provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to provide for a coroner's inquest when an individual dies of a suspected drug overdose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 325. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 406. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Clark of the 147th, Lumsden of the 12th and Collins of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to having or carrying

handguns, long guns, or other weapons, license requirement, exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions, so as to revise the requirements for the reciprocity of recognizing and giving effect to licenses to carry from other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 515. By Representative Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts, approved August 24, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 3), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 23, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 21), and by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 1413), so as to revise the boundaries of a certain state house district; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

SR 146. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

#### A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for certain rights for victims who have suffered or been harmed due to an act committed or attempted to be committed in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws of this state; to provide for the enforcement of such rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### SECTION 1.

Article I, Section I of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph XXX. *Rights of certain individuals.* (a) A victim who has suffered or been harmed due to an act committed or attempted to be committed in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws of this state, or the representative of such victim if such victim is deceased, incompetent, a minor, or physically or mentally incapacitated, shall have the following rights:

- (1) To be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity;
- (2) To reasonable notice of and to be present at all proceedings involving the alleged criminal or delinquent act;
- (3) To be heard in any proceeding involving the release, plea, sentencing, disposition,

or parole of the accused who is alleged to have caused such suffering or harm;

(4) To have criminal and delinquency proceedings occur without unreasonable delay;

(5) To restitution as the General Assembly may provide by general law;

(6) To refuse to be interviewed by the accused, or an individual acting on behalf of the accused; and

(7) To be informed of and assert all rights enumerated in this Paragraph.

(b) This Paragraph shall not create any cause of action for damages against the State of Georgia; any political subdivision of the State of Georgia; any officer, employee, or agent of the State of Georgia or of any of its political subdivisions; or any officer or employee of the court."

## SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide certain rights  
( ) NO to victims harmed by an alleged criminal or delinquent act and allow victims to assert such rights?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SR 146:

## A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to acknowledge certain rights of victims who have suffered or been harmed due to an act committed or attempted to be committed in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws of this state; to provide for the enforcement of such rights; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

## SECTION 1.

Article I, Section I of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph XXX. *Rights of certain individuals.* (a) A victim who has suffered or been harmed due to an act committed or attempted to be committed in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws of this state shall be accorded the utmost dignity and respect by the justice system and all agencies and departments that serve such

system. The General Assembly shall provide by general law substantive and procedural laws to protect and preserve the rights of victims. Such rights shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity;

(2) The right to reasonable and accurate notice of all proceedings involving the alleged criminal or delinquent act;

(3) The right to be present and be heard at all proceedings involving the alleged criminal or delinquent act; and

(4) The right to be informed of their rights.

(b) The General Assembly shall provide by general law the process whereby a victim may assert the rights provided by this Paragraph. When a victim is a minor, legally incapacitated, or deceased, the General Assembly shall provide by general law how such victim's rights may be asserted. In such proceeding, a victim may be represented by an attorney, but neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions shall be obligated to appoint an attorney to represent the victim. This Paragraph shall not confer upon any person the right to appeal or modify any decision in a criminal or delinquency proceeding and shall not abridge any other right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or this Constitution.

(c) This Paragraph shall allow the victim to file a motion in the same criminal proceeding for the limited purpose of asserting injunctive or equitable relief for enforcing these rights. This shall constitute the sole remedy of this Paragraph."

## SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide certain rights of victims harmed by an alleged criminal or delinquent act and allow  
( ) NO victims to assert such rights?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved to resolve the debate.

Senator Unterman of the 45th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 11; and the motion to resolve the debate prevailed.

The President announced the manner in which debate would be resolved. Ten minutes would be devoted to proponents of the measure and ten minutes would be devoted to the opponents of the measure. Senator Kennedy of the 18th was designated to manage the

time of the proponents and Senator Jones of the 22nd was designated to manage the time of the opponents. Senator Fort of the 39th made a parliamentary inquire as to whether this would be the way the motion to resolve debate would be administered in the future. The President ruled that the motion to resolve debate would be administered this way in the future. There was no objection and the Senate proceeded to resolve debate in accordance with the procedure stated by the President.

Senators Ligon of the 3rd, Stone of the 23rd, Jones of the 22nd, Unterman of the 45th and Anderson of the 24th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the substitute to SR 146 (LC 29 7465ERS) by replacing lines 31 through 33 with the following:*

(c) This Paragraph shall allow the victim to file a motion in the manner provided by the General Assembly by general law in a criminal or delinquency proceeding for the limited purpose of asserting the rights guaranteed by this Paragraph, and shall not create any cause of action against the State of Georgia; any political subdivision of the State of Georgia; any officer, employee, or agent of the State of Georgia or of any of its political subdivisions; or any officer or employee of the court."

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Unterman of the 45th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 20, nays 33, and the Ligon, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.



Senators Shafer of the 48th, Kennedy of the 18th and Stone of the 23rd offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the substitute to SR 146 (LC 29 7465ERS) by replacing lines 19 and 20 with the following:*

(3) The right to be present and be heard at any public proceeding involving the release, plea, sentencing, or other public proceeding involving the right of a victim; and

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Shafer, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th offered floor amendment #3 to Committee Substitute to SR 146 LC 29 7465ERS

Lines 13 - 15:

Strike: “The” on line 13 through “Such” on line 15.

Replace with: “Victims shall have and may assert, in the same criminal proceeding, the specific constitutional rights established by this paragraph and by general law, The victims”

Line 23:

Insert: “additional” after “the” and before “rights”

Strike: “provided by this Paragraph”

Line 24:

Insert: “the victims’ rights may be asserted by a family member, and” after “deceased,”

Lines 29 - 30:

Strike lines 29 - 30.

Senator Unterman of the 45th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 33, nays 11, and the Kennedy amendment #3 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 50, nays 4.

SR 146, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

SB 127. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-17-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the failure to provide notice not rendering responsible person liable or comprising a basis for error, the chapter not conferring standing, existing rights not affected, and waiver of rights by victim, so as to allow a victim to file a motion in a criminal case to assert his or her rights; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to SB 127:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 17-17-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the failure to provide notice not rendering responsible person liable or comprising a basis for error, the chapter not conferring standing, existing rights not affected, and waiver of rights by victim, so as to allow a victim to file a motion in a criminal case to assert certain rights; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 17-17-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the failure to provide notice not rendering responsible person liable or comprising a basis for error, the chapter not conferring standing, existing rights not affected, and waiver of rights by victim, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, this chapter shall ~~This chapter does not~~ confer upon a victim any standing to participate as a party in a criminal proceeding or to contest the disposition of any charge.

(2)(A) When a victim has made a written request to the prosecuting attorney to be notified of all proceedings and has provided contact information to the prosecuting attorney, and such victim asserts that he or she was not provided notification of a proceeding, he or she may file a motion requesting to be heard on such matter. When a victim has made a written request to the prosecuting attorney to be heard according to the provisions of this chapter in a criminal proceeding and alleges that he or she was not given such opportunity by the prosecuting attorney or court, such victim may file a motion requesting to be heard on such matter. When a victim alleges that any other provision of this chapter has not been complied with, such victim may file a motion alleging such deficiency and requesting to be heard on such matter.

(B) Such motion shall be filed as soon as possible, but not later than 20 days after the claimed denial. Such motion shall be filed in the criminal case and the victim shall provide a copy of the motion to the prosecuting attorney and the defendant.

(3) When the victim's motion alleges potential failures by the prosecuting attorney, the prosecuting attorney may recuse in accordance with Code Section 15-18-5 or 15-18-65, as applicable. When the victim's motion alleges potential failures by the court, the judge may recuse in accordance with Code Section 15-1-8.

(4) The court may set the motion for a hearing or issue an order disposing of the motion."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

SB 127, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 173. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to captive insurance companies, so as to extensively revise certain provisions; to provide for change and revision of certain definitions; to provide for scope of provisions and lines of businesses a captive insurance company may engage to add an agency captive insurance company with certain restrictions; to change certificate of authority requirements; to provide for board of managers; to provide for captive corporate organization requirements making certain captives subject to Title 14; to provide for certain exemptions;

to provide for exceptions, fees, and articles of incorporation requirements; to provide for powers and requirements by the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to SB 173:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 41 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to captive insurance companies, so as to provide for revision of certain terms and addition of terms; to provide for scope of provisions and lines of businesses for a captive insurance company; to provide for an agency captive insurance company; to provide certificate of authority to extend to board of managers; to provide for board of managers; to provide for captive corporate organization requirements; to provide for certain exemptions; to provide for exceptions, fees, and articles of incorporation requirements; to provide for powers and requirements by the Commissioner; to change certain provisions relating to business name providing for formation documents; to provide for changes to provision relating to the board of directors; to update certain language; to change certain provisions relating to taxation on direct premiums relating to risk retention group; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 41 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to captive insurance companies, is amended by revising Code Section 33-41-2, relating to definitions, as follows:

"33-41-2.

Terms not defined in this chapter shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in this title. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' means ~~an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, or estate that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with one or more of the shareholders or members of a captive insurance company. Affiliates shall also include employees of any shareholder or member, or any affiliate thereof, of a captive insurance company. For the purpose of the foregoing definition of affiliate, 'control' means: any person in the same corporate system as a parent, an industrial insured, or a member organization by virtue of common ownership, control, operation, or management.~~

~~(A) Ownership of shares of a corporation possessing 50 percent or more of the total voting power of all classes of shares entitled to vote or possessing 50 percent or more of the total value of the outstanding shares of the corporation; and~~

~~(B) Ownership of 50 percent or more by value of the beneficial or membership interests in a partnership, trust, limited liability company, or estate.~~

(2) 'Agency captive insurance' company' means:

(A) ~~An~~ Any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter that is owned or controlled by an insurance agency, brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary, or an affiliate thereof, or under common ownership or control with such agency, brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary, and that only reinsures the risk of insurance or annuity contracts placed by or through such agency, brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary; or

(B) ~~An~~ Any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority pursuant to this chapter that is owned or controlled by a marketer, producer, administrator, issuer, or provider of service contracts or warranties and that only reinsures the contractual liability arising out of such service contracts or warranties sold through such marketer, producer, administrator, issuer, or provider.

(3) 'Association' means any membership organization whose members consist of a group of individuals, corporations, partnerships, or other entities or associations who engage in similar or related professional, trade, or business activities and who collectively own, control, or hold with power to vote all of the outstanding voting interests of an association captive insurance company or of a person that is the sole shareholder of an association captive insurance company.

(4) 'Association captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority ~~under~~ pursuant to this chapter to insure or reinsure the similar or related risks of members and affiliates of members of its association.

(5) 'Captive insurance company' means any pure captive insurance company, association captive insurance company, agency captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance company, or risk retention group captive insurance company.

(6) 'Controlled unaffiliated business' means:

(A) ~~A~~ Any person:

(i) ~~That is not an affiliate of the parent~~ in the corporate system of a parent and its affiliated companies;

(ii) ~~That has an existing contractual relationship with an affiliate of the parent under which the affiliate bears a potential financial loss~~ a parent or one of its affiliated companies; and

(iii) ~~The risks of which are managed by a captive insurance company under an arrangement~~ Whose risks are managed by a pure captive insurance company in accordance with this chapter and approved by the Commissioner; or

(B) A reinsurance pooling arrangement with other captive insurance companies that is approved by the Commissioner.

(7) 'Formation documents' means articles of incorporation, if the captive insurance company or the prospective captive insurance company is a stock insurer or a mutual insurer, or articles of organization, if the captive insurance company or the

prospective captive insurance company is a limited liability company, and any amendments or restatements of the same.

~~(7)~~(8) 'Industrial insured' means an insured:

(A) Who procures the insurance of any risk or risks through the use of the services of a full-time employee who acts as an insurance manager, risk manager, or insurance buyer or through the services of a person licensed as a property and casualty agent, broker, or counselor in such person's state of domicile;

(B) Whose aggregate annual premiums for insurance on all risks total at least \$25,000.00; and

(C) Who either:

(i) Has at least 25 full-time employees;

(ii) Has gross assets in excess of \$3 million; or

(iii) Has annual gross revenues in excess of \$5 million.

~~(8)~~(9) 'Industrial insured captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority ~~under~~ pursuant to this chapter to insure or reinsure the risks of industrial insureds and their affiliates and which has as its shareholders or members only industrial insureds that are insured or reinsured by the industrial insured captive insurance company or which has as its sole shareholder or sole member an entity whose only owners are industrial insureds that are insured or reinsured by the industrial insured captive insurance company.

(10) 'Mutual insurer' means an incorporated insurer without capital stock or shares that is owned and governed by its policyholders.

~~(9)~~(11) 'Parent' means an entity which directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds with power to vote ~~shares representing~~ more than 50 percent of the total outstanding voting: ~~power and value of a pure captive insurance company.~~

(A) Securities of a pure captive insurance company organized as a stock corporation; or

(B) Membership interests of a pure captive insurance company organized as a limited liability company.

~~(10)~~(12) 'Pure captive insurance company' means any domestic insurance company granted a certificate of authority under this chapter to insure or reinsure the risks of its parent and affiliates of its parent, and controlled unaffiliated business.

~~(11)~~(13) 'Risk retention group captive insurance company' is any ~~captive~~ domestic insurance company which has been granted a certificate of authority ~~under~~ pursuant to this chapter and determined by the Commissioner to be established and maintained as a 'risk retention group' as defined under the federal Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986, as amended. A risk retention group may be chartered and licensed ~~either under~~ pursuant to this chapter or ~~under~~ pursuant to Chapter 40 of this title.

(14) 'Stock insurer' means an incorporated insurer with capital divided into shares and owned by its shareholders.

~~(12)~~(15) 'Transact,' as used in this chapter, shall not include the organizational activities associated with the preliminary formation, incorporation, petitioning for a certificate of authority, and initial capitalization of a captive insurance company."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 33-41-3, relating to scope of provisions and lines of business, as follows:

"33-41-3.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this Code section and the other provisions of this chapter, a captive insurance company, where permitted by its ~~articles of incorporation~~ formation documents, may engage in the business of any of the following kinds of insurance or reinsurance:

(1) Casualty, as described in Code Section 33-7-3 but excluding accident and sickness insurance as defined in Code Section 33-7-2, except for a pure captive insurance company, which may engage in the business of accident and sickness insurance as defined in Code Section 33-7-2;

(2) Marine and transportation, as described in Code Section 33-7-5;

(3) Property, as described in Code Section 33-7-6; and

(4) Surety, as described in Code Section 33-7-7.

(b) Insurance policies and bonds issued by a captive insurance company for workers' compensation insurance and motor vehicle accident insurance shall be in conformity with all minimum requirements for coverages and coverage amounts established by ~~the~~ this state for such types of insurance. Such insurance policies and bonds issued by a captive insurance company shall constitute satisfactory proof that the motor vehicle owners or employers, as applicable, insured under such policies or bonds have satisfied the requirements for motor vehicle accident insurance prescribed by Code Section 33-34-4 and for workers' compensation insurance prescribed by Code Section 34-9-121.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection (d)~~ of this Code section:

(1) A captive insurance company shall not insure or reinsure any risks resulting from:

(A) Any personal, familial, or household responsibilities; or

(B) Activities other than risks resulting from responsibilities arising out of any business, whether profit or nonprofit; trade; product; services, including professional or fiduciary services; or commercial premises or commercial operations;

(2) A captive insurance company may only cede reinsurance as provided in Code Section 33-41-14;

(3) A pure captive insurance company may only insure or reinsure the risks of its parent, affiliates of its parent, and ~~its~~ controlled unaffiliated business;

(4) An association captive insurance company may only insure or reinsure the risks of the members of its association and their affiliates;

(5) An industrial insured captive insurance company may only insure or reinsure the risks of the industrial insureds, and their affiliates, that are its shareholders or shareholders of its sole shareholder; ~~and~~

(6) A risk retention group captive insurance company may only insure or reinsure the risks of its group members; and

(7) An agency captive insurance company may only reinsure:

(A) The risk of insurance or annuity contracts placed by or through the agency,



brokerage, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary by which it is owned or controlled; or

(B) The contractual liability arising out of service contracts or warranties sold through a marketer, producer, administrator, issuer, or provider of service contracts or warranties by which it is owned or controlled.

(d) A captive insurance company may, with prior written approval from the Commissioner, reinsure the risks insured or reinsured either directly or indirectly by:

(1) Any other captive insurance company; or

(2) Any foreign or alien insurance company which satisfies the ownership or membership requirements of a captive insurance company under this chapter; provided, however, that the risks insured or reinsured from the foreign or alien insurance company are solely those of its owners or members or their affiliates."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 33-41-4, relating to certificate of authority required, by revising paragraph (4) as follows:

"(4) Its board of directors or board of managers holds at least one meeting each year in this state."

### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 33-41-5, relating to incorporation, as follows:

"33-41-5.

(a)~~(1)~~ A pure captive insurance company or an agency captive insurance company ~~must~~ may be incorporated as a stock insurer ~~with its capital divided into shares or organized as a manager-managed limited liability company.~~

~~(b)(2)~~ An association captive insurance company, ~~or~~ an industrial insured captive insurance company, or a risk retention group captive insurance company ~~shall~~ may be incorporated:

~~(1)(A) Incorporated as~~ As a stock insurer with its capital divided into shares; or

~~(2)(B) Incorporated as~~ As a mutual insurer; or without capital stock, the governing body of which is elected by its members.

(C) Organized as a manager-managed limited liability company.

(b)(1) Captive insurance companies formed as corporations pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14, other applicable statutes, and the applicable provisions of this chapter. Such captive insurance companies are also subject to regulations promulgated hereunder, which the Commissioner has the authority to establish regarding the formation, organization, operations, merger, and dissolution of captive insurance companies formed as corporations. In the event of any conflict between statutes or regulations of this state that are applicable to such captive insurance companies, the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder shall control.

(2) Captive insurance companies formed as limited liability companies pursuant to

this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 14, other applicable statutes, and the applicable provisions of this chapter. Such captive insurance companies are also subject to regulations promulgated hereunder, which the Commissioner has the authority to establish regarding the formation, organization, operations, merger, and dissolution of captive insurance companies formed as limited liability companies. In the event of any conflict between statutes or regulations of this state that are applicable to such captive insurance companies, the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder shall control.

(3) Captive insurance companies shall be exempt from all applicable publishing and probate court certification requirements set forth in Title 14 or this title.

(4) The provisions of Chapter 14 of this title shall not apply to captive insurance companies except as specifically set forth herein or by the Commissioner through regulation.

~~(c)(1)(A) The applicable statutes of this state relating to the powers and procedures of domestic corporations shall apply to captive insurance companies, except where in conflict with the express provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated hereunder; provided, however, that captive insurance companies are exempt from the requirements of subsection (b) of Code Section 33-14-5 To form a captive insurance company in this state, formation documents and a fee of \$100.00 shall be submitted to the Commissioner, who shall pay such fee into the state treasury. The Commissioner shall examine the formation documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that the formation documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the formation documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.~~

(B) The articles of incorporation of a captive insurance company must be signed by the incorporator and shall contain the following:

(i) The name of the captive insurance company;

(ii) The number of shares the captive insurance company is authorized to issue, which must be greater than zero;

(iii) The street address and county of the initial registered office and the name of the initial registered agent at that office;

(iv) The name and address of each incorporator, of which there must be at least one;

(v) The street address of the captive insurance company's principal office;

(vi) The number of directors, which number shall not be less than three, who shall conduct the affairs of the captive insurance company; and

(vii) Such other provisions not inconsistent with law deemed appropriate by the incorporator.

(C) The articles of organization of a captive insurance company must be signed by the organizer and must contain the following:

- (i) The name of the captive insurance company;
  - (ii) The street address and county of the initial registered office and the name of the initial registered agent at that office;
  - (iii) The name and address of each organizer, of which there must be at least one;
  - (iv) The street address of the captive insurance company's principal office;
  - (v) The number of managers, which number shall not be less than three, who shall conduct the affairs of the captive insurance company; and
  - (vi) Such other provisions not inconsistent with law deemed appropriate by the organizer.
- (2) All corporate powers and privileges to captive insurance companies shall be issued and granted by the Secretary of State upon the terms, liabilities, and restrictions of and subject to this title and the laws and Constitution of this state. If for any reason the Secretary of State is disqualified or unable to issue or grant said powers, the duties required by this chapter, or regulations promulgated hereunder, to be performed by the Secretary of State shall be performed by the Commissioner.
- (3) When the certificate of the Commissioner as to his or her approval of the formation documents have been received in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall issue to the captive insurance company under the seal of this state a certificate of incorporation or organization. The captive insurance company shall not transact business as an insurer until it has applied for and received from the Commissioner a certificate of authority as provided by this chapter.
- ~~(d)(1) The incorporation procedures of Code Sections 33-14-4 through 33-14-6, inclusive, and the amendment procedures of Code Section 33-14-8 shall apply to captive insurance companies; provided, however, that captive insurance companies are exempt from the publishing and probate court certification requirements of Code Sections 33-14-5 and 33-14-8. A captive insurance company may amend its formation documents for any lawful purpose in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 if it is a corporation or Chapter 11 of Title 14 if it is a limited liability company.~~
- (2) The captive insurance company shall submit to the Commissioner any proposed amendment to its formation documents and a fee of \$50.00, which the Commissioner shall transmit into the state treasury.
- (3) The Commissioner shall examine the proposed amendment to its formation documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving amended formation documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.
- (e)(1) A captive insurance company may merge with or into one or more business entities in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 if it is a corporation or Chapter 11 of Title 14 if it is a limited liability company, but shall submit to the

Commissioner all required merger documents set forth therein.

(2) The Commissioner shall examine all required merger documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the merger documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.

(f)(1) A captive insurance company that was formed as a stock corporation may elect to convert to a manager-managed limited liability company pursuant to Title 14, but shall submit to the Commissioner all required conversion documents set forth therein and a fee of \$100.00, which the Commissioner shall transmit to the state treasury.

(2) The Commissioner shall examine the required conversion documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to comply with the applicable laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the conversion documents and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording.

(g)(1) A captive insurance company may dissolve in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 14 if it is a corporation, or Chapter 11 of Title 14 if it is a limited liability company, but shall submit to the Commissioner all required dissolution documents set forth therein.

(2) The Commissioner shall examine the required dissolution documents to determine whether such documents will enable the captive insurance company to dissolve in compliance with the applicable insurance laws of this state; and, if the Commissioner finds that such documents, if approved, will enable the captive insurance company to do so, the Commissioner shall issue under his or her hand and official seal a certificate approving the dissolution and shall transmit a copy of such documents and the certificate of approval to the Secretary of State for recording."

### **SECTION 5.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 33-41-6, relating to business name, as follows:

"33-41-6.

(a) A captive insurance company shall not use any name which is either similar, misleading, or confusing with respect to any other name already in use by any other captive insurance company, domestic mutual or stock insurance company, corporation, or association organized or doing business in this state. The Commissioner shall not approve the ~~articles of incorporation~~ formation documents of an applicant attempting to use such a name nor shall the Commissioner approve an application for a certificate of authority from such applicant.

~~(b)(1) With the exception of risk retention group captive insurance companies, the~~

~~name of a captive insurance company shall include the words 'captive insurance company.'~~

(2) The name of a risk retention group captive insurance company shall include the words 'risk retention group captive insurance company.'

(c) If the captive insurance company is a mutual insurer, the word 'mutual' shall also be a part of ~~the~~ its name."

#### SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 33-41-7, relating to directors, as follows:

"33-41-7.

(a) The affairs of every captive insurance company shall be managed by not less than three directors or managers.

(b) At least one of the directors or managers of every captive insurance company shall be a resident of this state, ~~and a majority of the directors shall be citizens of the United States.~~

(c) Every captive insurance company shall report to the Commissioner within 30 days after any change in its directors or managers including in its report a statement of the business and professional background and affiliations of any new director or manager."

#### SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 33-41-10, relating to application for certificate of authority, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e), as follows:

"(1) A copy of the captive insurance company's adopted or proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws; or articles of organization and operating agreement; and"

"(b) In determining whether to approve an application for an original or renewal certificate of authority to a captive insurance company, the Commissioner shall examine the applicable items submitted to him or her pursuant to subsections (a), (e), and (f) of this Code section. The Commissioner may rely upon and accept the reports of independent agents who may include licensed insurance counselors, brokers, agents, or adjusters discussed under Chapter 23 of this title, certified actuarial consultants, certified public accountants, risk managers, and examiners of insurance companies in order to facilitate his or her examination of the application for a certificate of authority by a captive insurance company. The expenses and charges of such independent agents shall be paid directly by the captive insurance company.

(c) Each captive insurance company shall pay to the Commissioner an amount equal to all costs of examining, investigating, and processing its application for an original or renewal certificate of authority. In addition, it shall pay a fee for the initial year of ~~registration~~ licensure and a renewal fee for each year thereafter in the amount periodically imposed under this title upon ~~other domestic~~ captive insurance companies.

(d) Pursuant to Code Section 33-3-15, if the Commissioner is satisfied that the documents and statements filed by the captive insurance company comply with the

provisions of this chapter, ~~he shall notify the captive insurance company of his intention to issue a certificate of authority~~ the Commissioner shall promptly issue a certificate of authority authorizing the captive insurance company to transact insurance in this state until the thirtieth day of June thereafter.

(e) ~~After the captive insurance company has been notified pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, the~~ The captive insurance company shall provide the Commissioner with the following documentation as soon as practicable:

(1) Evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that the minimum capital or surplus required for the particular captive insurance company under Code Section 33-41-8 has been paid in and that the appropriate amount thereof has been deposited with the state; and

(2) A financial statement showing the assets and liabilities of the captive insurance company which is certified by its president and calculated in accordance with the accounting standards set ~~out~~ forth in Chapter 10 of this title, except as modified by this chapter.

~~Thereafter, the Commissioner shall promptly issue a certificate of authority authorizing the captive insurance company to transact insurance in this state until the thirtieth day of June thereafter.~~ Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this Code section, the Commissioner may require that the captive insurance company submit the documentation required by this subsection prior to issuing the captive insurance company a certificate of authority."

#### SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 33-41-22, relating to taxation, by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) as follows:

"(1) A tax at the rate of 0.4 percent on the first \$20 million and 0.3 percent on each dollar thereafter on its direct premiums collected, after deducting from the direct premiums subject to the tax the amounts paid to policyholders as return premiums which must include dividends on unabsorbed premiums or premium deposits returned or credited to policyholders. However, risk retention group captive insurance companies shall only be subject to such taxes on direct premiums collected for coverages within the State of Georgia;

(2) A tax at the rate of 0.225 percent on the first \$20 million of assumed reinsurance premium, and 0.150 percent on the next \$20 million and 0.050 percent on the next \$20 million, and 0.025 percent of each dollar thereafter. However, no reinsurance tax applies to premiums for risks or portions of risks that are subject to taxation on a direct basis pursuant to ~~paragraph (1) of this Code section~~ this title. No reinsurance premium tax shall be payable in connection with the receipt of assets in exchange for the assumption of loss reserves and other liabilities of another insurer under common ownership and control, provided that the Commissioner verifies that such transaction is part of a plan to discontinue the operations of such other insurer, and if the intent of the parties to such transaction is to renew or maintain such business with the captive insurance company;"

**SECTION 9.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

SB 173, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SR 192. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Sims of the 12th and others:

**A RESOLUTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for election of local school superintendents by voters and election of members of local boards of education by grand juries, as an alternative to appointment of

local school superintendents by local boards of education and election of local school board members by voters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Section V of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph II as follows:

"Paragraph II. *Boards of education.* Each school system shall be under the management and control of a board of education, the members of which shall be elected by the voters as provided by law; provided, however, that if the school superintendent for that school system is elected by the voters pursuant to Paragraph III of this section, then the members of the board of education for that school system shall be elected by a grand jury as provided by general law. School board members shall reside within the territory embraced by the school system and shall have such compensation and additional qualifications as may be provided by law. ~~Any board of education to which the members are appointed as of December 31, 1992, shall continue as an appointed board of education through December 31, 1993, and the appointed members of such board of education who are in office on December 31, 1992, shall continue in office as members of such appointed board until December 31, 1993, on which date the terms of office of all appointed members shall end.~~"

**SECTION 2.**

Said section is further amended by revising Paragraph III as follows:

"Paragraph III. *School superintendents.* There shall be a school superintendent of each system ~~appointed by the board of education~~ who shall be the executive officer of the board of education and shall have such qualifications, powers, and duties as provided by general law. ~~Any elected school superintendent in office on January 1, 1993, shall continue to serve out the remainder of his or her respective term of office and shall be replaced by an appointee of the board of education at the expiration of such term.~~ The school superintendent of each system shall be appointed by the board of education; provided, however, that the General Assembly may provide by law for the election of the school superintendent of any school system by the voters residing in the territory embraced by the school system and for the qualifications of superintendents in such cases."

**SECTION 3.**

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:



- "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the  
 ( ) NO General Assembly to provide by law for election of local school superintendents by voters and election of members of local boards of education by grand juries, as an alternative to appointment of local school superintendents by local boards of education and election of local school board members by voters?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SR 192:

#### A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for election of local school superintendents by voters and election of members of local boards of education by grand juries, as an alternative to appointment of local school superintendents by local boards of education and election of local school board members by voters, if approved by local referendum; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### SECTION 1.

Section V of Article VIII of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraph II as follows:

"Paragraph II. *Boards of education.* Each school system shall be under the management and control of a board of education, the members of which shall be elected by the voters as provided by law; provided, however, that if the school superintendent for that school system is elected by the voters pursuant to Paragraph III of this section, then the members of the board of education for that school system shall be elected by a grand jury as provided by general law. School board members shall reside within the territory embraced by the school system and shall have such compensation and additional qualifications as may be provided by law. ~~Any board of education to which the members are appointed as of December 31, 1992, shall continue as an appointed board of education through December 31, 1993, and the appointed members of such board of education who are in office on December 31, 1992, shall continue in office as members of such appointed board until December 31, 1993, on which date the terms of office of all appointed members shall end."~~

**SECTION 2.**

Said section is further amended by revising Paragraph III as follows:

"Paragraph III. *School superintendents.* There shall be a school superintendent of each system ~~appointed by the board of education~~ who shall be the executive officer of the board of education and shall have such qualifications, powers, and duties as provided by general law. ~~Any elected school superintendent in office on January 1, 1993, shall continue to serve out the remainder of his or her respective term of office and shall be replaced by an appointee of the board of education at the expiration of such term.~~ The school superintendent of each system shall be appointed by the board of education; provided, however, that the General Assembly may provide by local law, subject to approval by a majority of the qualified electors of the local school system voting in a referendum thereon, for the election of the school superintendent of any school system by the voters residing in the territory embraced by the school system and for the qualifications of superintendents in such cases."

**SECTION 3.**

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

- "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the  
 ( ) NO General Assembly to provide by law for election of local school superintendents by voters and election of members of local boards of education by grand juries, as an alternative to appointment of local school superintendents by local boards of education and election of local school board members by voters, if approved by a local referendum?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes." All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

N Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	N Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 40, nays 12.

SR 192, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 67. By Representatives Boddie of the 62nd, Bruce of the 61st, Jackson of the 64th, Thomas of the 39th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to theft, so as to provide for increased punishment for entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with the intent to commit a theft or felony; to provide for another type of crime of entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with the intent to commit a theft or felony and provide for punishment therefor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 209. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Clark of the 98th, Meadows of the 5th, Smyre of the 135th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veterans, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, and persons eligible without application, so as to provide that certain disabled veterans shall be issued refunds of certain ad valorem taxes paid during certain periods of time when such disabled veterans receive final determinations of disability containing retroactive periods of eligibility; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 370. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Hatchett of the 150th, Powell of the 171st and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council of Municipal Court Judges of Georgia, so as to authorize the council to create and administer savings plans and deferred compensation plans for its members; to provide for the manner of funding; to provide for limitations on funding and liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 434. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 164th, Beskin of the 54th and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than a public use for 20 years from the initial condemnation; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 441. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Morris of the 156th, Coomer of the 14th and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trusts, so as to establish qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions for spendthrift provisions of trusts which are not within qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts; to provide for claims by creditors for such trusts; to provide for the creation of such trusts; to provide for transfers to such

trusts; to provide for vacancies of trustees; to provide for standards for such trusts to be considered nonrevocable; to provide for beneficiary rights to withdrawal; to provide for claims for relief; to amend Part 4 of Article 9 of Title 11 of the O.C.G.A., relating to rights of third parties to secured transactions, so as to exclude qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts from restrictions on assignment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 279. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Hugley of the 136th, Bentley of the 139th, Trammell of the 132nd, Rakestraw of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION designating March 21 of each year as Single Parent Day; and for other purposes.

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

Senator Gooch of the 51st was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 149. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 149:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for rules and regulations

by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, is amended in Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(10.1) 'School resource officer' means a peace officer whose primary employment or assigned duties with a law enforcement unit is assignment or appointment to a public elementary school or secondary school."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-8-27.

(a) It is the best practice for any person assigned or appointed as a school resource officer to successfully complete a training course for school resource officers approved by the council.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this Code section, the council shall maintain a training course consisting of 40 hours of training for school resource officers. Such training course shall, at a minimum, provide training in the role of a peace officer assigned to an elementary or secondary school, search and seizure in elementary and secondary schools, criminal offenses, gang awareness, drug awareness, interviews and interrogations, emergency preparedness, and interpersonal interactions with adolescents, including the encountering of mental health issues."

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senators Stone of the 23rd, Jones of the 22nd, Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 24th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend SB 149 (substitute LC 33 6992S)

by adding the following:

Code Section 35-8-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to training and certification of municipal probation officers, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

“(a) Any person employed or appointed as a municipal probation officer on or after July 1, 2017, shall not be authorized to exercise the power of arrest as a municipal probation officer unless such person has successfully completed a training course and received certification for municipal probation officers approved by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.”

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Stone, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
E Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 149, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 29. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require testing of drinking water in child care learning centers and schools for lead contamination; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice and reporting of test results and remediation plans; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
E Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 29, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 216. By Senators Henson of the 41st and Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-109.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration, collection, and disbursement of the equalized homestead option sales tax, so as to eliminate a



provision providing for the per capita share of certain municipalities to be paid to the county governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
E Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SB 216, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SB 30. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for planning and implementation grants; to provide for applications for grants; to require the development of community school plans; to provide for requirements for grant recipients; to delineate the

purposes for which grant funds may be used; to provide for reports; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 30:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for planning and implementation grants; to provide for applications for grants; to require the development of community school plans; to provide for requirements for grant recipients; to delineate the purposes for which grant funds may be used; to provide for reports; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Unlocking the Promise Community Schools Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Article 14, which is reserved, as follows:

"ARTICLE 14

20-2-640.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Applicant' means a school, a local board of education, or a consortium, proposing to work in collaboration with one or more community organizations, which is seeking a Sustainable Community School Operational Grant pursuant to this article for a covered school site.

(2) 'Community organization' means a nonprofit organization that has been in existence for three years or more and has a verifiable track record of working with the community surrounding the covered school site on education and other issues.

(3) 'Community partner' means a community stakeholder including, but not limited to, parents, parent organizations, students, student organizations, early learning

programs, businesses, civic engagement organizations, advocacy groups, local civic and community based organizations, civil rights organizations, local governmental agencies, local school employee organizations, and institutions of higher education.

(4) 'Community school plan' means a plan to implement community school programming at a school submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-644.

(5) 'Community school programming' means services, activities, and opportunities described under subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-642.

(6) 'Consortium' means a group composed of a school or local board of education and of at least one community partner and may include local education organizations, governmental agencies, schools, other community partners, or community organizations that propose to work with one another to plan or implement community school programming pursuant to a grant.

(7) 'Covered school site' means any school site at which an applicant has proposed or has been funded to provide community school programming pursuant to a grant.

(8) 'Grant' means a Sustainable Community School Operational Grant awarded pursuant to this article.

(9) 'Grantee' means an applicant that has been awarded a grant.

(10) 'High-quality child care or early childhood education programming' means educational programming for preschool aged children that is grounded in research and consistent with best practices in the field.

(11) 'Lead partner agency' is the organization that joins the school to manage and lead the work of developing and sustaining the community school plan. The lead partner agency shall serve as the fiscal agent.

(12) 'Relevant experts' means individuals, institutions, or organizations with experience in the design, implementation, or evaluation of programs related to the analyses required pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-642. ~~Reserved.~~

20-2-641.

(a) If appropriations are available, the Department of Education shall make grants available to plan, implement, and improve sustainable community schools. Proposals may be submitted by applicants provided that each covered school site referenced in the proposal is:

(1) A Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that is among the lowest-achieving 15 percent of Title I schools in the state;

(2) A secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I funds and that is among the lowest-achieving 15 percent of secondary schools in the state; or

(3) A high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 C.F.R. 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over three years.

(b)(1) Grants may be awarded to applicants that have demonstrated a need to implement community school programming but are in need of additional planning to establish or expand existing programming. Schools that are not ready to implement community school programming immediately are authorized to use up to one year of

their grant funds for planning purposes. At the end of this period, the school must submit a community school plan pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-642.

(2) Applicants that have demonstrated readiness to begin operation of community school programming and submitted a community school plan pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-642 shall not be required to use the first year of the grant for planning purposes and shall be authorized to begin implementation immediately upon receipt of the grant award. Such grants shall supplement, not supplant, existing services and funds.

(c) The Department of Education shall use a request for proposal process in awarding grants. Proposals shall be evaluated and scored on the basis of criteria consistent with this article and other factors established by the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall consider the applicant's prior performance under a grant, if applicable. Grants shall be for a term of five years and shall be renewable at the discretion of the Department of Education.

(d) Technical assistance, including but not limited to grant writing and support for the design of community school programming, shall be made available to applicants. Such technical assistance may be provided by the Department of Education directly or by an organization with demonstrated experience with community school planning in partnership with community organizations or civic engagement organizations funded by the Department of Education through a request for proposal process to provide such technical assistance.

20-2-642.

(a) Each applicant shall demonstrate how it will transition to positive discipline practices, more engaging and relevant curriculum, and transformative parent engagement. In addition, each applicant shall propose to provide a minimum of two of the following types of community school programming at each covered school site during the grant period:

(1) Early childhood:

(A) Early childhood education;

(B) Programs under the Head Start Act, including Early Head Start programs; and

(C) Child care services;

(2) Academic:

(A) Academic support and enrichment activities, including expanded learning time;

(B) Summer or after-school enrichment and learning experiences;

(C) Job training, internship opportunities, and career counseling services;

(D) Programs that provide assistance to students who have been truant, suspended, or expelled; and

(E) Specialized instructional support services;

(3) Parental involvement:

(A) Programs that promote parental involvement and family literacy, including the Reading First and Early Reading First programs authorized under Part B of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6361, et seq.);

- (B) Parent leadership development activities; and
    - (C) Parenting education activities;
  - (4) Mental and physical health:
    - (A) Mentoring and other youth development programs, including peer mentoring and conflict mediation;
    - (B) Juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation programs;
    - (C) Home visitation services by teachers and other professionals;
    - (D) Developmentally appropriate physical education;
    - (E) Nutrition services;
    - (F) Primary health and dental care; and
    - (G) Mental health counseling services;
  - (5) Community involvement:
    - (A) Service and service-learning opportunities;
    - (B) Adult education, including instruction in English as a second language; and
    - (C) Homeless prevention services; or
  - (6) Other programming designed to meet school and community needs identified through the school leadership team analysis described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-643.
- (b) In addition, each applicant shall submit a community school plan for the following:
- (1) Maintenance of attendance records in all programming components;
  - (2) Maintenance of measurable data showing annual participation and the impact of community school programming on the participating children and adults; and
  - (3) Documentation of meaningful and sustained collaboration between the school and community stakeholders, including local governmental units, civic engagement organizations, businesses, social service providers, cultural organizations, institutions of higher education, and health institutions.
- (c) The application for a grant under this article shall include the following:
- (1) A baseline analysis of needs at the covered school site, spearheaded by the lead partner agency or school leadership team in collaboration with relevant experts as appropriate, which shall include the following elements:
    - (A) Identification of challenges facing the school;
    - (B) Analysis of the student body, including:
      - (i) Number and percentage of students with disabilities and the needs of these students;
      - (ii) Number and percentage of students who are English language learners and the needs of these students; and
      - (iii) Number and percentage of students receiving free or reduced priced lunch and the needs of these students;
    - (C) Analysis of enrollment and retention rates for students with disabilities, English language learners, and students receiving free or reduced priced lunch;
    - (D) Analysis of suspension and expulsion data, including the justification for such disciplinary actions and the degree to which particular populations, including but not limited to students of color, students with disabilities, students who are English

language learners, and students receiving free or reduced price lunch, are represented among students subject to such actions;

(E) Analysis of school achievement data disaggregated by major demographic categories, including but not limited to race or ethnicity, English language learner status, disability status, and free or reduced price meals eligibility;

(F) Analysis of current parent engagement strategies and their success;

(G) Evaluation of the need for and availability of wraparound services, including but not limited to:

(i) Mechanisms for meeting students' social, emotional, and physical health needs, which may include coordination of existing services as well as the development of new services based on student needs; and

(ii) Strategies to create safe and secure school environments and improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports and taking additional steps to eliminate bullying; and

(H) Analyze the breadth and depth of community and school support for the school curriculum and the breadth and depth of support for changes to the school curriculum;

(2) A baseline analysis of community assets and a strategic plan for utilizing and aligning identified assets. This analysis should include, but not be limited to, a documentation of individuals in the community, faith based organizations, community and neighborhood associations, colleges, hospitals, libraries, businesses, and social service agencies who may be able to provide support and resources;

(3) A baseline analysis of needs in the community surrounding the school, spearheaded by the lead partner agency or the school leadership team, in collaboration with relevant experts as appropriate, including but not limited to:

(A) The need for full-day, high-quality child care or early childhood education programming;

(B) The need for physical and mental health care services for children and adults; and

(C) The need for job training and other adult education programming; and

(4) A plan detailing the steps the grantee and community partners will take to integrate the elements to become a sustainable community school at the covered school site, including plans for ensuring the following:

(A) Timely establishment and consistent operation of the school leadership team;

(B) Maintenance of attendance records in all programming components;

(C) Maintenance of measurable data showing annual participation and the impact of community school programming on the participating children and adults;

(D) Documentation of meaningful and sustained collaboration between the school and community stakeholders, including local governmental units, civic engagement organizations, businesses, and social service providers;

(E) Establishment and maintenance of partnerships with institutions, such as universities, hospitals, museums, corporations, community organizations, or other community partners, to further the development and implementation of community

school programming; and  
(F) School leadership team development.

20-2-643.

(a)(1) Upon award of a grant, each grantee shall establish a school leadership team responsible for developing school-specific programming goals, assessing program needs, and overseeing the process of implementing expanded programming at each covered school site. The school leadership team shall meet the following requirements:

(A) The school leadership team for an elementary or middle school shall have between 12 and 15 members. The school leadership team shall be composed of no less than 60 percent parents, residents, and teachers and shall include the following stakeholders:

(i) The school principal, who shall be a voting member of the school leadership team but shall not be the chairperson;

(ii) Community partners, including representatives from the lead partner agency;

(iii) Parents and residents and, if the school has a relevant civic association or parent-teacher organization or civic engagement organization such as a Parent Teacher Association chapter, the lead partner agency or principal shall work with such organizations to hold elections to select representatives; and

(iv) Teachers chosen by a democratic selection process led by the lead partner agency or principal; and

(B) The school leadership team for a high school shall have between 12 and 15 members, shall include the stakeholders in subparagraph )A( of this paragraph, and shall also include two students elected by students of the school who shall serve as voting members.

Upon selection, the school leadership team shall immediately appoint two representatives from the community who are not parents, teachers, other employees of the school, or students to serve as voting members on the school leadership team. Following the selection of the community representatives, the school leadership team shall select a chairperson to guide the school leadership team's work. The school leadership team shall work in cooperation with and may have overlapping members with the school governing council for any school in a charter system.

(2) The school leadership team at each grantee's covered school site or sites shall be responsible for overseeing the baseline analyses described in subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-642. Each such school leadership team shall also have ongoing responsibility for monitoring the development and implementation of sustainable community school operations and programming at each covered school site and shall issue recommendations to school leadership, the local board of education, and community partners on a regular basis and summarized in an annual report. These reports shall also be made available to the public at the covered school site or sites and on school system websites.

(b) Upon award of a grant, a grantee shall hire a resource coordinator to coordinate

services at each covered school site. If proposing to serve three or more sites, the grantee shall also hire a program director to coordinate activities across covered school sites. Resource coordinators and program directors shall work collaboratively with school leadership and school leadership teams to provide the services and programs that meet school and community needs and priorities.

(c) A grantee shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Department of Education regarding implementation of community school programming to include financial status and any other items required by the department.

20-2-644.

(a) Grant funds awarded pursuant to this article may be used to support any of the following activities:

(1) Up to a year of grant funds may be used for planning purposes to create a comprehensive community school plan;

(2) Where the grantee has received funding to provide community school programming at multiple covered school sites, selection and compensation of a program director to oversee and coordinate programming across multiple covered school sites;

(3) Selection and compensation of a resource coordinator at each covered school site;

(4) Ongoing convening and consultation of institutional partners;

(5) General coordination of programs within and between covered school sites;

(6) Ongoing monitoring of the impact of community school programming on participating children and adults;

(7) Development of alternative funding strategies to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the community school;

(8) Ongoing operation of the school leadership team; and

(9) Other activities, both operational and programmatic, which assist in implementation of the plan required under paragraph (4) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-642.

(b) Before grantees begin using grant funds, the grantee shall provide the Department of Education with a community school plan. For schools that opt to use their first year of grant funding for planning purposes, the community school plan shall be submitted at the end of the first year. The community school plan shall detail the steps the grantee and community partners will take to integrate community school programming at the covered school site and include plans for:

(1) Establishing programming that meets the needs indicated by the baseline analyses required under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-642;

(2) Timely establishment and consistent operation of the school leadership team;

(3) Maintenance of attendance records in all programming components;

(4) Maintenance of measurable data showing annual participation and the impact of community school programming on the participating children and adults;

(5) Documentation of meaningful and sustained collaboration between the school and



community partners, including local governmental units, civic engagement organizations, businesses, and social service providers;

(6) Establishment and maintenance of partnerships with institutions, such as universities, hospitals, museums, corporations, community organizations, or other community partners, to further the development and implementation of community school programming;

(7) Annual evaluation and public reporting on the impact of programming on the participating children and adults; and

(8) Ensuring the continuation of the sustainable community school programming after the grant period ends.

20-2-645.

(a) At the conclusion of each grant term, each grantee, spearheaded by the lead partner agency and supported by the school leadership team, shall submit to the Department of Education and make available at the covered school site and on its website a report describing efforts to integrate community school programming at each covered school site and the impact of the transition to a sustainable community school on participating children and adults. This report shall include, but shall not be limited to, discussion of the following:

(1) The number and percentage of students receiving community school programming who had not previously been served;

(2) Any improvement in retention among students who receive community school programming;

(3) Any improvement in academic achievement among students who receive community school programming;

(4) An accounting of anticipated local budget savings, if any, resulting from implementation of the program;

(5) An assessment of the effectiveness of the grantee in implementing the community school plan;

(6) Problems encountered in the design and execution of the community school plan, including identification of any federal, state, or local statute or regulation impeding program implementation;

(7) The operation of the school leadership team and its contribution to successful execution of the community school plan;

(8) Recommendations for improving delivery of community school programming to students;

(9) The number and percentage of nonstudent community members receiving community school programming who had not previously been served;

(10) Any changes in students' readiness to enter school; active involvement in learning and in their community; physical, social, and emotional health; and relationships with the school and community environment;

(11) Any improvements to the frequency or depth of families' involvement with their children's education;

(12) Assessment of community stakeholder satisfaction;

(13) Assessment of institutional partner satisfaction;

(14) The ability, or anticipated ability, of the grantee and community partners to continue to provide services in the absence of future funding under this article;

(15) Increases in access to services for students and their families; and

(16) The degree of increased collaboration among participating agencies and private community partners.

(b) Reports submitted by grantees pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be evaluated by the Department of Education with respect to criteria developed by such department. The criteria shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) The degree to which there has been an improvement in retention of students and improvement in academic achievement among students receiving community school programming;

(2) Local budget savings, if any, resulting from implementation of the program;

(3) The degree of community stakeholder and institutional partner engagement;

(4) The ability, or anticipated ability, of the grantee and community partners to continue to provide services in the absence of future funding under this article;

(5) Increases in access to services for students and their families;

(6) The degree of increased collaboration among participating agencies and private community partners;

(7) The effectiveness of the school, local board of education, or consortium in implementing the community school plan including the degree to which the grantee navigated difficulties encountered in the design and operation of the community school plan, including identification of any federal, state, or local statute or regulation impeding program implementation;

(8) The extent to which the recommendations of the school leadership team are reflected in the community school plan and the degree to which the school leadership team has been engaged in discussion and decision making;

(9) The extent to which the project has yielded lessons about ways to improve delivery of community school programming to students; and

(10) The degree to which there has been an increase in the number or percentage of students and nonstudents receiving community school programming.

(c) No later than August 30 of the year following the first full year of operation of the grant program established pursuant to this article and each year thereafter, the Department of Education shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the impact of implementing community school programming. The report shall be made publicly available on covered school sites' websites and on the Department of Education website. All data featured in the report shall be made available in machine-readable formats.

(d) The report shall draw upon the following data sources to provide analysis of the success of the grant program established pursuant to this article, the impact of funded initiatives, and recommendations for enhancing the program's effectiveness:

(1) Aggregate data from reports required under subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Aggregate data from grantee reports required under subsection (a) of this Code section;

(3) Interviews and other consultations with students, parents, community members, program directors, and resource coordinators; and

(4) Consultation with school leadership teams.

(e) The report shall include analyses and recommendations related to the potential to replicate the best practices of grantees in nongrant public schools.

(f) The report shall include an analysis of cost savings in areas such as public health, public safety, and public education resulting from investment in community school programming."

### SECTION 3.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
E Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 30, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/3/17

I inadvertently voted “yes” on SB 30. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “no”.

/s/ William T. Ligon  
District 3

The President resumed the Chair.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SB 221. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Henson of the 41st, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-30-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, so as to authorize doctors of optometry to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SB 221:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-30-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, so as to authorize doctors of optometry to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 43-30-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, is amended by revising subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) as follows:

"(C) A doctor of optometry ~~shall not~~ may administer ~~any~~ pharmaceutical ~~agent~~ agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and

adnexa oculi by injection, except for sub-tenon, retrobulbar, peribulbar, facial nerve block, subconjunctival anesthetic, dermal filler, intravenous injections, intramuscular injections, intraorbital nerve block, intraocular, or botulinum toxin injections, if he or she:

(i) Holds a current license or certificate of registration issued by the board and has obtained a certificate showing successful completion of an injectables training program consisting of a minimum of 30 hours approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board; or

(ii) Is enrolled in an injectables training program consisting of a minimum of 30 hours approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under Chapter 34 of this title and board certified in ophthalmology.

(D) Pharmaceutical agents which are used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes ~~and administered orally~~ may only be:

(i)(I) Nonnarcotic oral analgesics, ~~and~~ hydrocodone administered orally, and Schedule III or Schedule IV controlled substances which are oral analgesics;

(II) Used for ocular pain; and

(III) Used for no more than 72 hours without consultation with the patient's physician; provided, however, that with respect to hydrocodone, used for no more than 48 hours without consultation with the patient's physician; or

(ii) ~~Antibiotics, antivirals, corticosteroids, antifungals, antihistamines, or antiglaucoma~~ Other pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances; ~~provided, however, that a doctor of optometry shall not be authorized to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection.~~

Doctors of optometry using such pharmaceutical agents shall be held to the same standard of care imposed by Code Section 51-1-27 as would be applied to a physician licensed under Chapter 34 of this title performing similar acts; provided, however, that a doctor of optometry shall not be authorized to treat systemic diseases."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senators Williams of the 27th and Hill of the 6th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 221 (LC 37 2388S) by inserting between lines 23 and 24 the following:*

Prior to administering an injection pursuant to this subparagraph, a doctor of optometry shall obtain informed consent from the patient, stating the procedure to be performed, the educational degree of the doctor of optometry administering the injection, the risks of the procedure to be performed, and any alternatives to such procedure.

Senator Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment #1a:

Amend SB 221 by:

Adding Line 3

after optometry "or ophthalmology"

Renumber accordingly.

Senator Williams of the 27th asked unanimous consent that his amendment be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the Williams, Hill of the 6th amendment #1 was withdrawn.

The Unterman amendment #1a was therefore rendered moot.

Senators Hill of the 6th, Watson of the 1st and Williams of the 27th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 221 (LC 37 2388S) by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions, so as to include optometrists in requirements for certain identification by health care practitioners to patients with regard to their license; to authorize doctors of optometry to administer

*By inserting between lines 5 and 6 the following:*

**SECTION 1.**

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions, is amended by revising Code Section 43-1-33, relating to identification by health care practitioners to patients with regard to their license, short title, legislative findings, definitions, requirements for advertisements and signage, applicability, and violations, as follows:

"43-1-33.

(a) This Act shall be known and may be cited as the 'Consumer Information and Awareness Act.'

(b) The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) There are numerous professional degrees that include the term 'doctor,' such as Doctor of Medicine (M.D.); Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.); Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.); Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.); Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.); Doctor of Optometry (O.D.); Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.); registered professional nurses or advanced practice registered nurses (nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and certified nurse anesthetists) with doctorate degrees (D.N.P., D.N.S., Ph.D., or Ed.D.); audiologists with doctorate

degrees (A.U.D.); speech-language pathologists with doctorate degrees (S.L.P.D. or Ph.D.); and other designations, which may be used by health care practitioners; and  
(2) Each health care professional receives education and training that qualifies them to provide general and specialized services respectively. This training is necessary to correctly detect, diagnose, prevent, and treat serious health conditions.

(c) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Advertisement' means any communication or statement, whether printed, electronic, or verbal, that names a health care practitioner in relation to his or her practice, profession, or institution in which the practitioner is employed, volunteers, or otherwise provides health care services. This term includes business cards, letterhead, patient brochures, signage, e-mail, Internet, audio, and video.

(2) 'Health care practice or facility' means a hospital, physician practice setting, optometric practice setting, nursing home, assisted living community, or personal care home.

(3) 'Health care practitioner' means a:

(A) Chiropractor licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 of this title;

(B) Professional counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A of this title;

(C) Dentist licensed pursuant to Chapter 11 of this title;

(D) Dietitian licensed or registered pursuant to Chapter 11A of this title;

(E) Advanced practice registered nurse, including nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, registered professional nurse, and licensed practical nurse, licensed or registered pursuant to Chapter 26 of this title;

(F) Occupational therapist licensed pursuant to Chapter 28 of this title;

(G) Optometrist licensed pursuant to Chapter 30 of this title;

(H) Physical therapist licensed pursuant to Chapter 33 of this title;

(I) Physician or osteopath licensed pursuant to Chapter 34 of this title;

(J) Physician assistant licensed pursuant to Chapter 34 of this title;

(K) Acupuncturist licensed pursuant to Chapter 34 of this title;

(L) Podiatrist licensed pursuant to Chapter 35 of this title;

(M) Psychologist licensed pursuant to Chapter 39 of this title;

(N) Audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed pursuant to Chapter 44 of this title;

(O) Pharmacist licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26;

(P) Ophthalmic technician;

(Q) Medical assistant or certified nursing assistant; and

(R) Respiratory care professional certified pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 34 of this title.

(d)(1) An advertisement by a health care practitioner shall identify the type of license the health care practitioner holds.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to an advertisement by a health care practice or facility and shall not be construed to require any such practice or facility in which

multiple health care practitioners are employed to list in an advertisement the name of every health care practitioner so employed by such practice or facility.

(e)(1) A health care practitioner providing services in this state in a health care practice or facility shall conspicuously post and affirmatively communicate the practitioner's specific licensure to all current and prospective patients as follows:

(A)(i) The health care practitioner shall wear an identifier during all patient encounters that shall include:

(I) The health care practitioner's name; and

(II) The type of license or educational degree the health care practitioner holds.

(ii) The identifier shall be of sufficient size and be worn in a conspicuous manner so as to be visible and apparent. A lab coat or similar distinguishing clothing or uniform indicating the practitioner's specific licensure may be considered an identifier if such clothing or uniform meets the requirements of division (i) of this subparagraph.

(iii) An identifier shall not be required in an operating room or other setting where surgical or other invasive procedures are performed or in any other setting where maintaining a sterile environment is medically necessary; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to optometrists administering injections pursuant to subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1.

(iv) An identifier shall not be required in any mental health setting where it would impede the psychotherapeutic relationship.

(v) If a safety or health risk to the health care practitioner or a patient would be created as a result of the practitioner wearing such identifier in a specified practice setting, an identifier shall not be required or may be modified by omitting or concealing the last name of the practitioner in accordance with the requirements of the health care practice or facility; and

(B) A health care practitioner in a health care practice or facility other than a hospital shall display in the reception area of such practice or facility a notice that clearly identifies the type of health care practitioners employed in such practice or facility and the right of a patient to inquire as to the type of license of the health care practitioner treating such patient. The notice shall be of sufficient size so as to be visible and apparent to all current and prospective patients.

(2) A health care practitioner who practices in more than one office shall place the identifier information conspicuously on such practitioner's website if he or she maintains a website.

(3) A health care practitioner who practices in a nonpatient care setting and who does not have any direct patient care interactions shall not be subject to the provisions of this subsection.

(4) A health care practice or facility which requires, as of the effective date of this Code section, its health care practitioners to wear an identification badge shall not be required to replace such badges to conform to the requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(5) Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (6) of this subsection, this subsection



shall only apply to health care practices and facilities where more than one type of health care practitioner interacts with patients in exam settings. This subsection shall not apply to health care practices or facilities in which only one type of health care practitioner practices.

(6) This subsection shall only apply to a dentist if such dentist is practicing in a hospital. This subsection shall only apply to a chiropractor ~~or optometrist~~ if such chiropractor ~~or optometrist~~ is practicing in a hospital, nursing home, assisted living community, or personal care home.

(f) A health care practitioner who intentionally violates any provision of this Code section may be subject to disciplinary action by the health care practitioner's professional licensing board. Notwithstanding the imposition of any sanction, the health care practitioner's professional licensing board may seek an injunction or other legal means as appropriate against such health care practitioner violating this Code section.

(g) A violation of this Code section shall not constitute a private cause of action."

*By striking lines 6 through 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

**SECTION 2.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, by revising subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) as follows:

*By redesignating Section 2 as Section 3.*

Senator Unterman of the 45th requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the Hill of the 6th, et al. amendment #2 germane.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 11, nays 27, and the Hill of the 6th, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senator Hill of the 6th offered the following amendment #3:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 221 (LC 37 2388S) by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions, so as to include optometrists in requirements for certain identification by health care practitioners to patients; to authorize doctors of optometry to administer

*By inserting between lines 5 and 6 the following:*

**SECTION 0.5.**

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions, is amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c), subdivision (e)(1)(A)(iii), and

paragraph (6) of subsection (e) of Code Section 43-1-33, relating to identification by health care practitioners to patients with regard to their license, as follows:

"(1) 'Advertisement' means any communication or statement, whether printed, electronic, or verbal, that names a health care practitioner in relation to his or her practice, profession, or institution in which the practitioner is employed, volunteers, or otherwise provides health care services. This term includes business cards, letterhead, patient brochures, signage, e-mail, Internet, audio, and video.

(2) 'Health care practice or facility' means a hospital, physician practice setting, optometric practice setting, nursing home, assisted living community, or personal care home."

"(iii) An identifier shall not be required in an operating room or other setting where surgical or other invasive procedures are performed or in any other setting where maintaining a sterile environment is medically necessary; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply to optometrists administering injections pursuant to subparagraph (c) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-30-1."

"(6) This subsection shall only apply to a dentist if such dentist is practicing in a hospital. This subsection shall only apply to a chiropractor ~~or optometrist~~ if such chiropractor ~~or optometrist~~ is practicing in a hospital, nursing home, assisted living community, or personal care home."

*By striking lines 7 through 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

Said title is further amended in Code Section 43-30-1, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, by revising subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) as follows:

Senator Hill of the 6th asked unanimous consent that his amendment be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the Hill of the 6th amendment #3 was withdrawn.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	E Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone

N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	N Watson
N Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 17.

SB 221, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 59. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st, Williams of the 119th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-29.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, so as to revise procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for a sunset date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 342. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Powell of the 171st, Rhodes of the 120th and Rogers of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to provide that certain urban redevelopment zones may be designated as enterprise zones; to provide for a sales tax exemption in such enterprise zones; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

SB 206. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for a short title and findings; to require health plans to provide coverage for hearing aids for certain individuals; to provide for the frequency of replacing hearing aids; to provide for coverage of services and supplies; to provide options for higher priced devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
N Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 6.

SB 206, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 155. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Reeves of the 34th, Hatchett of the 150th, Frye of the 118th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 192. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Williamson of the 115th, Hatchett of the 150th, Willard of the 51st, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 and Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 14 of the O.C.G.A., relating to management of bank and trust companies and directors and officers of corporations, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the responsibilities and standard of care of directors and officers of banks, trust companies, and corporations; to clarify and expand the ability of directors and officers to rely on other individuals in the performance of their duties; to shield directors and officers from liability for monetary damages to the corporation, its shareholders, and certain other parties in the absence of gross negligence; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

HB 249. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Newton of the 123rd, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances and death investigations, respectively, so as to collect more information regarding the dispensing and use of certain controlled substances; to change the frequency of reporting certain prescriptions in the electronic data base of prescription information; to clarify provisions relating to confidentiality; to change provisions relating to liability and duties; to change

provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to provide for a coroner's inquest when an individual dies of a suspected drug overdose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 258. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Jasperse of the 11th, Welch of the 110th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for sentencing to minimum terms of imprisonment for persons who knowingly commit the offense of aggravated assault upon a peace officer through the discharge of a firearm while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to prohibit such persons from eligibility for sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections; to provide for definitions; to prohibit persons so convicted from eligibility for sentence-reducing measures under programs administered by the Department of Corrections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 261. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-66 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to petitions for exoneration and discharge as a first offender, hearings, and retroactive grant of first offender status, so as to allow certain individuals sentenced to a term of incarceration between March 18, 1968, and October 31, 1982, to petition the court for a retroactive grant of first offender status if he or she would have otherwise qualified for sentencing pursuant to this article; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 285. By Representative Knight of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, so as to revise the criteria used by tax assessors to determine the fair market value of real property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 325. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 406. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Clark of the 147th, Lumsden of the 12th and Collins of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to having or carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapons, license requirement, exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions, so as to revise the requirements for the reciprocity of recognizing and giving effect to licenses to carry from other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 428. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 42 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown development authorities, so as to authorize assessments under Code Section 36-42-17; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 470. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Belton of the 112th, Smyre of the 135th, Coomer of the 14th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create a program for making grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

HB 515. By Representative Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts, approved August 24, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 3), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 23, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 21), and by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 1413), so as to revise the boundaries of a certain state house district; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate stand in recess until 12:00 midnight, then pursuant to SR 132, adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2017.

At 7:55 p.m. the President announced that the motion prevailed.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 181. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Hatchett of the 150th, Dempsey of the 13th, Meadows of the 5th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal and reenact subsection (d) of Code Section 48-2-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to confidential information secured in the administration of taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the furnishing of certain tax information in all municipalities in this state having a population of 350,000 or more and make such provisions applicable state wide; to provide for additional procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to agency, so as to update and conform provisions relating to powers of attorney to a uniform Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 253. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Meadows of the 5th, Henson of the 86th, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale of specialty license plates promoting the dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program which are to be dedicated to such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 273. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Evans of the 42nd, Setzler of the 35th, Strickland of the 111th, Frye of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a daily recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 309. By Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Clark of the 98th, Hitchens of the 161st, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-21-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions to state liability, so as to provide that the state shall have no liability for activities of the organized militia when engaged in state or federal training or duty; to provide an exception; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 452. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Reeves of the 34th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, instead

of the Georgia Sheriffs Association, to prepare and issue guidelines and procedures regarding compliance with Code Section 42-4-14; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 458. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Douglas of the 78th, Smyre of the 135th, Coomer of the 14th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to provide for the operation of automated traffic enforcement safety devices by agents or registered or certified peace officers; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety device testing exceptions and procedures; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety device use warning signs; to provide for further exceptions for when case may be made and conviction had for exceeding posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour; to provide for an exception for the ratio of speeding fines to an agency budget; to provide for civil enforcement of violations recorded by automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 474. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Jackson of the 128th, Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to require the Department of Driver Services in any republication of its drivers' manual to include instructions for best practices for facilitating the safety of all parties during a traffic stop by law enforcement; to provide for collaboration; to require the Office of Highway Safety to promote such instructions in certain planned projects or campaigns of a highly visible nature; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 137. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Welch of the 110th, Willard of the 51st and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for crimes and

offenses, so as to change provisions relating to restrictions on contingency fee compensation of an attorney appointed to represent the state in forfeiture actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 189. By Representatives Nelson of the 125th, Prince of the 127th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide that any service contract such entities enter into shall contain a termination clause; to provide that poor performance or cost overrun shall constitute cause for termination of the contract; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 425. By Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Belton of the 112th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Cox of the 108th and Glanton of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for administration of standardized assessments in paper-and-pencil format upon parental request; to discourage punitive actions for students refusing to participate in federal, state, or locally mandated standardized assessments; to provide for alternative administrations of student assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 453. By Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Willard of the 51st, Beskin of the 54th, Frye of the 118th and Boddie of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law library, so as to add the chief judge of the magistrate court to the board of trustees of the county law library in each county; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 472. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Watson of the 172nd, Powell of the 32nd and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving on right side of

roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely, so as to provide for an exception for following requirements for vehicles following in a procession when speed of the non-leading, participating vehicles are coordinated automatically; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 475. By Representatives Harden of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Hogan of the 179th, Epps of the 144th and McCall of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to charitable solicitations, so as to implement additional requirements for use of collection receptacles for donations; to provide additional penalties for violation of said chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 485. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Maxwell of the 17th and Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to distilled spirits, so as to remove the requirement that a referendum election be held prior to the issuance of licenses for the manufacture of distilled spirits; to change certain provisions relating to the procedures for calling and conducting certain referendum elections and nullifications thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 225. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, England of the 116th, Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle license fees and classes, so as to repeal inoperable provisions related to licensing of ride share networks; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use tax, so as to repeal an inoperable sales tax exemption related to ride share networks; to impose collection and remittance of a tax upon ride share

network services; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 412. By Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Epps of the 144th, Powell of the 32nd, Ridley of the 6th and Taylor of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the electronic submission of certain documents relating to registration and certificate of title of certain vehicles to the Department of Revenue; to provide for the denial of applications for commercial vehicle registration under the International Registration Plan in certain instances; to reserve a duplicate Code section cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 432. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Jasperse of the 11th and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to provide that certain institutions that lack accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an approved school for tuition equalization purposes if previously deemed an approved school under certain alternative provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 469. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Epps of the 144th, Tanner of the 9th, Caldwell of the 131st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for restrictions, limitations, and guidelines for the use of consumer data by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party; to provide standards for reasonable compensation by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party for parts and labor for warranty service work by a dealer; to provide for payments after a stop-sale of a motor vehicle in certain instances; to provide for right of first refusal; to correct a cross-reference; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolution of the House:

HR 25. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 50. By Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, England of the 116th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, so as to provide for liability protection for certain activities related to livestock; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 142. By Representatives Frye of the 118th, Harrell of the 106th, Bentley of the 139th, Reeves of the 34th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to current income tax payment, so as to provide that each person required to submit a statement of taxes withheld, final payment of wages, or an annual or final return shall be assessed a late penalty for statements furnished after the due date; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 251. By Representatives Ealum of the 153rd, Powell of the 171st, Houston of the 170th, Carter of the 175th, Rynders of the 152nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management organization and administration, so as to authorize emergency personnel to go upon private property as necessary in the performance of their duties during a state of emergency or state of disaster; to prohibit the

interference with emergency personnel performing their duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 419. By Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Golick of the 40th, Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 430. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to implement recommendations from the Governor's Education Reform Commission with respect to charter schools; to provide for allotment sheets for charter schools; to provide for the establishment of a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing; to provide for termination and nonrenewal of charters for charter schools that perform in the bottom quartile on state-wide student performance tests for three consecutive years; to provide for a facilities grant program for charter schools; to define "unused facilities" for purposes of charter schools; to revise provisions relating to funding for state charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 457. By Representative Carter of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Brooks County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for the sitting chief judge of the magistrate court to serve out his or her term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 463. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Coleman of the 97th, Carter of the 175th, Nix of the 69th and Chandler of the 105th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to authorize the Department of Early Care and Learning to establish a nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; to provide for requirements; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 510. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited acts regarding alcoholic beverages, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to population and the measurement of certain distances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 149. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Collins of the 68th, Jasperse of the 11th, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing; to provide for qualifications; to provide for penalties for violations; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hazardous waste, so as to provide for requirements, procedures, and training for trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for compliance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 320. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Tanner of the 9th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle sales and transfers, so as to change provisions relating to installation or reinstallation of object in lieu of or other than an air bag; to prohibit activities in connection with air bags; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 359. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Quick of the 117th, Duncan of the 26th, Kelley of the 16th, Hanson of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for the creation, authorization, procedure, revocation, rescission, and termination of a power of attorney from a parent to an agent for the temporary delegation of certain power and authority for the care and custody of his or her child; to repeal the "Power of Attorney for the Care of a Minor Child Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to grandfather certain provisions relating to a power of attorney given to a grandparent; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 390. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Powell of the 32nd and Glanton of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the assessment of no points and a maximum fine for the offense of failure to obey a traffic control device in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 481. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Golick of the 40th, Rynders of the 152nd and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to provide for preemption for unmanned aircraft systems; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 497. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Willard of the 51st, Prince of the 127th, Abrams of the 89th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to delinquency, so as to automatically extend the period for filing a petition for delinquency when informal adjustment or other nonadjudicatory procedures are being used, until such informal adjustment or procedures have failed; to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for de facto custodians custody arrangements; to provide for joint child custody arrangements between a parent and a de facto custodian of a child; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 506. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Glanton of the 75th, Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for a vote by the Board for an award of certain contracts involving concessions; to provide for a competitive process for the award of contracts for concessions and the sale, lease, or other disposition of real property owned by the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 523. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Prince of the 127th, Nimmer of the 178th, England of the 116th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to industrial loans, so as to prohibit the issuance of a license to issue industrial loans within a certain distance from a military base or installation; to require certain disclosures related to insurance premiums on industrial loans in certain instances; to prohibit

persons engaged in the business of making industrial loans from issuing payment instruments which create a loan contract upon redemption, unless a previous contract has been entered into between the two parties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate stood adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, March 6, 2017  
Twenty-ninth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:12 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 268. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Heath of the 31st, Williams of the 27th and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, so as to provide for revised eligibility requirements for incoming freshmen; to eliminate high school grade point average requirements for HOPE eligibility for incoming freshmen; to amend Code Section 20-2-157 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform reporting system for certain purposes, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SR 377. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may prescribe by general law for a refundable income tax credit for income received by law enforcement officers as compensation from this state, a county or municipality of this state, a state or political subdivision of a state, or the United States for services in the charge of enforcing criminal laws and exercising the power of arrest for such entity; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 50. By Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, England of the 116th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, so as to provide for liability protection for certain activities related to livestock; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

HB 59. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st, Williams of the 119th and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-29.8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, so as to revise procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for a sunset date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 67. By Representatives Boddie of the 62nd, Bruce of the 61st, Jackson of the 64th, Thomas of the 39th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to theft, so as to provide for increased punishment for entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with the intent to commit a theft or felony; to provide for another type of crime of entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with the intent to commit a theft or felony and provide for punishment therefor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 137. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Welch of the 110th, Willard of the 51st and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for crimes and

offenses, so as to change provisions relating to restrictions on contingency fee compensation of an attorney appointed to represent the state in forfeiture actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 142. By Representatives Frye of the 118th, Harrell of the 106th, Bentley of the 139th, Reeves of the 34th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to current income tax payment, so as to provide that each person required to submit a statement of taxes withheld, final payment of wages, or an annual or final return shall be assessed a late penalty for statements furnished after the due date; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 149. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Collins of the 68th, Jasperse of the 11th, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing; to provide for qualifications; to provide for penalties for violations; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hazardous waste, so as to provide for requirements, procedures, and training for trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for compliance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 181. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Hatchett of the 150th, Dempsey of the 13th, Meadows of the 5th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal and reenact subsection (d) of Code Section 48-2-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to confidential information secured in the administration of taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the furnishing of certain tax information in all

municipalities in this state having a population of 350,000 or more and make such provisions applicable state wide; to provide for additional procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 189. By Representatives Nelson of the 125th, Prince of the 127th and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide that any service contract such entities enter into shall contain a termination clause; to provide that poor performance or cost overrun shall constitute cause for termination of the contract; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 209. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Clark of the 98th, Meadows of the 5th, Smyre of the 135th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veterans, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, and persons eligible without application, so as to provide that certain disabled veterans shall be issued refunds of certain ad valorem taxes paid during certain periods of time when such disabled veterans receive final determinations of disability containing retroactive periods of eligibility; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- HB 221. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Willard of the 51st, England of the 116th, Cooper of the 43rd, Morris of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to agency, so as to update and conform provisions relating to powers of attorney to a uniform Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale of specialty license plates promoting the dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program which are to be dedicated to such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 273. By Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Evans of the 42nd, Setzler of the 35th, Strickland of the 111th, Frye of the 118th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a daily recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 309. By Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Clark of the 98th, Hitchens of the 161st, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-21-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions to state liability, so as to provide that the state shall have no liability for activities of the organized militia when engaged in state or federal training or duty; to provide an exception; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security.

HB 320. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Tanner of the 9th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle sales and transfers, so as to change provisions relating to installation or reinstallation of object in lieu of or other than an air bag; to prohibit activities in connection with air bags; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

- HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- HB 342. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Powell of the 171st, Rhodes of the 120th and Rogers of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to provide that certain urban redevelopment zones may be designated as enterprise zones; to provide for a sales tax exemption in such enterprise zones; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

- HB 359. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Quick of the 117th, Duncan of the 26th, Kelley of the 16th, Hanson of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for the creation, authorization, procedure, revocation, rescission, and termination of a power of attorney from a parent to an agent for the temporary delegation of certain power and authority for the care and custody of his or her child; to repeal the "Power of Attorney for the Care of a Minor Child Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to grandfather certain provisions relating to a power of attorney given to a grandparent; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

- HB 370. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Hatchett of the 150th, Powell of the 171st and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council of Municipal

Court Judges of Georgia, so as to authorize the council to create and administer savings plans and deferred compensation plans for its members; to provide for the manner of funding; to provide for limitations on funding and liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

HB 390. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Powell of the 32nd and Glanton of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the assessment of no points and a maximum fine for the offense of failure to obey a traffic control device in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 412. By Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Epps of the 144th, Powell of the 32nd, Ridley of the 6th and Taylor of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the electronic submission of certain documents relating to registration and certificate of title of certain vehicles to the Department of Revenue; to provide for the denial of applications for commercial vehicle registration under the International Registration Plan in certain instances; to reserve a duplicate Code section cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 419. By Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Golick of the 40th, Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

- HB 425. By Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Belton of the 112th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Cox of the 108th and Glanton of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for administration of standardized assessments in paper-and-pencil format upon parental request; to discourage punitive actions for students refusing to participate in federal, state, or locally mandated standardized assessments; to provide for alternative administrations of student assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- HB 430. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to implement recommendations from the Governor's Education Reform Commission with respect to charter schools; to provide for allotment sheets for charter schools; to provide for the establishment of a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing; to provide for termination and nonrenewal of charters for charter schools that perform in the bottom quartile on state-wide student performance tests for three consecutive years; to provide for a facilities grant program for charter schools; to define "unused facilities" for purposes of charter schools; to revise provisions relating to funding for state charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

- HB 432. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Jasperse of the 11th and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to provide that certain institutions that lack accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools shall be deemed to be an approved school for tuition equalization purposes if previously deemed an approved school under certain alternative provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 434. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 164th, Beskin of the 54th and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than a public use for 20 years from the initial condemnation; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 441. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Morris of the 156th, Coomer of the 14th and Beskin of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trusts, so as to establish qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions for spendthrift provisions of trusts which are not within qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts; to provide for claims by creditors for such trusts; to provide for the creation of such trusts; to provide for transfers to such trusts; to provide for vacancies of trustees; to provide for standards for such trusts to be considered nonrevocable; to provide for beneficiary rights to withdrawal; to provide for claims for relief; to amend Part 4 of Article 9 of Title 11 of the O.C.G.A., relating to rights of third parties to secured transactions, so as to exclude qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts from restrictions on assignment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

HB 452. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Reeves of the 34th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, instead of the Georgia Sheriffs Association,

to prepare and issue guidelines and procedures regarding compliance with Code Section 42-4-14; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 453. By Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Willard of the 51st, Beskin of the 54th, Frye of the 118th and Boddie of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law library, so as to add the chief judge of the magistrate court to the board of trustees of the county law library in each county; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Special Judiciary.

HB 457. By Representative Carter of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Brooks County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for the sitting chief judge of the magistrate court to serve out his or her term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 458. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Douglas of the 78th, Smyre of the 135th, Coomer of the 14th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to provide for the operation of automated traffic enforcement safety devices by agents or registered or certified peace officers; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety device testing exceptions and procedures; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety device use warning signs; to provide for further exceptions for when case may be made and conviction had for exceeding posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour; to provide for an exception for the ratio of speeding fines to an agency budget; to provide for civil enforcement of violations recorded by automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

HB 463. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Coleman of the 97th, Carter of the 175th, Nix of the 69th and Chandler of the 105th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to authorize the Department of Early Care and Learning to establish a nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; to provide for requirements; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education and Youth.

HB 469. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Epps of the 144th, Tanner of the 9th, Caldwell of the 131st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for restrictions, limitations, and guidelines for the use of consumer data by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party; to provide standards for reasonable compensation by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party for parts and labor for warranty service work by a dealer; to provide for payments after a stop-sale of a motor vehicle in certain instances; to provide for right of first refusal; to correct a cross-reference; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 472. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Watson of the 172nd, Powell of the 32nd and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving on right side of roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely, so as to provide for an exception for following requirements for vehicles following in a procession when speed of the non-leading, participating vehicles are coordinated automatically; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 474. By Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Jackson of the 128th, Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to require the Department of Driver Services in any republication of its drivers' manual to include instructions for best practices for facilitating the safety of all parties during a traffic stop by law enforcement; to provide for collaboration; to require the Office of Highway Safety to promote such instructions in certain planned projects or campaigns of a highly visible nature; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

HB 475. By Representatives Harden of the 148th, Corbett of the 174th, Hogan of the 179th, Epps of the 144th and McCall of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to charitable solicitations, so as to implement additional requirements for use of collection receptacles for donations; to provide additional penalties for violation of said chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 481. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Golick of the 40th, Rynders of the 152nd and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to provide for preemption for unmanned aircraft systems; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 485. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Maxwell of the 17th and Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to distilled spirits, so as to remove the requirement that a referendum election be held prior to the issuance of licenses



for the manufacture of distilled spirits; to change certain provisions relating to the procedures for calling and conducting certain referendum elections and nullifications thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 497. By Representatives Efration of the 104th, Willard of the 51st, Prince of the 127th, Abrams of the 89th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to delinquency, so as to automatically extend the period for filing a petition for delinquency when informal adjustment or other nonadjudicatory procedures are being used, until such informal adjustment or procedures have failed; to amend Title 19 of the O.C.G.A., relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for de facto custodians custody arrangements; to provide for joint child custody arrangements between a parent and a de facto custodian of a child; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 506. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Glanton of the 75th, Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for a vote by the Board for an award of certain contracts involving concessions; to provide for a competitive process for the award of contracts for concessions and the sale, lease, or other disposition of real property owned by the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HB 510. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited acts regarding alcoholic beverages, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to population and the measurement of certain distances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities.

HB 523. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Prince of the 127th, Nimmer of the 178th, England of the 116th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to industrial loans, so as to prohibit the issuance of a license to issue industrial loans within a certain distance from a military base or installation; to require certain disclosures related to insurance premiums on industrial loans in certain instances; to prohibit persons engaged in the business of making industrial loans from issuing payment instruments which create a loan contract upon redemption, unless a previous contract has been entered into between the two parties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

HR 25. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 279. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Hugley of the 136th, Bentley of the 139th, Trammell of the 132nd, Rakestraw of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION designating March 21 of each year as Single Parent Day; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 168     Do Pass  
HB 171     Do Pass  
SB 205     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 117          HB 143          HB 264          HB 283          HB 290

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senators Parent of the 42nd and Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Parent and Anderson of the 43rd were excused.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Harbin of the 16th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senator Gooch of the 51st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Gooch was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Harper of the 7th asked unanimous consent that Senators Black of the 8th and Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Black and Martin were excused.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Tippins of the 37th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Tippins was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Payne
Beach	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Brass	Hufstetler	Seay
Burke	James	Shafer
Butler	Jeffares	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Tate
Dugan	Kennedy	Tillery
Fort	Kirk	Unterman
Ginn	Ligon	Walker
Harbin	McKoon	Watson
Harbison	Millar	Wilkinson
Harper	Mullis	Williams, M
Heath		

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Black (Excused)	Gooch (Excused)
Jackson	Jones, B. (Excused)	Lucas
Martin (Excused)	Miller	Parent (Excused)
Thompson, B. (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)	Tippins (Excused)

Senator Lucas of the 26th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Albers of the 56th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Karen Lane of Jonesborough, Tennessee, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Orrock of the 36th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Patrick Meloy.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th recognized Paralympian gold medalist McKenzie Coan, commended by SR 80, adopted previously. McKenzie Coan addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Henson of the 41st recognized Miss Atlanta 2017, Paula Smith, commended by SR 176, adopted previously. Rachel Evans and Paula Smith addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Walker III of the 20th recognized the Miss Georgia Peach Scholarship Pageant and the 2016 Georgia Peach Queens, commended by SR 264, adopted previously. Lizzy Stanford addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harper of the 7th recognized March 6, 2017, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the state capitol and honored certified peace officers in Georgia, commended by SR 295, adopted previously. Sheriff Terry Deese, Georgia Sheriff's Association President, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harbison of the 15th honored the life and memory of Lieutenant General David Poythress, commended by SR 286, adopted previously. Elizabeth Poythress addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hill of the 6th recognized March 6, 2017, as National Guard Day at the capitol, commended by SR 172, adopted previously. Brigadier General Joe Jarrard addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

- SR 356. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Annette Hardge Edwards on her outstanding public service and being one of the first two African American women elected as a Henry County School Board Member; and for other purposes.

- SR 357. By Senator Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Vidalia High School Competitive Cheerleading Team for winning the 2016 GHSA Division AA State Championship; and for other purposes.

- SR 358. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Millar of the 40th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Sims of the 12th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing October 2-6, 2017, as Georgia Pre-K Week; and for other purposes.

- SR 359. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Martin of the 9th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 16, 2017, as Council for Quality Growth Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 360. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Martin of the 9th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Institute of Technology for the success of the Basic Economic Development Course on the occasion of the fiftieth annual course offering; and for other purposes.

- SR 361. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Cowser of the 46th, Beach of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Joel Edward Harrell III on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 362. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education and commending its 25 years of service to the people of this state; and for other purposes.

SR 363. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Burke of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Georgia's Top Youth Volunteers of 2017; and for other purposes.

SR 364. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th, Millar of the 40th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and recognizing Dr. Indran B. Indrakrishnan for his outstanding work; and for other purposes.

SR 365. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Walker III of the 20th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Cory Joseph Wilson and commending his family's efforts to raise cardiac awareness; and for other purposes.

SR 366. By Senators Martin of the 9th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jacob Oldknow on his outstanding achievements; and for other purposes.

SR 367. By Senators Martin of the 9th and Henson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION commending the Brookwood High School swim and dive program for its continued success; and for other purposes.

SR 368. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending The Links, Incorporated, and recognizing March 7, 2017, as Links Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 369. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and Martin of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Army Veteran Jarrett Blankenship on his heroic actions of valor displayed during his military service; and for other purposes.

SR 370. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Women in Defense (WID) Georgia Chapter and recognizing March 16, 2017, as Women in Defense Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 371. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bennie Newroth; and for other purposes.

SR 372. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Helen D. Davenport on her outstanding public service and upon receiving the Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

SR 373. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending R.R. Harris for her vital role as a community health advocate; and for other purposes

SR 374. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Hiram A. (Joe) Little; and for other purposes.

SR 375. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION commending Franklyn Harvey Geary and recognizing him on the occasion of his 90th birthday; and for other purposes.

SR 376. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th and Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Pittman Park 10 & Under football team for winning the 2016 Youth National 10 & Under Football Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 378. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th and McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Miss District of Columbia, Cierra Dena'e Jackson; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Burke of the 11th

Harper of the 7th

Unterman of the 45th

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Monday March 6, 2017  
Twenty-ninth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 205

Kennedy of the 18th

Walker III of the 20th

#### **PERRY AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU AUTHORITY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved February 27, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3542), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3831), so as to change requirements for appointment of members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 168

Cowsert of the 46th

Ginn of the 47th

Wilkinson of the 50th

#### **UPPER OCONEE BASIN WATER AUTHORITY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority, approved April 14, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 5123), so as to abolish the Upper Oconee Resource Management Commission; to remove all references to same; to modify the composition of the Authority's Board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 171

McKoon of the 29th

Brass of the 28th

**MERIWETHER COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE  
AUTHORITY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 3194), so as to change the designation of members of the Authority from serving on posts to serving for districts; to change the method of designation of the chairperson of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
E Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/6/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Lee Anderson  
District 24

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 127 Insurance; nonprofit medical and hospital service corporations; revise provisions (I&L-16th) Smith-134th
- HB 176 Agriculture, Department of; enter into agreements with the federal government to enforce provisions of certain federal laws; authorize (AG&CA-20th) McCall-33rd
- HB 303 State Commission on Family Violence; terms and qualifications of members; change provisions (SJUDY-42nd) Ballinger-23rd

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- HB 127. By Representatives Smith of the 134th, Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd and Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to repeal certain obsolete provisions relative to nonprofit medical service corporations and nonprofit hospital service corporations; to amend Titles 31 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbin of the 16th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 127, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 176. By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards, labeling, and adulteration of food, so as to authorize the Department of Agriculture to enter into agreements with the federal government to enforce provisions of certain federal laws; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 176, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/6/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 176. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Donzella J. James  
District 35

HB 303. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Houston of the 170th, Holmes of the 129th, Smith of the 134th, Williams of the 145th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Commission on Family Violence, so as to change provisions relating to the terms of

commission members and members' qualifications to serve; to provide for expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Parent of the 42nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 303, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, March 9, 2017  
Thirtieth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:10 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 449. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Holcomb of the 81st and Hanson of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts within DeKalb County, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3817), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 508. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Bazemore of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Morrow, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4214), as amended, so as to provide for a governing authority; to create districts for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 514. By Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L.1988, p. 3743), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SR 381. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the State Department of Economic Development cooperate with Queen Blessing Itua, Global Empowerment Movement (GEM); and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 383. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Jeffares of the 17th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing John Andrew Smoltz and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 449. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Holcomb of the 81st and Hanson of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts within DeKalb County, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3817), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 508. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Bazemore of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Morrow, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4214), as amended, so as to provide for a governing authority; to create districts for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 514. By Representatives Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L.1988, p. 3743), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 125	Do Pass by substitute	HB 181	Do Pass
HB 265	Do Pass by substitute	HB 325	Do Pass
HB 357	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:



HB 38 Do Pass  
HB 149 Do Pass

HB 58 Do Pass  
HB 405 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 39 Do Pass  
HB 41 Do Pass  
HB 260 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 476 Do Pass  
HB 503 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 150 Do Pass  
HB 481 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that Senators Gooch of the 51st and Millar of the 40th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Gooch and Millar were excused.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Martin was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 43rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

Senator Tate of the 38th asked unanimous consent that Senator Henson of the 41st be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Henson was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hill, Ja	Payne
Anderson, L	Hufstetler	Rhett
Anderson, T	Jackson, L	Seay
Beach	James	Shafer
Black	Jeffares	Sims
Brass	Jones, B	Stone
Burke	Jones, E	Tate
Butler	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Cowsert	Kirk	Tillery
Dugan	Ligon	Tippins
Fort	Lucas	Unterman
Ginn	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Miller	Watson
Harbison	Mullis	Wilkinson
Heath	Orrock	Williams, M
Hill, H	Parent	

Not answering were Senators:

Davenport	Gooch (Excused)	Harper
Henson (Excused)	Jones II (Excused)	Martin (Excused)
Millar (Excused)	Thompson, C. (Excused)	

Senator Harper of the 7th was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Harbin of the 16th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Jim Thomas of Fayetteville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Hill of the 4th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Robert J. Wagner.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 387. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta therapy dogs known as "Canines For Kids"; and for other purposes.

Senator Unterman of the 45th recognized "Canines For Kids" and introduced Lisa Kinsel who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator James of the 35th honored Laurie Sossa and recognized her organization, the Southern Barter Club, commended by SR 108, adopted previously. Laurie Sossa addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tillery of the 19th recognized Coach Greg James for his leadership and many outstanding accomplishments, commended by SR 159, adopted previously. Coach James addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Davenport of the 44th recognized March 9, 2017, as Spelman College Day at the capitol, commended by SR 272, adopted previously. President Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator James of the 35th recognized Thursday, March 9, 2017, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 181, adopted previously. President and CEO Maria Myler, Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tippins of the 37th recognized October 2-6, 2017, as Georgia Pre-K Week, commended by SR 358, adopted previously. Commissioner Amy Jacobs addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 379. By Senators Sims of the 12th, Kirk of the 13th, Jones of the 25th and Burke of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 13, 2017, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 380. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Linda A. Klein; and for other purposes.

SR 382. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hill of the 4th and Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Brian Counihan and the Grand Marshal of the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dennis Michael Counihan, on the upcoming occasion of the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 384. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Millar of the 40th, Unterman of the 45th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Keion Carpenter; and for other purposes.

SR 385. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION commending Grady Memorial Hospital and Grady Health System on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 386. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Vivian Moore on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Senator Harper of the 7th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities and committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety:

HB 419. By Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Golick of the 40th, Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 419 was committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

Senator Harper of the 7th asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Judiciary and committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety:

HB 116. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Powell of the 32nd, Trammell of the 132nd, Strickland of the 111th, Setzler of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to provide the superior court with exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon certain individuals; to allow a superior court the discretion to transfer such cases back to juvenile court; to clarify the definitions of a class A or class B designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to add aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker as a class A designated felony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 116 was committed to the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

Senator Tillery of the 19th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 283, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	E Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
E Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman

Y Harbin  
 N Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 N Henson

Y McKoon  
 Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Walker  
 Y Watson  
 Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and HB 283 was engrossed.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Thursday March 9, 2017  
 Thirtieth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 476

Sims of the 12th  
**DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroners of Dougherty County; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 503

Sims of the 12th  
**RANDOLPH COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Randolph County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide a method for the selection, resignation, and removal of its members and for filling vacancies; to provide for the qualification, terms, and oath of its members; to provide for rules and operation of the joint board; to provide for employees of the joint board; to provide for compensation; to provide for expenditures of funds and reimbursement; to provide for definitions; to repeal an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Randolph County; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates, abolishment of the previous board, and the transfer of certain of its property; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
E Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017  
THIRTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 146	Fire departments; purchase and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters; require (Substitute)(SLGO(G)-56th) Gravley-67th
HB 283	Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; revise definitions (FIN-27th) Knight-130th
SR 195	US Congress; call a convention; set a limit on number of terms; US House of Representatives and US Senate; request (RULES-52nd)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 146. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Strickland of the 111th, Meadows of the 5th, Coomer of the 14th, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general requirements for legally organized fire departments, so as to require such fire departments to purchase and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters; to provide methods for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received under said insurance coverage for firefighters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations-General offered the following substitute to HB 146:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general requirements for legally organized fire departments, so as to require such fire departments to provide and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters; to provide methods for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interlocal risk management agencies, so as to change certain provisions relating to definitions; to change certain provisions relating to formation and functions of such agencies; to change certain provisions relating to certificates of authority and applications; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received from and a deduction for premiums paid for said insurance coverage for firefighters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general requirements for legally organized fire departments, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b)(1) A legally organized fire department shall ~~purchase~~ provide and maintain sufficient insurance coverage on each member of the fire department to pay claims for



injuries sustained en route to, during, and returning from fire calls or other emergencies and disasters and scheduled training sessions.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Cancer' means bladder, blood, brain, breast, cervical, esophageal, intestinal, kidney, lymphatic, lung, prostate, rectum, respiratory tract, skin, testicular, and thyroid cancer; leukemia; multiple myeloma; or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

(ii) 'Firefighter' means a firefighter as defined in Code Section 25-4-2.

(iii) 'Volunteer' means a volunteer as defined in Code Section 25-4-2.

(B) On and after January 1, 2018, a legally organized fire department shall provide and maintain sufficient insurance coverage on each member of the fire department who is a firefighter to pay claims for cancer diagnosed after having served 12 consecutive months as a firefighter with such fire department. Such insurance benefits shall include at minimum the following:

(i)(I) A lump sum benefit of \$25,000.00 subject to limitations specified in the insurance contract and based on severity of cancer and payable to such firefighter upon submission to the insurance carrier or other payor of acceptable proof of diagnosis by a physician board certified in the medical specialty appropriate for the type of cancer involved that there are one or more malignant tumors characterized by the uncontrollable and abnormal growth and spread of malignant cells with invasion of normal tissue that:

(a) Surgery, radiotherapy, or chemotherapy is medically necessary;

(b) There is metastasis; or

(c) The firefighter has terminal cancer, is expected to die within 24 months or less from the date of diagnosis, and will not benefit from, or has exhausted, curative therapy; or

(II) A lump sum benefit of \$6,250.00 subject to limitations specified in the insurance contract and based on severity of cancer and payable to such firefighter upon submission to the insurance carrier or other payor of acceptable proof of diagnosis by a physician board certified in the medical specialty appropriate for the type of cancer involved that:

(a) There is carcinoma in situ such that surgery, radiotherapy, or chemotherapy has been determined to be medically necessary;

(b) There are malignant tumors which are treated by endoscopic procedures alone;

(c) There are malignant melanomas; or

(d) There is a tumor of the prostate, provided that it is treated with radical prostatectomy or external beam therapy; and

(ii) Payable as a result of a specific injury or illness to begin six months after disability and submission to the insurance carrier or other payor of acceptable proof of disability precluding service as a firefighter and continuing for up to 36 consecutive monthly payments:

(I) A monthly benefit equal to 60 percent of the member's monthly salary as an employed firefighter with the fire department or a monthly benefit of \$5,000.00,

whichever is less; or

(II) If the member is a volunteer, a monthly benefit of \$1,500.00.

The benefit under subdivision (I) or (II) of this division, as applicable, shall be subordinate to any other benefit actually paid to the firefighter for such disability from any other source, not including insurance purchased solely by the firefighter, and shall be limited to the difference between the amount of such other paid benefit and the amount specified under subdivision (I) or (II) of this division, as applicable.

(C) The combined total of all benefits received by any firefighter under subdivisions (B)(i)(I) and (B)(i)(II) of this paragraph during his or her lifetime shall not exceed \$50,000.00.

(D) With the exception of the benefit under subdivision (B)(ii)(I) of this paragraph, any person who was simultaneously a member of more than one fire department at the time of diagnosis shall not be entitled to receive benefits under this paragraph from or on behalf of more than one of such fire departments. In the event a volunteer of one fire department is simultaneously employed by another fire department, the fire department for which such person is a volunteer shall not be required to maintain the coverage on such volunteer otherwise required under this subsection during the period of such employment. Any member who receives benefits under division (ii) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph may be required to have his or her condition reevaluated; in the event any such reevaluation reveals that such person has regained the ability to perform duties as a firefighter, then his or her benefits under division (ii) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall cease. Benefits under said division shall also cease upon the death of such person. A member who, after at least one year as a firefighter, departs from employment, ceases to be an active volunteer, or retires shall be entitled to continue his or her coverages under this paragraph through a continuation or conversion to individual coverage. The departing member shall be responsible for payment of all premiums.

(E) In addition to any other purpose authorized under Chapter 8 of Title 33, county governing authorities and municipal governing authorities may use proceeds from county and municipal taxes imposed under said chapter for purposes of providing insurance pursuant to this paragraph.

(F) Funds received as premiums for the coverages specified in this paragraph shall not be subject to premium taxes under Chapter 8 of Title 33.

(G) The computation of premium amounts by an insurer for the coverages under this paragraph shall be subject to generally accepted adjustments from insurance underwriting.

(c) ~~On and after July 1, 1998, the~~ The Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council shall be authorized, ~~by rules and regulations,~~ to adopt such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section and to establish and modify minimum requirements for all fire departments operating in this state, provided that such requirements are equal to or exceed the requirements provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interlocal risk management agencies, is amended in Code Section 36-85-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (6) and (8) as follows:

"(6) 'Group self-insurance fund' or 'fund' means a pool of public moneys established by an interlocal risk management agency from contributions of its members in order to pool the risks of accident, disability, supplemental medical, general liability, motor vehicle liability, property damage, or any combination of such risks."

"(8) 'Interlocal risk management program' means a plan and activities carried out under such plan by an interlocal risk management agency to reduce risk of loss on account of accident, disability, supplemental medical, general liability, motor vehicle liability, or property damage, including safety engineering and other loss prevention and control techniques, and to administer one or more group self-insurance funds, including the processing and defense of claims brought against members of the agency."

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 36-85-2, relating to the formation and functions of interlocal risk management agencies, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(4) Jointly purchase accident, disability, supplemental medical, general liability, motor vehicle liability, or property damage insurance with other municipalities or counties participating in and belonging to the interlocal risk management agency, the participating municipalities or counties to be coinsured under a master policy or policies with the total premium apportioned among such participants."

**SECTION 4.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 36-85-5, relating to certificates of authority and applications, by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) A fund authorized by this chapter may be established by an agency only if the agency has enrolled members which:

(1) For each motor vehicle liability and general liability fund shall generate an annual gross premium of not less than \$300,000.00;

(2) For each property damage fund shall generate an annual gross premium of not less than \$200,000.00;

(3) For each fund which includes motor vehicle liability or general liability with property damage shall generate an annual gross premium of not less than \$500,000.00; ~~or~~

(4) For each fund which includes motor vehicle liability, general liability, and property damage shall generate an annual gross premium of not less than \$800,000.00; or

(5) For each fund which includes accident, disability, or supplemental medical coverage shall generate an annual gross premium of not less than \$500,000.00."

**SECTION 5.**

Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, is amended in subsection (a) by adding new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12.2) Payments received by a firefighter pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 25-3-23, to any extent such amounts are included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income and are not otherwise exempt under any other provision of this Code section;

(12.3) An amount equal to 100 percent of any premium paid by the individual taxpayer during the taxable year for coverage pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 25-3-23, to any extent such deduction has not been included in the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income and such amount is not otherwise deductible under any other provision of this Code section;"

**SECTION 6.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

**SECTION 7.**

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

Senator Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations-General substitute to HB 146 (LC 25 6670S) by inserting the word "and" between "tissue" and "that" on line 39.*

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Albers amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer

Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 146, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/9/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 146. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Hunter Hill  
District 6

Senator McKoon of the 29th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 283. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Harrell of the 106th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to revise the definition of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law; to provide for partnership proposed adjustments and assessments and related appeals; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Williams of the 27th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	E McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 283, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/9/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 283. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

Senator Tillery of the 19th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SR 195. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Jones of the 25th, Martin of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Congress call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
N Fort	N Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	E McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 31, nays 19.

SR 195, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Senator Lucas of the 26th moved to suspend Senate Rules in order to first read SR 392 and assign it to committee.

On the motion, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and the Senate suspended the Rules.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SR 392. By Senators Lucas of the 26th, Shafer of the 48th, Sims of the 12th, Burke of the 11th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Rural Georgia Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:12 p.m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Friday, March 10, 2017  
Thirty-first Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:07 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 532. By Representatives Bonner of the 72nd, Mathiak of the 73rd, Jackson of the 64th and Bazemore of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Fayette County, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2431), so as to provide for the qualifications of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 534. By Representatives Price of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Willard of the 51st and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Roswell in the County of Fulton, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3844), as amended, so as to provide that no person shall hold the office of councilmember for more than three consecutive terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 537. By Representatives Collins of the 68th and Gravley of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Villa Rica to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code

Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 69. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Gooch of the 51st and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-21-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to packaging and labeling and registration of organic products and certifying entities, so as to eliminate a registration requirement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 78. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Harper of the 7th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 26, relating to the adulteration and misbranding of food, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue a variance or waiver to certain rules and regulations of the department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 269. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th and Tate of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to provide for the creation of the office of inspector general; to provide for the manner of appointment, qualifications, compensation, term, removal, and powers and duties of the inspector general; to provide for a deputy, support personnel, office space, and furnishings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 270. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), as amended, so as to change the position of city clerk from elective to appointive; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the

remainder of his or her term; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 271. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Trenton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 272. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5156), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1988, p. 3557), so as to revise the method of selection of the chief judge; to provide for a court administrator; to provide for court administrator responsibilities; to require a bond; to provide for personnel policies and procedures of employees of the court; to provide for the selection and approval of the judges pro tempore of the court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 390. By Senators Tippins of the 37th and Beach of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Charles Kastner and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 400. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Minority Business Participation in State Contracts; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 403. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION appointing Seth Harp, Jr., to the State Election Board; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 532. By Representatives Bonner of the 72nd, Mathiak of the 73rd, Jackson of the 64th and Bazemore of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Fayette County, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2431), so as to provide for the qualifications of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Villa Rica to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 157	Do Pass	HB 210	Do Pass
HB 359	Do Pass	HB 382	Do Pass by substitute
SR 188	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 74	Do Pass	HB 174	Do Pass
HB 243	Do Pass	HB 262	Do Pass
HB 276	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 14	Do Pass	HB 75	Do Pass
HB 86	Do Pass	HB 88	Do Pass by substitute
HB 213	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 136      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1          Do Pass by substitute  
SR 318      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Thompson of the 14th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 377      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 328      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 38	HB 39	HB 41	HB 58	HB 125	HB 149
HB 150	HB 181	HB 260	HB 265	HB 325	HB 357
HB 405	HB 481				

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd asked unanimous consent that Senator Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Anderson was excused.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent that Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Ligon, Jr. was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Payne
Anderson, L	Henson	Rhett
Beach	Hill, Ja	Seay
Brass	Jackson, L	Shafer
Burke	Jeffares	Sims
Butler	Jones, B	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, E	Tate
Davenport	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kennedy	Tillery
Fort	Kirk	Tippins
Ginn	Martin	Unterman
Gooch	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Millar	Watson
Harbison	Mullis	Wilkinson
Harper	Parent	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Black	Hill, H.
Hufstetler	James (Excused)	Ligon, Jr. (Excused)
Lucas	Miller	Orrock
Thompson, C. (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Hufstetler of the 52nd Lucas of the 26th Thompson of the 5th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Jones of the 10th introduced the chaplain of the day, Bishop Stephen Davis of Lithonia, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Henry J. Siegelson, Jr.

Senator Orrock of the 36th recognized the City of Atlanta's efforts to improve the quality of water, commended by SR 315, adopted previously. Michael "Killer Mike" Render addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jones of the 10th recognized Fairview Elementary School on its great success with the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative, commended by SR 302, adopted previously. School Psychologist Brian Mincey addressed the Senate briefly.

The President and Senator Mullis of the 53rd recognized Joel Edward Harrell III on the grand occasion of his retirement, commended by SR 361, adopted previously. Mr. Joel Harrell addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 388. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Lucille Etta Coats Reid; and for other purposes.

SR 389. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th, Watson of the 1st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Georgia hospital community for its response to Hurricane Matthew in October, 2016; and for other purposes.

SR 391. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd, Hill of the 4th, Tillery of the 19th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation and recognizing March 24, 2017, as Gulfstream Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.



- SR 393. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jackson of the 2nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Romona Jackson Jones on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 394. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jackson of the 2nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Renee Godwin on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 395. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jackson of the 2nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Greg Baker on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

- SR 396. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jackson of the 2nd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Douglas County Sheriff Tim Pounds; and for other purposes.

- SR 397. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Principal Stephanie Stephens Johnson on her outstanding public service and upon receiving the Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

- SR 398. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Micro Enterprise Network; and for other purposes.

- SR 399. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Evangelist Sandi Collins and recognizing March 9, 2017, as Women in Radio Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 401. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st and Shafer of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Danny Swain on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 402. By Senator Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending The Jeff and Jenn Show, on Star 94.1, on its one-year anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 404. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 10, 2017, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Friday 10, 2017  
Thirty-first Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 377                    Hill of the 6th  
                              Beach of the 21st  
                              Brass of the 28th  
                              James of the 35th  
                              Orrock of the 36th  
                              Tate of the 38th  
                              Fort of the 39th  
                              Millar of the 40th  
                              Shafer of the 48th  
                              Albers of the 56th  
**FULTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, approved December 3, 1880 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 508), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4374), so as to provide for the position of chairperson and to clarify the manner of election of such position; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 47, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/10/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Local Consent Calendar. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Tyler Harper  
District 7

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 264, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Tate of the 38th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 13; the motion prevailed, and HB 264 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 183      Community Affairs, Department of; Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council; recreate (NR&E-28th) Dickey-140th
- HB 264      Georgia World Congress Center Authority; revenue bond capacity; increase (FIN-9th) Efstoration-104th

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- HB 183. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Epps of the 144th, Brockway of the 102nd and Gilligan of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to recreate the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council under the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for definitions; to provide that all documents and data of the current Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council that is under the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources shall be transferred to the new council; to provide for appointment of members to the council, selection of a chairperson, and payment of certain expenses; to provide for availability of reports generated by the council; to provide for promulgation of certain rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 183, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/10/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 183. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Tyler Harper  
District 7

HB 264. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue bonds issued by the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, so as to increase the bonding capacity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Martin of the 9th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	N Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 9.

HB 264, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, March 13, 2017  
Thirty-second Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:13 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 539. By Representative Mathiak of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Hampton in Henry County, Georgia, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3613), so as to provide for the ability of the mayor pro tem or members selected to serve in the absence of the mayor and mayor pro tem to vote on matters before the council while serving in the absence of the mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 540. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Bruce of the 61st, Ehrhart of the 36th, Setzler of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 544. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Richmond Hill Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 102. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the designation of emergency cardiac care centers; to provide for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care within the Department of Public Health; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 273. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Millar of the 40th, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), so as to change the jurisdiction and manner of appointment of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; to revise definitions; to revise proscribed conduct; to revise conflict of interest provisions; to revise complaint procedures; to increase sanctions for violations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 274. By Senator Burke of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership in the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, so as to remove the prohibition of members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund from joining the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund by virtue of the same qualifying employment; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.



SB 275. By Senator Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county boards of tax assessors, so as to revise the standard for recovering costs of litigation and attorney's fees on appeal of property valuation by a taxpayer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 276. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Lumpkin County Airport Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 277. By Senators Williams of the 27th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to establish standards for carriers and health care providers with regard to payment under a managed care plan in the provision of emergency medical care; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements regarding the provision of emergency medical care for covered persons under a managed care plan; to provide for requirements for managed care plan contracts between carriers and covered persons; to provide for payments to providers; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Labor.

SR 407. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Ginn of the 47th, Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Georgia Congressional Delegation to immediately enact legislation with the sole purpose of reestablishing a Nuclear Waste Program per the Nuclear Waste Policy Act; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 410. By Senator Martin of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 539. By Representative Mathiak of the 73rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Hampton in Henry County, Georgia, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3613), so as to provide for the ability of the mayor pro tem or members selected to serve in the absence of the mayor and mayor pro tem to vote on matters before the council while serving in the absence of the mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 540. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Bruce of the 61st, Ehrhart of the 36th, Setzler of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 544. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Richmond Hill Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Appropriations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 44 Do Pass by substitute  
HB 202 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hill of the 4th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 139 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules as a standing committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HR 279 Do Pass by substitute SR 343 Do Pass  
SR 344 Do Pass SR 346 Do Pass  
SR 347 Do Pass SR 348 Do Pass  
SR 349 Do Pass SR 350 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate the following action:

HB 125 Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10(b), referred by the Senate Committee on Rules to the Senate Committee on Finance from the General Calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 172	Do Pass	HB 361	Do Pass
HB 385	Do Pass	HB 435	Do Pass
HB 449	Do Pass	SB 249	Do Pass
SB 265	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 1	HB 14	HB 74	HB 75	HB 86	HB 88
HB 136	HB 157	HB 174	HB 210	HB 213	HB 243
HB 262	HB 276	HB 328	HB 359	HB 382	SR 188
SR 318					

Senator James of the 35th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that Senator Williams of the 27th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Williams was excused.

Senator Butler of the 55th asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Parent
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Payne
Beach	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Black	Hufstetler	Seay
Brass	Jeffares	Shafer
Burke	Jones, B	Sims
Butler	Jones, E	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Dugan	Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	Ligon	Tillery
Ginn	Martin	Tippins
Gooch	McKoon	Unterman
Harbin	Millar	Walker
Harbison	Miller	Watson
Harper	Mullis	Wilkinson
Heath		

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T.	Jackson	James (Excused)
Lucas	Orrock (Excused)	Williams (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Beach of the 21st introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Thomas Hammond of Alpharetta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Harbison of the 15th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Kamesha Harbison.

Senator Tate of the 38th recognized Linda A. Klein, commended by SR 380, adopted previously. Ms. Linda Klein addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Henson of the 41st recognized United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Region 8 for its outstanding contributions, commended by SR 139, adopted previously. Jimmy Hyde addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd recognized Georgia's first state historical song, known worldwide as "Kumbaya", commended by SR 293, adopted previously. Griffin Lotson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Watson of the 1st honored the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Brian Counihan and the Grand Marshal of the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dennis Michael Counihan, on the upcoming occasion of the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, commended by SR 382, adopted previously. Grand Marshal Counihan addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Black of the 8th recognized March 13, 2017, as Valdosta State University Day at the state capitol and congratulated student leaders at Valdosta State University, commended by SR 296, adopted previously. President Dr. Richard A. Carvajal addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Millar of the 40th honored the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and recognized May 1, 2017, as Cystic Fibrosis Education and Awareness Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 114, adopted previously. Executive Director Scot Rittenbaum addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Sims of the 12th recognized March 13, 2017, as Georgia Southwestern State University Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 379, adopted previously. President Charles E. Patterson addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 405. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lumpkin County High School wrestling state champion, Zach Matthews; and for other purposes.

SR 406. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Sims of the 12th, Burke of the 11th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the great work of Dr. Michael Doyle; and for other purposes.

SR 408. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Fort of the 39th and James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending Rear Admiral Annie B. Andrews; and for other purposes.

SR 409. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Fort of the 39th and James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marie-Antoinette Tichler; and for other purposes.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

**SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Monday March 13, 2017

Thirty-second Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 249                   Watson of the 1st  
                              Jackson of the 2nd  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Chatham County Urban Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for findings and determinations; to define certain terms; to provide for a board of trustees, appointment of members, and meetings; to provide for powers and duties; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority and to authorize the collection for the payment of such revenue bonds; to make the revenue bonds of the authority exempt from taxation; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to the authority; to provide for the validation of bonds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 265                   Williams of the 27th  
                              Gooch of the 51st  
**FORSYTH COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroner of Forsyth County; to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustment increases for the coroner; to provide for salary supplements for the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 172                   Gooch of the 51st  
**CITY OF DAHLONEGA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Dahlonega to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 361

Hill of the 6th  
Beach of the 21st  
Brass of the 28th  
James of the 35th  
Orrock of the 36th  
Tate of the 38th  
Fort of the 39th  
Millar of the 40th  
Shafer of the 48th  
Albers of the 56th  
**FULTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4004), an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4982), and an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4026), so as to provide that contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes; to repeal a certain provision relating to employee contributions paid by the employer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 385

Hill of the 6th  
Beach of the 21st  
Brass of the 28th  
James of the 35th  
Orrock of the 36th  
Tate of the 38th  
Fort of the 39th  
Millar of the 40th  
Shafer of the 48th  
Albers of the 56th  
**FULTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), so as to provide for when the mayor may vote and be included in the determination of a quorum; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 435                      Millar of the 40th  
**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Dunwoody Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 449                      Jones of the 10th  
 Millar of the 40th  
 Henson of the 41st  
 Parent of the 42nd  
 Anderson of the 43rd  
 Davenport of the 44th  
 Butler of the 55th  
**DEKALB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts within DeKalb County, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3817), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to taxes, fees, and assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

- |               |              |               |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Y Albers      | Y Hill, H    | Y Orrock      |
| Y Anderson, L | Y Hill, Ja   | Y Parent      |
| Y Anderson, T | Y Hufstetler | Y Payne       |
| Y Beach       | Y Jackson, L | E Rhett       |
| Y Black       | Y James      | Y Seay        |
| Y Brass       | Y Jeffares   | Y Shafer      |
| Y Burke       | Y Jones, B   | Sims          |
| Y Butler      | Y Jones, E   | Y Stone       |
| Y Cowsert     | Jones, H     | Y Tate        |
| Y Davenport   | Y Kennedy    | Y Thompson, B |
| Y Dugan       | Y Kirk       | Thompson, C   |
| N Fort        | Y Ligon      | Y Tillery     |
| Y Ginn        | Lucas        | Y Tippins     |
| Y Gooch       | Y Martin     | Y Unterman    |
| Y Harbin      | N McKoon     | Y Walker      |

Harbison  
Y Harper  
N Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
E Williams, M

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 45, nays 3.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 41 Architects; allow certain students to take examination; change qualifications(RI&U-27th) Harrell-106th
- HB 260 Special license plates; Georgia Electric Membership Corporation; establish (RI&U-51st) Powell-32nd

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- HB 41. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 165th, Brockway of the 102nd and Hanson of the 80th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-4-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications of applicants for examination or certificate of registration as an architect, so as to change the qualifications so as to allow certain students to take such examination; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Williams of the 27th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	E Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 1.

HB 41, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

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Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 41. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

HB 260. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Epps of the 144th, Lumsden of the 12th and Collins of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate for members of the

Georgia Electric Membership Corporation; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Gooch of the 51st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	E Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

HB 260, having received the requisite two-thirds constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Albers of the 56th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Thirty-third Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:06 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 547. By Representatives Collins of the 68th and Gravley of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older, approved February 20, 2017 (Act No. 6), so as to change the date of a referendum; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 551. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Candler County, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3707); to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 553. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Evans of the 42nd, Setzler of the 35th, Teasley of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as

amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3695), an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3723), an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4267), and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to create the position of executive assistant to the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County and to set the salary of such executive assistant; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 556. By Representatives Frye of the 118th, Williams of the 119th and Quick of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of Athens and the existing school district in the County of Clarke, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3057), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4743), so as to provide for the authority of the superintendent to make certain purchases; to provide for performance bonds related to certain construction projects; to provide for approval of certain purchases by the board of education; to provide for the board of education to modify maximum expenditure amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 557. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Waites of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th and Burnough of the 77th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the judge of the Probate Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 7, 1950 (Ga. L. 1950, p. 2068), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4662), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 558. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Waites of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th and Burnough of the 77th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4656), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 559. By Representatives Knight of the 130th and Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Lamar County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority payable from the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, and earnings of the authority, contract payments to the authority, and from other money pledged therefor and to authorize the collection and pledging of the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, earnings, and contract payments of the authority for the payment of such revenue bonds; to authorize the execution of resolutions and trust indentures to secure the payment of the revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 143. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain DeKalb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4636), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4057), so as to remove the tolling provision regarding such exemption; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 205. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kennedy of the 18th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Perry Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority, approved February 27, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 3542), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3831), so as to change requirements for appointment of members of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 85. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 6th, Martin of the 9th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to malt beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers of malt beverages; to provide for a definition; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner; to provide for certain powers of the state revenue commissioner; to clarify that sales of malt beverages by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction; to provide for remittance of local excise taxes by brewers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 278. By Senators Stone of the 23rd and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Columbia County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 279. By Senator Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 280. By Senator Jones of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for



related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 281. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act formerly known as the "Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act," now known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2737), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), and by an Act approved April 23, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4832), so as to extend the power of the authority to contract with Macon-Bibb County and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to acquire, construct, and develop industrial sites and facilities; to provide for the use of certain funds of the authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 412. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Stroke Trauma Center Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 414. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Utilization and Modernization of the State Capitol and Other Buildings; and for other purposes

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 547. By Representatives Collins of the 68th and Gravley of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older, approved February 20, 2017 (Act No. 6), so as to change the date of a referendum; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 551. By Representative Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Candler County, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3707); to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 553. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Evans of the 42nd, Setzler of the 35th, Teasley of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3695), an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3723), an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4267), and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to create the position of executive assistant to the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County and to set the salary of such executive assistant; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 556. By Representatives Frye of the 118th, Williams of the 119th and Quick of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of Athens and the existing school district in the County of Clarke, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3057), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4743), so as to provide for the authority of the superintendent to make certain purchases; to provide for performance bonds related to certain construction projects; to provide for approval of certain purchases by the board of education; to provide for the board of education to modify maximum expenditure amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 557. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Waites of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th and Burnough of the 77th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the judge of the Probate Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 7, 1950 (Ga. L. 1950, p. 2068), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4662), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 558. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Waites of the 60th, Douglas of the 78th and Burnough of the 77th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4656), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 559. By Representatives Knight of the 130th and Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Lamar County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority payable from the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, and earnings of the authority, contract payments to the authority, and from other money pledged therefor and to authorize the collection and pledging of the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, earnings, and contract payments of the authority for the payment of such revenue bonds; to authorize the execution of resolutions and trust indentures to secure the payment of the revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 148	Do Pass	HB 198	Do Pass
HB 425	Do Pass	HB 437	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Ethics has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 268      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Burke of the 11th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 125	Do Pass by substitute	HB 134	Do Pass by substitute
HB 209	Do Pass	HB 337	Do Pass
HB 375	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 37 Do Pass  
HB 222 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Millar of the 40th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 205 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 312 Do Pass  
HB 370 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Black of the 8th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Special Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 250 Do Pass by substitute  
HB 391 Do Pass  
HB 453 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Thompson of the 5th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 369     Do Pass  
HB 440     Do Pass  
HB 461     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 245     Do Pass                             HB 287     Do Pass  
HB 309     Do Pass                             HB 322     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hill of the 6th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 44             HB 139             HB 202             HR 279             SR 343             SR 344  
SR 346             SR 347             SR 348             SR 349             SR 350

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Burke of the 11th                     Hill of the 6th

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, and Anderson of the 43rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators Orrock, James, and Anderson were excused.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th asked unanimous consent that Senator Ginn of the 47th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Ginn was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Hufstetler	Payne
Anderson, L	Jackson, L	Rhett
Beach	Jeffares	Seay
Black	Jones, B	Shafer
Brass	Jones, E	Sims
Butler	Jones, H	Stone
Cowsert	Kennedy	Tate
Davenport	Kirk	Thompson, B
Dugan	Ligon	Tillery
Gooch	Martin	Tippins
Harbin	McKoon	Unterman
Harbison	Millar	Walker
Harper	Miller	Watson
Heath	Mullis	Wilkinson
Hill, Ja	Parent	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Anderson, T. (Excused)	Burke (Excused)	Fort
Ginn (Excused)	Henson	Hill, H. (Excused)
James (Excused)	Lucas	Orrock (Excused)
Thompson, C. (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Lucas of the 26th Thompson of the 5th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Butler of the 55th introduced the chaplain of the day, Bishop Gary Hawkins, Sr. of Stone Mountain, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President recognized U.S. Representative Rick Allen who addressed the Senate briefly.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. LaJune Oliver.

The President and Senator Jones of the 25th recognized Brian K. Burdette on his outstanding public service, commended by SR 278, adopted previously. Brian Burdette addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Harbison of the 15th recognized Carver and Columbus High School girls basketball teams.

Senator Unterman of the 45th recognized the Georgia hospital community for its response to Hurricane Matthew in October, 2016, commended by SR 389, adopted previously.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd recognized Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and recognizing March 14, 2017, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 231, adopted previously. Martin Raxton addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 411. By Senator Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Linda Keeney on the grand occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 413. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Scott L. Draper on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 415. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Jones of the 25th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Julio Jones; and for other purposes.

SR 416. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 4th, Albers of the 56th, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May, 2017, as National Brain Tumor Awareness Month at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 417. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the 2017 Senate Aides and Senate Academic Aides for their exemplary service; and for other purposes.



SR 418. By Senator Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team on winning the 2017 Cheersport National Championship in the Special Needs Division; and for other purposes.

SR 419. By Senator Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION expressing regret at the passing of Michael Norton; and for other purposes.

SR 420. By Senator Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION commending Lieutenant Colonel William "Joe" J. Loadholtes, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 421. By Senator Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Heritage School Lady Hawks basketball team for winning the 2017 GISA Class AAA State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 422. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rick and Letha Phillips for their tireless commitment and dedication to the Toccoa-Stephens County area; and for other purposes.

SR 423. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Vernon Lee; and for other purposes.

Senator Tate of the 38th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tuesday March 14, 2017  
Thirty-third Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 369 Thompson of the 5th  
 Millar of the 40th  
 Shafer of the 48th  
**PEACHTREE CORNERS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Peachtree Corners Public Facilities Authority; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 440 Hill of the 6th  
 Millar of the 40th  
 Albers of the 56th  
**SANDY SPRINGS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the City of Sandy Springs in Fulton County, approved April 15, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3515), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5359), so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 461 Brass of the 28th  
**HEARD COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Heard County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims

Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 265, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and HB 265 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 58	Motor vehicles; reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and carriers; update (PUB SAF-7th) Rogers-10th
HB 86	Domestic relations; definition of sexual abuse; expand (JUDY-45th) Oliver-82nd
HB 157	Medical advertising; certain certifying organizations; revise certain criteria (H&HS-45th) Kelley-16th
HB 174	Insurance; insurer's medium of payment of policy or contractual obligations; expand (I&L-14th) Lumsden-12th

HB 265 Income tax; credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; revise provisions (Substitute)(FIN-49th) Efstration-104th

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 58. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Hitchens of the 161st, Efstration of the 104th, Rhodes of the 120th, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 58, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 86. By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Welch of the 110th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Dreyer of the 59th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting of child abuse, so as to expand the definition of sexual abuse to include acts involving trafficking a person for sexual servitude; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Unterman of the 45th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 86, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 157. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Cooper of the 43rd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Rynders of the 152nd and Hatchett of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-22.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification, so as to revise certain criteria for certain certifying organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Unterman of the 45th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	E Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

HB 157, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 174. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Smith of the 134th, Brockway of the 102nd, Williamson of the 115th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to expand an insurer's medium of payment of policy or contractual obligations from the sole medium of legal tender to include any other method of payment approved by the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Thompson of the 14th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	E Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 174, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Unterman of the 45th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 265. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to revise the provisions relating to the credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide a state sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges of admission to certain facilities that provide certain arts and education programming; to provide a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of certain theaters; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Miller of the 49th.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 265:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to revise the provisions relating to the credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of certain theaters; to provide a state sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges of admission to certain facilities that provide certain arts and education programming; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-40.17, relating to an income tax credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs, as follows:

"48-7-40.17.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Average wage' means the average wage of the county in which a new quality job



is located as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor.

(2) 'New quality job' means employment for an individual which:

- (A) Is located in this state;
- (B) Has a regular work week of 30 hours or more;
- (C) Is not a job that is or was already located in Georgia regardless of which taxpayer the individual performed services for; and
- (D) Pays at or above 110 percent of the average wage of the county in which it is located.

(3) 'Qualified investment property' means all real and personal property purchased or acquired by a taxpayer for use in a qualified project, including, but not limited to, amounts expended on land acquisition, improvements, buildings, building improvements, and any personal property to be used in the facility or facilities. Any lease for a period of three years or longer of any real or personal property used in a new or expanded facility or facilities which would otherwise constitute qualified investment property shall be treated as the purchase or acquisition thereof by the lessee. The taxpayer may treat the full value of the leased property as qualified investment property in the year in which the lease becomes binding on the lessor and the taxpayer.

(4) 'Qualified investment property requirement' means the requirement that a minimum of \$2.5 million in qualified investment property will have been purchased or acquired by the taxpayer to be used with respect to a qualified project. Such qualified investment property must be placed in service by the end of the two-year period specified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

(5) 'Qualified project' means a project which meets the qualified investment property requirement and which involves the lease or construction of one or more new facilities in this state or the expansion of one or more existing facilities in this state. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'facilities' means all facilities comprising a single project, including noncontiguous parcels of land, improvements to such land, buildings, building improvements, and any personal property that is used in the facility or facilities.

~~(3)~~(6) 'Taxpayer' means any person required by law to file a return or to pay taxes, except that any taxpayer may elect to consider the jobs within its disregarded entities, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, for purposes of calculating the number of new quality jobs created by the taxpayer under this Code section.

(b) A taxpayer establishing new quality jobs in this state or relocating quality jobs into this state which elects not to receive the tax credits provided for by Code Sections 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.2, 48-7-40.3, 48-7-40.4, 48-7-40.7, 48-7-40.8, and 48-7-40.9 for such jobs and investments created by, arising from, related to, or connected in any way with the same project and, within one year of the first date on which the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 48-7-101 withholds wages for employees in this state and employs at least 50 persons in new quality jobs in this state, shall be allowed a credit for taxes imposed under this article; except that if the first date on

which the taxpayer, pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 48-7-101, withholds wages for employees in this state occurs in a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2017, the taxpayer has two years to employ at least 50 persons in new quality jobs in this state:

- (1) Equal to \$2,500.00 annually per eligible new quality job where the job pays 110 percent or more but less than 120 percent of the average wage of the county in which the new quality job is located;
- (2) Equal to \$3,000.00 annually per eligible new quality job where the job pays 120 percent or more but less than 150 percent of the average wage of the county in which the new quality job is located;
- (3) Equal to \$4,000.00 annually per eligible new quality job where the job pays 150 percent or more but less than 175 percent of the average wage of the county in which the new quality job is located;
- (4) Equal to \$4,500.00 annually per eligible new quality job where the job pays 175 percent or more but less than 200 percent of the average wage of the county in which the new quality job is located; and
- (5) Equal to \$5,000.00 annually per eligible new quality job where the job pays 200 percent or more of the average wage of the county in which the new quality job is located;

provided, however, that where the amount of such credit exceeds a taxpayer's liability for such taxes in a taxable year, the excess may be taken as a credit against such taxpayer's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 but not to exceed in any one taxable year the credit amounts in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this subsection for each new quality job when aggregated with the credit applied against taxes under this article. Each employee whose employer receives credit against such taxpayer's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 shall receive a credit against his or her income tax liability under Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year for the full amount which would be credited against such liability prior to the application of the credit provided for in this subsection. Credits against quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103 and credits against liability under Code Section 48-7-20 established by this subsection shall not constitute income to the taxpayer. For each new quality job created, the credit established by this subsection may be taken for the first taxable year in which the new quality job is created and for the four immediately succeeding taxable years; provided, however, that such new quality jobs must be created within seven years from the close of the taxable year in which the taxpayer first becomes eligible for such credit. Credit shall not be allowed during a year if the net employment increase falls below the 50 new quality jobs required. Any credit received for years prior to the year in which the net employment increase falls below the 50 new quality jobs required shall not be affected except as provided in subsection ~~(f)~~(g) of this Code section. The state revenue commissioner shall adjust the credit allowed each year for net new employment fluctuations above the 50 new quality jobs required.

(c) Only a taxpayer that completes the creation of a qualified project in a taxable year

beginning on or after January 1, 2017, shall be eligible to begin a subsequent seven-year job creation period for the qualified project, provided that the taxpayer creates 50 or more new quality jobs, at the site or sites of a qualified project or the facility or facilities resulting therefrom, above its single previous high yearly average number of new quality jobs during any prior seven-year job creation period. A subsequent seven-year job creation period is subject to all the requirements of this Code section. A taxpayer must notify the commissioner of their intent to begin a subsequent seven-year job creation period. The commissioner shall provide by regulation the time in which such notification shall occur. New quality jobs generated under previous seven-year job creation periods shall continue to be eligible for the credit as provided by this Code section. No new quality jobs may be generated under previous periods of eligibility after a subsequent period of eligibility has begun. New quality jobs created in a subsequent seven-year job creation period shall not be counted as additional new quality jobs under a previous seven-year job creation period; instead those new quality jobs shall count toward the subsequent period. For purposes of determining the number of new quality jobs in a particular year that are attributable to each seven-year job creation period, the taxpayer shall begin with the first seven-year job creation period and then attribute the remainder to each subsequent seven-year job creation period from the oldest to the newest. Such attributions shall be made up to the single high yearly average number of new quality jobs for each seven-year job creation period. A taxpayer may create more than one subsequent seven-year job creation period. If at the time a taxpayer begins a subsequent seven-year job creation period, the taxpayer had a year or years in the prior seven-year job creation period where the number of new quality jobs were below the single high yearly average number of new quality jobs, the taxpayer shall be allowed to make an irrevocable election to use the average number of new quality jobs for the completed years in the prior seven-year job creation period instead of the single high yearly average number of new quality jobs for all purposes of this subsection. If such election is made, the number of new quality jobs in the years subsequent to the completed years for the prior seven-year job creation period shall be deemed to not exceed the average number of new quality jobs for the completed years in the prior seven-year job creation period. New quality jobs over such average number shall be attributed to the subsequent seven-year job creation period as provided in this subsection.

~~(e)~~(d) The number of new quality jobs to which this Code section shall be applicable shall be determined by comparing the monthly average of new quality jobs subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding average for the prior taxable year.

~~(d)~~(e) Any credit claimed under this Code section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for ten years from the close of the taxable year in which the new quality jobs were established.

~~(e)~~(f) Notwithstanding Code Section 48-2-35, any tax credit claimed under this Code section shall be claimed within one year of the earlier of the date the original return was filed or the date such return was due as prescribed in subsection (a) of Code Section 48-

7-56, including any approved extensions.

~~(f)~~(g) Taxpayers that initially claimed the credit under this Code section for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 2012, shall be governed, for purposes of all such credits claimed as well as any credits claimed in subsequent taxable years related to such initial claim, by this Code section as it was in effect for the taxable year in which the taxpayer made such initial claim.

~~(g)~~(h) The state revenue commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

## SECTION 2.

Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, is amended by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (97), by deleting the period and adding a semicolon at the end of paragraph (98), and by adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(99)(A) The sale or use of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of a theater located within a facility in this state that contains an art museum, symphonic hall, and theater that charges for admission and is owned or operated by an organization which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, if such organization's primary mission is to provide arts and education programming for the benefit of the citizens of this state, to the extent provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph.

(B) This exemption shall apply from July 1, 2017, until January 1, 2019, and until the aggregate state sales and use tax refunded pursuant to this paragraph exceeds \$750,000.00. A qualifying organization must pay sales and use tax on all purchases and uses of tangible personal property and may obtain the benefit of this exemption from state sales and use tax by filing a claim for refund of tax paid on qualifying items. All refunds made pursuant to this paragraph shall not include interest.

(C) This exemption shall apply from July 1, 2017, until January 1, 2019, to any local sales and use tax levied or imposed at any time in any area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including, but not limited to, such taxes authorized by or pursuant to Section 25 of an Act approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, the 'Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965,' or such taxes as authorized by or pursuant to Article 2, 2A, 3, 4, or 5 of this chapter.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of Code Section 48-8-63 to the contrary, purchases by a contractor may qualify for the exemption provided for in this paragraph. However, when a contractor purchases qualifying tangible personal property, the contractor shall pay the tax at the time of purchase or at the time of first use in this state; and the ultimate owner of the property may file a claim for refund of the tax paid on the qualifying property.

(E) Items qualifying for exemption include all tangible personal property that will remain at the theater after completion of construction and all tangible personal property that becomes incorporated into the real property structures of the theater.

The exemption excludes all items that remain tangible personal property in the possession of a contractor after the completion of construction; or

(100)(A) Sales of tickets, fees, or charges for admission to a fine arts performance or exhibition conducted within a facility in this state that is owned or operated by an organization which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a museum of cultural significance, if such organization's or museum's primary mission is to advance the arts in this state and to provide arts, educational, and culturally significant programming and exhibits for the benefit and enrichment of the citizens of this state.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'fine arts' means music performed by a symphony orchestra, poetry, photography, ballet, dance, opera, theater, dramatic arts, painting, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, watercolor, graphics, printmaking, and architecture.

(C) This paragraph shall be automatically repealed on July 1, 2020."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and Section 1 of this Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

### SECTION 4.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery

Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 18.

HB 265, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 14, 2017

I inadvertently voted "No" on HB 265. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote "Yes".

/s/ N.G. Orrock  
District 36

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
Thirty-fourth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:16 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 548. By Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Glanton of the 75th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th and Bazemore of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Riverdale, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 2205), as amended, so as to provide for a governing authority; to create wards for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election and filling vacancies; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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of election; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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HB 560. By Representatives Smith of the 70th, Trammell of the 132nd and Bonner of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Coweta County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 561. By Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Springfield, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4840), so as to provide for corporate boundaries; to provide for members of the city council; to provide for political activities of officers and employees; to provide for organizational meetings; to provide for ordinances; to provide for a mayor pro tempore; to provide for administrative and service departments; to provide for a city attorney; to provide for jurisdiction of the municipal court; to provide for appellate review; to provide for an operating budget; to provide for capital improvements; to provide for purchasing; to provide for sale and lease of property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 563. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Clarkston Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for members of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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SB 96. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to authorize the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in nursing homes even if they are organ donors; to provide for the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in hospice care even if they are organ donors; to amend Code Section 45-16-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroner's or county medical examiner's duties after notice of suspicious or unusual death, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 282. By Senator Black of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits in the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to provide that an individual shall not receive creditable service, other than membership service, in the Employees' Retirement System without paying the full actuarial cost associated with obtaining such creditable service; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 283. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the restructuring of the governments of the City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County, approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5595), as amended, so as to dissolve the Municipal Court of Macon-Bibb County; to provide for reallocation of the jurisdiction of said court; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/15/17

Hon. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please remove my name as a cosponsor of SB 283.

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr., District 26th  
Cc: Kennedy, 18th (Author)

SR 426. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Jeffrey Marshall Foxworthy and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 87      Do Pass by substitute  
HB 470     Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Dugan of the 30th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Government Oversight has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 390     Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Heath of the 31st District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 64 Do Pass by substitute  
HB 92 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 234 Do Pass  
HB 412 Do Pass  
HB 320 Do Pass  
HB 452 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General) has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 257 Do Pass  
SB 229 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 160 Do Pass by substitute  
 HB 472 Do Pass by substitute  
 HB 506 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 37	HB 134	HB 148	HB 198	HB 205	HB 209
HB 222	HB 245	HB 250	HB 268	HB 287	HB 309
HB 312	HB 322	HB 337	HB 370	HB 375	HB 391
HB 425	HB 437	HB 453			

Senator Hill of the 6th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Orrock of the 36th asked unanimous consent that Senator Parent of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Parent was excused.

Senator Lucas of the 26th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones of the 25th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Orrock
Anderson, L	Henson	Payne
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Beach	Hufstetler	Seay
Black	Jackson, L	Shafer
Brass	James	Sims
Burke	Jeffares	Stone
Butler	Jones, E	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kennedy	Tillery
Dugan	Kirk	Tippins
Fort	Ligon	Unterman
Ginn	Lucas	Walker
Gooch	Martin	Watson
Harbin	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harbison	Millar	Williams, M
Harper	Mullis	

Not answering were Senators:

Hill, H. (Excused)

Jones, B. (Excused)

Miller

Parent (Excused)

Thompson, C. (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Martin of the 9th introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Brian Boyles of Snellville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The President introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Douglas Nuelle.

Senator Tillery of the 19th recognized the Vidalia High School Competitive Cheerleading Team for winning the 2016 GHSA Division AA State Championship, commended by SR 357, adopted previously. Head Coach Ann Michele Toole addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd recognized Ashley D. Bell of Gainesville, Georgia, commended by SR 333, adopted previously. Mrs. Lauren Bell addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 424. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia State University's Advanced Health Policy Institute; and for other purposes.

SR 425. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending Euriel Hemmerly; and for other purposes.

SR 427. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Eagle's Landing Christian Academy football team on its outstanding 2016 season; and for other purposes.

SR 428. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Marcia Taylor, recipient of the 2017 Horatio Alger Award; and for other purposes.



SR 429. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending William "Bo" Moss for his outstanding public service on the Henry County Board of Commissioners; and for other purposes.

SR 430. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Gooch of the 51st, Brass of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the contribution of General Motors to Georgia veterans; and for other purposes.

SR 431. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Antioch Baptist Church North on the occasion of its 140th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 432. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Wilkinson County High School Warriors basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA Class 1A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 433. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Harry Groff Lefever; and for other purposes.

SR 434. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring heroine Dorothy Lattimore in service to her country as a member of the United States armed forces with the United States Army and Army Reserve; and for other purposes.

SR 435. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Cowser of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Whitney Ingram; and for other purposes.

- SR 436. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Veronica Waters on her outstanding journalism career; and for other purposes.

- SR 437. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rene Miller on her outstanding achievements as an entrepreneur and radio and television host; and for other purposes.

- SR 438. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Melissa Summers on her outstanding career in radio and television; and for other purposes.

- SR 439. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cynthia Young on her outstanding radio career; and for other purposes.

- SR 440. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lorraine Jacques White; and for other purposes.

- SR 441. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marjorie Coley on her outstanding community service; and for other purposes.

- SR 442. By Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th and Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Langston Hughes High School boys varsity basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA 6A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 443. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Samuel Clarke, Ryan Williams, and David Ehrlich; and for other purposes.

SR 444. By Senator Cowser of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing former Atlanta Braves pitching coach Mr. Leo David Mazzone; and for other purposes.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017  
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 39 Real estate professionals; disciplinary actions and sanctions; change certain provisions (RI&U-49th) Powell-32nd
- HB 44 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 (Substitute)(APPROP-4th) Ralston-7th
- HB 83 Firefighters' Pension Fund; invest up to 10 percent in real estate; provide (Substitute)(RET-6th) Maxwell-17th
- HB 213 Crimes and offenses; sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; include (JUDY-6th) Golick-40th
- HB 359 Supporting and Strengthening Families Act; enact (H&HS-45th) Fleming-121st

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 39. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Maxwell of the 17th, Tanner of the 9th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 39A and 40 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to real estate appraisers and real

estate brokers and salespersons, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to disciplinary actions and sanctions permitted for failure of such real estate professionals to provide notification of convictions of certain offenses; to require notification of convictions within a certain time frame; to provide for revocation of a real estate professional's license or classification under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Miller of the 49th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

HB 39, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3/15/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the HB 39. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Greg Kirk  
District 13

3/15/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the HB 39. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Michael Rhett  
District 33

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 4th.

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 44  
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT**

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:  
PART I**

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

**HB 44 (FY 2018G)**

	<b>Governor</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>SAC</b>
<b>Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,997,351,235	\$24,997,351,235	\$24,997,351,235
State General Funds	\$21,447,337,811	\$21,447,337,811	\$21,447,337,811
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000
Lottery Proceeds	\$1,130,965,151	\$1,130,965,151	\$1,130,965,151
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$136,509,071	\$136,509,071	\$136,509,071
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380
Hospital Provider Fee	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$13,929,474,117	\$13,892,727,132	\$13,901,698,337
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,796,576,226	\$3,799,933,786	\$3,801,833,786
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966

Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$100,055,059	\$98,262,367	\$98,262,367
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$7,275,848,471	\$7,236,262,200	\$7,242,191,594
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$458,672,702	\$459,947,120	\$461,088,931
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,357,340,248	\$6,357,340,248	\$6,357,799,094
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719
Reserved Fund Balances	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,677,650,555
Hospital Authorities	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$333,585,424	\$333,585,424	\$333,585,424
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560
Royalties and Rents	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735
Sales and Services	\$3,270,783,833	\$3,270,783,833	\$3,271,242,679
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$800,343,941	\$800,343,941	\$800,802,787
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$4,069,096,350	\$4,071,096,350	\$4,069,096,350

State Funds Transfers	\$4,050,818,568	\$4,050,818,568	\$4,050,818,568
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$64,657,845	\$64,657,845	\$64,657,845
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	\$59,401,182	\$59,401,182	\$59,401,182
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580
Agency Funds Transfers	\$15,845,850	\$17,845,850	\$15,845,850
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,845,850	\$17,845,850	\$15,845,850
Federal Funds Transfers	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$629,805	\$629,805	\$629,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$45,284,165,600</b>	<b>\$45,247,418,615</b>	<b>\$45,256,848,666</b>
 <b>Changes in Fund Availability</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>
State General Funds	\$1,019,473,957	\$1,019,473,957	\$1,019,473,957
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$138,786,000	\$138,786,000	\$138,786,000
Lottery Proceeds	\$57,401,590	\$57,401,590	\$57,401,590
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266
Hospital Provider Fee	\$26,900,875	\$26,900,875	\$26,900,875
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$301,031,401</b>	<b>\$264,284,416</b>	<b>\$273,255,621</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$5,955,656)	(\$2,598,096)	(\$698,096)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$11,097,366	\$9,304,674	\$9,304,674
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$295,519,655	\$255,933,384	\$261,862,778
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$370,036	\$1,644,454	\$2,786,265
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$92,431,724</b>	<b>\$92,431,724</b>	<b>\$92,890,570</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)



Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
Sales and Services	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$708,846
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$708,846
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$165,199,381	\$167,199,381	\$165,199,381
State Funds Transfers	\$165,199,381	\$165,199,381	\$165,199,381
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)
Health Insurance Payments	\$166,443,589	\$166,443,589	\$166,443,589
Merit System Assessments	\$65,276	\$65,276	\$65,276
Retirement Payments	(\$599,284)	(\$599,284)	(\$599,284)
Workers Compensation Funds	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Agency Funds Transfers	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,816,743,503	\$1,781,996,518	\$1,789,426,569

**Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application**

*Section 1: Georgia Senate*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
State General Funds	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,653,062
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,653,062
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,653,062

**Lieutenant Governor's Office**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
State General Funds	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
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**1.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds			\$21,527
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**1.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds			\$789
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<b>1.100 Lieutenant Governor's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,330,208
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,330,208
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,330,208

<b>Secretary of the Senate's Office</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
State General Funds	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975

**2.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds			\$17,702
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**2.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds			\$653
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<b>2.100 Secretary of the Senate's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,214,330
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,214,330
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,214,330

<b>Senate</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
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State General Funds	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,374,656</b>	<b>\$7,374,656</b>	<b>\$7,374,656</b>

**3.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds			\$101,066
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**3.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds			\$2,558
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**3.3** *Increase funds for the Senate Transparency Project to give greater public access to Senate proceedings and committee meetings including video streaming.*

State General Funds			\$485,000
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<b>3.100 Senate</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,963,280
State General Funds	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,963,280
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,374,656</b>	<b>\$7,374,656</b>	<b>\$7,963,280</b>

**Senate Budget and Evaluation Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide budget development and evaluation expertise to the State Senate.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
State General Funds	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,124,070</b>	<b>\$1,124,070</b>	<b>\$1,124,070</b>

**4.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds			\$20,419
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**4.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds			\$755
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<b>4.100 Senate Budget and Evaluation Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide budget development and evaluation expertise to the State Senate.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,145,244
State General Funds	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,145,244
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,145,244

*Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875

**House of Representatives**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

**5.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$260,357	\$260,357
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**5.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$5,861	\$5,861
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<b>5.100 House of Representatives</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875

**Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451
State General Funds	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,442,016	\$11,472,016
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,442,016	\$11,472,016
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,442,016	\$11,472,016

**Ancillary Activities**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533
State General Funds	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533

**6.1**    *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$33,699	\$33,699
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**6.2**    *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,472	\$1,472
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**6.3**    *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,099)	(\$4,099)
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**6.4**    *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$15,637)	(\$15,637)
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**6.5**    *Increase funds for the Compact for a Balanced Budget Commission pursuant to HB794 (2014 Session).*

State General Funds	\$30,000	
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<b>6.100 Ancillary Activities</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,038,968	\$6,068,968
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,038,968	\$6,068,968
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,038,968	\$6,068,968

**Legislative Fiscal Office** **Continuation Budget**  
*The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
State General Funds	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981

**7.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$16,226	\$16,226
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**7.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$737	\$737
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<b>7.100 Legislative Fiscal Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944

**Office of Legislative Counsel** **Continuation Budget**  
*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
State General Funds	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937

**8.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$245,944	\$245,944
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**8.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,223	\$2,223
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<b>8.100 Office of Legislative Counsel</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,816,937	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104

*Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303
State General Funds	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,840,303	\$36,213,602	\$36,213,602
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$35,840,303	\$36,213,602	\$36,213,602
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,990,303	\$36,363,602	\$36,363,602

**Audit and Assurance Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school*

*systems in Georgia; to perform special examinations and investigations; to conduct performance audits and evaluations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; to audit Medicaid provider claims; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338
State General Funds	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338

**9.1** *Reduce funds to reflect projected revenues.*

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)
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**9.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$522,437	\$522,437
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**9.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$19,241	\$19,241
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**9.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$2,846	\$2,846
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**9.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$6,399	\$6,399
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**9.6** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of four positions to the Department of Community Health.*

State General Funds		(\$259,945)	(\$259,945)
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**9.100 Audit and Assurance Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the*



*State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to perform special examinations and investigations; to conduct performance audits and evaluations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; to audit Medicaid provider claims; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,602,338	\$30,893,316	\$30,893,316
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,602,338	\$30,893,316	\$30,893,316
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,752,338	\$31,043,316	\$31,043,316

**Departmental Administration (DOAA)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705
State General Funds	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705

**10.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$36,030	\$36,030
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**10.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,327	\$1,327
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**10.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$196	\$196
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**10.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$441	\$441
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<b>10.100 Departmental Administration (DOAA)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699

**Immigration Enforcement Review Board****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse members of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
State General Funds	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

**11.100 Immigration Enforcement Review Board****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse members of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

**Legislative Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
State General Funds	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600

<b>12.100 Legislative Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600

<b>Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems and equalizing property tax digests for collection of the State 1/4 mill; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660
State General Funds	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660

**13.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$42,035	\$42,035
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**13.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$1,548	\$1,548
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**13.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$229	\$229
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**13.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$515	\$515
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**13.100 Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems and equalizing property tax digests for collection of the State 1/4 mill; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987

**Section 5: Appeals, Court of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,001,912	\$21,444,195	\$21,300,916

**Court of Appeals**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
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State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

**14.1** *Increase funds for personnel to restore full-year funding for one vacant Deputy Court Administrator position. (H and S:Increase funds for a Deputy Court Administrator position)*

State General Funds	\$190,883	\$190,883	\$190,883
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**14.2** *Increase funds for personnel for two full-time central staff attorney positions effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$322,393	\$322,393	\$322,393
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**14.3** *Increase funds for personnel for two full-time central staff attorney positions effective January 1, 2018. (S:Re-evaluate additional funding for central staff attorney positions based on caseload)*

State General Funds	\$161,439	\$161,439	\$0
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**14.4** *Increase funds to address increased costs of docket software maintenance.*

State General Funds	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$27,500
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**14.5** *Increase funds for operations for two new central staff attorney positions and one deputy court administrator position.*

State General Funds	\$4,914	\$4,914	\$4,914
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**14.6** *Increase funds for one-time funding to scan and digitize fiscal records.*

State General Funds	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
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**14.7** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase furniture and equipment for new central staff positions.*

State General Funds	\$31,230	\$31,230	\$31,230
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**14.8** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for software costs associated with e-filing applications and access to trial court records from tablet devices.*

State General Funds	(\$121,100)	(\$121,100)	(\$121,100)
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**14.9** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the purchase of seven servers.*

State General Funds	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)
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**14.10** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for an audiovisual upgrade of the system that supports courtroom video streaming.*

State General Funds	(\$139,150)	(\$139,150)	(\$139,150)
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**14.11** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$280,635	\$280,635
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**14.12** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$14,571	\$14,571
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**14.13** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$753	\$753
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**14.14** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$10,694	\$10,694
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**14.15** *Increase funds for WAN billing from GTA.*

State General Funds		\$18,160	\$36,320
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**14.16** *Increase funds for step increase to L4. (S:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for L3 staff attorneys)*

State General Funds		\$117,470	\$117,470
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<b>14.100 Court of Appeals</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,001,912	\$21,444,195	\$21,300,916

**Section 6: Judicial Council**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818
State General Funds	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
Sales and Services	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$18,285,496	\$18,285,496	\$18,285,496

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,987,406	\$15,573,932	\$15,586,915
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,987,406	\$15,573,932	\$15,586,915
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$18,521,084	\$19,107,610	\$19,120,593

**Council of Accountability Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070
State General Funds	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070

**15.1** *Increase funds to support the certification and peer review process of Operating Under the Influence (OUI) Court Divisions as required effective July 1, 2016.*

State General Funds	\$28,335	\$28,335	\$28,335
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**15.2** *Increase funds for personnel for a salary adjustment for the Chief Certification Officer.*

State General Funds	\$16,626	\$16,626	\$16,626
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**15.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$3,404	\$3,404
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**15.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$112	\$112
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**15.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		(\$31)	(\$31)
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#### **15.100 Council of Accountability Court Judges**

#### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$656,031	\$659,516	\$659,516
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$656,031	\$659,516	\$659,516
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$656,031	\$659,516	\$659,516

#### **Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution**

#### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203



Sales and Services	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$314,203</b>	<b>\$314,203</b>	<b>\$314,203</b>

<b>16.100 Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$314,203</b>	<b>\$314,203</b>	<b>\$314,203</b>

**Institute of Continuing Judicial Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
State General Funds	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>	<b>\$1,218,860</b>

**17.1** *Increase funds to improve and expand new judge orientation training.*

State General Funds	\$64,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
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**17.2** *Increase funds for personnel for one full-time skilled administrative position to advance the court system's wider use of remote-learning methods and electronic publications for Georgia judges and court support personnel.*

State General Funds	\$68,361	\$0	\$0
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**17.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,566	\$9,566
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**17.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$318	\$318
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**17.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$89)	(\$89)
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**17.100 Institute of Continuing Judicial Education****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$648,018	\$565,452	\$565,452
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$648,018	\$565,452	\$565,452
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,351,221	\$1,268,655	\$1,268,655

**Judicial Council****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
State General Funds	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,807,214	\$14,807,214	\$14,807,214

<b>18.1</b>	<i>Increase funds to document the institutional technical knowledge of the Court Process Reporting System (CPRS).</i>			
	State General Funds	\$104,024	\$104,024	\$104,024
<b>18.2</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect the annualized reduction of rent.</i>			
	State General Funds	(\$45,758)	(\$45,758)	(\$45,758)
<b>18.3</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>			
	State General Funds		\$97,220	\$97,220
<b>18.4</b>	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>			
	State General Funds		\$3,264	\$3,264
<b>18.5</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>			
	State General Funds		(\$49,749)	(\$49,749)
<b>18.6</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>			
	State General Funds		(\$911)	(\$911)
<b>18.7</b>	<i>Increase funds to provide for Judicial Retirement System payments.</i>			
	State General Funds		\$317,083	\$317,083
<b>18.8</b>	<i>Increase funds for WAN billing by GTA.</i>			
	State General Funds		\$12,983	\$25,966

<b>18.100 Judicial Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,349,208	\$12,729,098	\$12,742,081
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,349,208	\$12,729,098	\$12,742,081
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,865,480	\$15,245,370	\$15,258,353

**Judicial Qualifications Commission****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149
State General Funds	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149

**19.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$6,566	\$6,566
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**19.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$225	\$225
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**19.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		(\$63)	(\$63)
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**19.4** *Increase funds for one legal counsel position and operations.*

State General Funds		\$278,989	\$278,989
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**19.100 Judicial Qualifications Commission****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$819,866	\$819,866
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$534,149	\$819,866	\$819,866
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$819,866	\$819,866

**Resource Center**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
State General Funds	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

<b>20.100 Resource Center</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

**Section 7: Juvenile Courts**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544
State General Funds	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,335,692	\$8,321,788	\$8,321,788
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,335,692	\$8,321,788	\$8,321,788
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,403,178	\$8,389,274	\$8,389,274

**Council of Juvenile Court Judges****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
State General Funds	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300

**21.1** *Increase funds for personnel for one director and two coordinator positions for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). (H:Increase funds for two coordinator positions for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI))(S:Increase funds for one director and one coordinator position for the JDAI)*

State General Funds	\$281,024	\$158,406	\$158,406
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**21.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$29,132	\$29,132
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**21.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$995	\$995
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**21.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		(\$34)	(\$34)
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**21.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$221	\$221
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**21.100 Council of Juvenile Court Judges****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,872,838	\$1,780,534	\$1,780,534
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,872,838	\$1,780,534	\$1,780,534

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,940,324	\$1,848,020	\$1,848,020

**Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
State General Funds	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730

**22.1** *Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges Grant to Counties to reflect a judicial salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$3,512,124	\$795,579	\$795,579
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**22.2** *Reduce funds to reflect a change in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.*

State General Funds		(\$205,055)	(\$205,055)
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<b>22.100 Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254

**Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344
State General Funds	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127

Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$79,297,984</b>	<b>\$79,297,984</b>	<b>\$79,297,984</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$82,862,413	\$82,725,867	\$81,183,163
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$82,862,413	\$82,725,867	\$81,183,163
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$84,884,053</b>	<b>\$84,747,507</b>	<b>\$83,204,803</b>

**Council of Superior Court Clerks**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
State General Funds	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$185,580</b>	<b>\$185,580</b>	<b>\$185,580</b>

<b>23.100 Council of Superior Court Clerks</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$185,580</b>	<b>\$185,580</b>	<b>\$185,580</b>

**District Attorneys**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
State General Funds	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642

**24.1** *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment, retention and career advancement for POST certified district attorney investigators.*

State General Funds	\$377,148	\$377,148	\$377,148
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**24.2** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize 10 assistant district attorney positions to support juvenile courts across the state and maintain parity with juvenile public defenders.*

State General Funds	\$242,955	\$242,955	\$242,955
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**24.3** *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment, retention and career advancement for assistant district attorneys. (S:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for assistant district attorneys)*

State General Funds	\$3,165,447	\$3,165,447	\$955,960
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**24.4** *Increase funds to annualize an accountability court supplement for a district attorney in the newly established accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit per HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	\$9,767	\$9,767	\$9,767
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**24.5** *Increase funds for personnel for 15 additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts, statewide. (S:Increase funds for eight additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts, statewide)*

State General Funds	\$1,497,928	\$0	\$798,894
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**24.6** *Increase funds to annualize an additional assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Clayton Judicial Circuit per HB804 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600
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**24.7** *Increase funds for personnel for one additional assistant district attorney to support an accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit.*

State General Funds	\$99,862	\$99,862	\$99,862
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**24.8** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$1,124,872	\$992,761
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**24.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$232,355	\$232,355
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**24.10** *Reduce funds to reflect a change in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.*

State General Funds		(\$204,079)	(\$204,079)
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**24.11** *Increase funds for an additional assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date.*

State General Funds		\$49,931	\$49,931
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**24.100 District Attorneys**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$75,718,709	\$75,423,860	\$73,881,156
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$75,718,709	\$75,423,860	\$73,881,156
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$77,740,349	\$77,445,500	\$75,902,796

**Prosecuting Attorneys' Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
State General Funds	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762

**25.1** *Increase funds for personnel for one prosecutor position dedicated to prosecute cases of at-risk adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.*

State General Funds	\$144,362	\$144,362	\$144,362
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**25.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$75,331	\$75,331
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**25.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$51,686	\$51,686
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**25.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$13,198	\$13,198
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**25.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$18,088	\$18,088
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<b>25.100 Prosecuting Attorneys' Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,958,124	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,958,124	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,958,124	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427

**Section 9: Superior Courts**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668
State General Funds	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750

Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$72,033,418</b>	<b>\$72,033,418</b>	<b>\$72,033,418</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$72,724,295	\$72,722,557	\$72,529,084
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$72,724,295	\$72,722,557	\$72,529,084
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$72,800,045</b>	<b>\$72,798,307</b>	<b>\$72,604,834</b>

**Council of Superior Court Judges****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297
State General Funds	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,570,297</b>	<b>\$1,570,297</b>	<b>\$1,570,297</b>

**26.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,896	\$27,896
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**26.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,425	\$3,425
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**26.3** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.

State General Funds	\$1,539	\$1,539
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**26.4** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

State General Funds	\$1,913	\$1,913
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**26.5** Increase funds for WAN billing by GTA.

State General Funds	\$3,840	\$7,680
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<b>26.100 Council of Superior Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,510,297	\$1,548,910	\$1,552,750
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,510,297	\$1,548,910	\$1,552,750
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,570,297	\$1,608,910	\$1,612,750

**Judicial Administrative Districts**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
State General Funds	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789

**27.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$45,166	\$45,166
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**27.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,545	\$5,545
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**27.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,097	\$3,097
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**27.100 Judicial Administrative Districts**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,724,847	\$2,724,847
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,724,847	\$2,724,847
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,686,789	\$2,740,597	\$2,740,597

**Superior Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
State General Funds	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332

**28.1** *Increase funds for personnel for ten law clerk positions. (H:Increase funds for four law clerk positions)(S:Increase funds for five law clerk positions including one in the Atlantic Circuit)*

State General Funds	\$672,193	\$268,877	\$336,096
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**28.2** *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit. (H and S: Increase funds to provide one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date)*

State General Funds	\$387,806	\$193,903	\$193,903
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**28.3** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Clayton Circuit created by HB804 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$185,253	\$185,253	\$185,253
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**28.4** *Increase funds to provide an accountability court supplement to Superior Court Judges in the Dublin, Tifton, and South Georgia circuits.*

State General Funds	\$63,115	\$63,115	\$63,115
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**28.5** *Increase funds for Senior Judge assistance for accountability court judges due to the growth in the number of accountability courts.*

State General Funds	\$417,439	\$417,439	\$152,907
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**28.6** *Eliminate funds for the initial equipment set-up of the Western Circuit judgeship created in HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	(\$30,250)	(\$30,250)	(\$30,250)
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**28.7** *Reduce funds to reflect the adjustment in the employer share in the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.*

State General Funds	(\$928,929)	(\$928,929)	(\$928,929)
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**28.8** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$395,344	\$395,344
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**28.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$38,923	\$38,923
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**28.10** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$49,345	\$49,345
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**28.11** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$19,448	\$19,448
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<b>28.100 Superior Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800	\$68,251,487
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800	\$68,251,487
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800	\$68,251,487

**Section 10: Supreme Court****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,911,930	\$14,843,660	\$14,966,034

**Supreme Court of Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483

**29.1** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one information technology position. (H and S:Increase funds for one information technology position)*

State General Funds	\$118,310	\$118,310	\$118,310
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**29.2** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one procurement and facilities coordinator position.*

State General Funds	\$75,428	\$0	\$0
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**29.3** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one senior accountant position. (S:Increase funds for personnel for one senior accountant position)*

State General Funds	\$122,374	\$0	\$122,374
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**29.4** *Increase funds to annualize the implementation of HB927, the "Appellate Jurisdiction Reform Act of 2016" (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$1,735,520	\$667,292	\$667,292
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**29.5** *Increase funds for a salary adjustment of the Georgia State Patrol trooper assigned to the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	\$8,784	\$8,784	\$8,784
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**29.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for increased security costs in FY2017.*

State General Funds	(\$10,969)	(\$10,969)	(\$10,969)
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**29.7** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$152,121	\$152,121
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**29.8** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$6,455	\$6,455
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**29.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$2,926	\$2,926
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**29.10** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,590	\$3,590
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**29.11** *Increase funds for step increase to L4. (S:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for L3 staff attorneys)*

State General Funds	\$60,668	\$60,668
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**29.12** *Reduce funds to reflect actual mileage expenses.*

State General Funds	(\$28,000)	(\$28,000)
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**29.100 Supreme Court of Georgia****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,911,930	\$14,843,660	\$14,966,034

**Section 11: Accounting Office, State****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718
State General Funds	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
State Funds Transfers	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,133,529	\$30,133,529	\$30,133,529	\$30,133,529

**Administration (SAO)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124
State General Funds	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
State Funds Transfers	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
Accounting System Assessments	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202

**30.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$3,223	\$3,223	\$3,223
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**30.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$119	\$119	\$119
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**30.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$5	\$5	\$5
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<b>30.100 Administration (SAO)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$337,471	\$337,471	\$337,471
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$337,471	\$337,471	\$337,471
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078

<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,606,549	\$1,606,549	\$1,606,549

**Financial Systems****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
State General Funds	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
State Funds Transfers	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
Accounting System Assessments	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126

**31.100 Financial Systems****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
State Funds Transfers	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
Accounting System Assessments	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126

**Shared Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143
State General Funds	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
State Funds Transfers	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357

Accounting System Assessments	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,539,500</b>	<b>\$2,539,500</b>	<b>\$2,539,500</b>

**32.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$15,606	\$15,606	\$15,606
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**32.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$575	\$575	\$575
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**32.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,366	\$1,366	\$1,366
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**32.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$22	\$22	\$22
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<b>32.100 Shared Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$853,712	\$853,712	\$853,712
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$853,712	\$853,712	\$853,712
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,557,069</b>	<b>\$2,557,069</b>	<b>\$2,557,069</b>

**Statewide Accounting and Reporting**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542
State General Funds	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
State Funds Transfers	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
Accounting System Assessments	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554

**33.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$41,023	\$41,023	\$41,023
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**33.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,510	\$1,510	\$1,510
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**33.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$58	\$58	\$58
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<b>33.100 Statewide Accounting and Reporting</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,710,145	\$2,710,145	\$2,710,145

**Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission,  
Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537
State General Funds	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537

**34.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,284	\$29,284	\$29,284
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**34.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,078	\$1,078	\$1,078
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**34.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$17,543	\$17,543	\$17,543
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**34.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$320)	(\$320)	(\$320)
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<b>34.100 Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122

**Georgia State Board of Accountancy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372
State General Funds	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372

**35.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,094	\$8,094	\$8,094
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**35.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$298	\$298	\$298
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**35.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$246)	(\$246)	(\$246)
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**35.100 Georgia State Board of Accountancy****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518

**Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913
State General Funds	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Sales and Services	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450
State Funds Transfers	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741



Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$206,499,089</b>	<b>\$206,499,089</b>	<b>\$206,499,089</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460
State General Funds	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$26,446,726</b>	<b>\$26,446,726</b>	<b>\$26,446,726</b>
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Sales and Services	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$174,862,526</b>	<b>\$174,862,526</b>	<b>\$174,862,526</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$24,003,641	\$24,003,641	\$24,003,641
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$205,040,712</b>	<b>\$205,040,712</b>	<b>\$205,040,712</b>

**Departmental Administration (DOAS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,394,934</b>	<b>\$3,394,934</b>	<b>\$3,394,934</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
Sales and Services	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$2,519,585</b>	<b>\$2,519,585</b>	<b>\$2,519,585</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168
Merit System Assessments	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>

**36.100 Departmental Administration (DOAS)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$2,519,585</b>	<b>\$2,519,585</b>	<b>\$2,519,585</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168
Merit System Assessments	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>

**Fleet Management****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>

<b>37.100 Fleet Management</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>

**Human Resources Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
State Funds Transfers	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
Merit System Assessments	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,746,956</b>	<b>\$11,746,956</b>	<b>\$11,746,956</b>

**38.1** *Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments.*

Merit System Assessments	\$65,276	\$65,276	\$65,276
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<b>38.100 Human Resources Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232
<b>Merit System Assessments</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232

**Risk Management****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
State General Funds	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
State Funds Transfers	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104

**39.1** *Increase funds for billings for workers' compensation premiums to reflect claims expenses.*

Workers Compensation Funds	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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**39.2** *Reduce funds for billings for property liability.*

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)
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**39.100 Risk Management****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction,*

*to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$21,330,668	\$21,330,668	\$21,330,668
<b>Liability Funds</b>	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
<b>Unemployment Compensation Funds</b>	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
<b>Workers Compensation Funds</b>	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$159,659,904	\$159,659,904	\$159,659,904

**State Purchasing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above \$100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify Small and/or Minority Business Vendors.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

**40.100 State Purchasing**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above \$100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify Small and/or Minority Business Vendors.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

**Surplus Property****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
Sales and Services	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807

**41.100 Surplus Property****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807

**Certificate of Need Appeal Panel****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
State General Funds	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506

**42.100 Certificate of Need Appeal Panel** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506

**Administrative Hearings, Office of State**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088
State General Funds	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
State Funds Transfers	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,385,893</b>	<b>\$4,385,893</b>	<b>\$4,385,893</b>

**43.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$54,172	\$54,172	\$54,172
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**43.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,995	\$1,995	\$1,995
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**43.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$13,427)	(\$13,427)	(\$13,427)
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**43.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$906	\$906	\$906
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**43.5** *Increase funds for operations for the Georgia Tax Tribunal to cover expenses for the tax judge.*

State General Funds	\$133,220	\$133,220	\$133,220
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**43.100 Administrative Hearings, Office of State** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,562,759	\$4,562,759	\$4,562,759

**State Treasurer, Office of the**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887

**44.100 State Treasurer, Office of the** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887



<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,616,887</b>	<b>\$5,616,887</b>	<b>\$5,616,887</b>

**Payments to Georgia Aviation Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide oversight and efficient operation of state aircraft and aviation operations to ensure the safety of state air travelers and aviation property.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
State General Funds	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319

**45.1** *Eliminate state funds and utilize other funds for operations.*

State General Funds	(\$990,319)	(\$990,319)	(\$990,319)
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**The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .205% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.**

**Section 13: Agriculture, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239
State General Funds	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060

Sales and Services	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$47,811,219	\$48,100,933	\$48,105,088
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$47,811,219	\$48,100,933	\$48,105,088
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,679,878</b>	<b>\$52,969,592</b>	<b>\$52,973,747</b>

**Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
State General Funds	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>

**46.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$50,687	\$50,687	\$50,687
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**46.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$39,234	\$39,234	\$39,234
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**46.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance for Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	\$17,236	\$17,236	\$17,236
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**46.4** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Department of Agriculture Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$71,200	\$71,200	\$71,200
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<b>46.100 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688

**Consumer Protection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177
State General Funds	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000

Sales and Services	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>

**47.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$426,402	\$426,402	\$426,402
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**47.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$15,704	\$15,704	\$15,704
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**47.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$39,236)	(\$39,236)	(\$39,236)
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**47.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,008)	(\$5,008)	(\$5,008)
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**47.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for dog and cat sterilization program supplements.*

State General Funds	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
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**47.6** *Utilize \$219,598 in existing funds from rental savings and increase funds for personnel for 11 food safety, plant and animal industry positions. (S: Utilize \$110,618 in existing funds from rental savings and increase funds for personnel for 11 food safety, plant and animal industry positions and reflect staggered start dates)*

State General Funds		\$378,051	\$337,619
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**47.100 Consumer Protection**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,431,039	\$27,809,090	\$27,768,658
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,431,039	\$27,809,090	\$27,768,658
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,627,322	\$31,005,373	\$30,964,941

**Departmental Administration (DOA)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097
State General Funds	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097

**48.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$77,175	\$77,175	\$77,175
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**48.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,842	\$2,842	\$2,842
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**48.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$7,101)	(\$7,101)	(\$7,101)
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**48.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$906)	(\$906)	(\$906)
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<b>48.100 Departmental Administration (DOA)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107

**Marketing and Promotion****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535
State General Funds	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706

**49.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$57,564	\$57,564	\$57,564
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**49.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,120	\$2,120	\$2,120
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**49.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$5,297)	(\$5,297)	(\$5,297)
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**49.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$676)	(\$676)	(\$676)
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**49.100 Marketing and Promotion****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,454,417	\$6,454,417	\$6,454,417

**Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
State General Funds	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399

<b>50.100 Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399

**Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
State General Funds	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667

**51.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$6,874	\$6,874	\$6,874
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**51.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$253	\$253	\$253
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**51.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,610)	(\$2,610)	(\$2,610)
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<b>51.100 Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184

**State Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; conserve ground and surface water in Georgia by increasing the uniformity and efficiency of agricultural water irrigation systems, by installing meters on sites with permits for agricultural use to obtain data on agricultural water usage, and by administering the use of federal funds to construct and renovate agricultural water catchments; inspect, maintain and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures so that they comply with the state Safe Dams Act; and to provide funds for planning and research on water management, erosion and sedimentation control.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033
State General Funds	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>

**52.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$36,914	\$36,914	\$36,914
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**52.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,360	\$1,360	\$1,360
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**52.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$617)	(\$617)	(\$617)
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**52.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$911)	(\$911)	(\$911)
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**52.5** *Eliminate funds for personnel for three administrative assistant positions.*

State General Funds	(\$135,204)	(\$135,204)	(\$135,204)
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**52.6** *Transfer funds and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program in the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program. (H and S:Transfer funds for personnel (\$553,019) and operations (\$43,750) and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program attached to the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program for a new subprogram)*

State General Funds	(\$553,019)	(\$596,769)	(\$596,769)
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**52.7** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for motor vehicle purchases.*

State General Funds		(\$44,587)	\$0
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<b>52.100 State Soil and Water Conservation Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; conserve ground and surface water in Georgia by increasing the uniformity and efficiency of agricultural water irrigation systems, by installing meters on sites with permits for agricultural use to obtain data on agricultural water usage, and by administering the use of federal funds to construct and renovate agricultural water catchments; inspect, maintain and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures so that they comply with the state Safe Dams Act; and to provide funds for planning and research on water management, erosion and sedimentation control.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,066,556	\$1,978,219	\$2,022,806
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,066,556	\$1,978,219	\$2,022,806
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,327,761	\$3,239,424	\$3,284,011
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***Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of***

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264
State General Funds	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976

**Departmental Administration (DBF)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075
State General Funds	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075

**53.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$38,807	\$38,807	\$38,807
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**53.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,429	\$1,429	\$1,429
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**53.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$233	\$233	\$233
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**53.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$297	\$297	\$297
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**53.5** *Increase funds for operations associated with the new information technology system.*

State General Funds	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
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<b>53.100 Departmental Administration (DBF)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841

**Financial Institution Supervision**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577
State General Funds	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577

**54.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$121,489	\$121,489	\$121,489
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**54.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,474	\$4,474	\$4,474
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**54.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$729	\$729	\$729
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**54.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$931	\$931	\$931
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**54.100 Financial Institution Supervision** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200

**Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent residential mortgage lending practices and money service businesses, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registrations, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612
State General Funds	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612

**55.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$31,627	\$31,627	\$31,627
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**55.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,165	\$1,165	\$1,165
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**55.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$189	\$189	\$189
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**55.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$242	\$242	\$242
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**55.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one licensing technician (\$56,525) and three assistant financial examiners (\$169,575).*

State General Funds	\$226,100	\$226,100	\$226,100
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**55.100 Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent residential mortgage lending practices and money service businesses, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registrations, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935

**Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308
State General Funds	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
Royalties and Rents	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Sales and Services	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130

Agency to Agency Contracts	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,204,952,314</b>	<b>\$1,204,952,314</b>	<b>\$1,204,952,314</b>

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,096,774,861	\$1,095,673,881	\$1,095,933,881
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,086,519,723	\$1,085,418,743	\$1,085,678,743
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,269,632,867</b>	<b>\$1,268,531,887</b>	<b>\$1,268,791,887</b>

**Adult Addictive Diseases Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763
State General Funds	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$90,928,897	\$90,928,897	\$90,928,897

**56.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,960	\$7,960	\$7,960
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**56.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$300	\$300	\$300
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**56.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$488)	(\$488)	(\$488)
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**56.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$193)	(\$193)	(\$193)
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**56.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Highland Rivers Health CSB Home Again pilot program.*

State General Funds		(\$715,980)	(\$715,980)
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<b>56.100 Adult Addictive Diseases Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$46,247,342	\$45,531,362	\$45,531,362
State General Funds	\$46,247,342	\$45,531,362	\$45,531,362
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,936,476	\$90,220,496	\$90,220,496

**Adult Developmental Disabilities Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970
State General Funds	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
Sales and Services	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$355,318,723	\$355,318,723	\$355,318,723

**57.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,456,124	\$4,456,124	\$4,456,124
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**57.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$30,684	\$30,684	\$30,684
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**57.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$87,184	\$87,184	\$87,184
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**57.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$7,572	\$7,572	\$7,572
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**57.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$38,437	\$38,437	\$38,437
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**57.6** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance for Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	\$14,661	\$14,661	\$14,661
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**57.7** *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 250 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$12,108,226	\$12,108,226	\$12,108,226
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**57.8** *Increase funds to annualize the cost of a provider rate increase for the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP).*

State General Funds	\$11,762,894	\$11,762,894	\$11,762,894
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**57.9** *Increase state funds to reflect the loss of Balancing Incentive Payment Program (BIPP) funds.*

State General Funds	\$8,461,332	\$8,461,332	\$8,461,332
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**57.10** *Increase funds for 250 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113
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**57.11** *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) slots.*

State General Funds	\$1,096,912	\$1,096,912	\$1,096,912
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**57.12** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in Federal Medical Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$3,169,480)	(\$3,169,480)	(\$3,169,480)
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**57.13** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Rockdale Cares.*

State General Funds	(\$10,000)	\$0
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**57.14** *Increase funds for the Georgia Options program to comply with new 'Fair Labor Standards Act' requirements.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$0
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<b>57.100 Adult Developmental Disabilities Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$340,326,629	\$340,416,629	\$340,326,629
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$330,071,491	\$330,161,491	\$330,071,491
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$396,267,382	\$396,357,382	\$396,267,382

**Adult Forensic Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649
State General Funds	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
Sales and Services	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149

**58.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,353,058	\$1,353,058	\$1,353,058
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**58.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$50,916	\$50,916	\$50,916
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**58.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$82,982)	(\$82,982)	(\$82,982)
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**58.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$32,786)	(\$32,786)	(\$32,786)
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<b>58.100 Adult Forensic Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$98,652,355	\$98,652,355	\$98,652,355

**Adult Mental Health Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047
State General Funds	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
Sales and Services	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$378,203,095	\$378,203,095	\$378,203,095

**59.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,277,792	\$5,277,792	\$5,277,792
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**59.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38,199	\$38,199	\$38,199
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**59.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$20,629)	(\$20,629)	(\$20,629)
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**59.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$46,941	\$46,941	\$46,941
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**59.5** *Increase funds for mental health consumers in community settings to comply with the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$7,756,876	\$7,756,876	\$7,756,876
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**59.6** *Increase funds for one Behavioral Health Crisis Center.*

State General Funds	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
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**59.7** *Increase funds to reflect the loss of Balancing Incentive Payment Program (BIPP) funds.*

State General Funds	\$2,270,503	\$2,270,503	\$2,270,503
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**59.8** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$830,520)	(\$830,520)	(\$830,520)
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**59.100 Adult Mental Health Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$398,742,257	\$398,742,257	\$398,742,257

**Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
State General Funds	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,236,003	\$11,236,003	\$11,236,003

**60.100 Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,236,003	\$11,236,003	\$11,236,003

**Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665
State General Funds	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,572,357	\$12,572,357	\$12,572,357

**61.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,539	\$29,539	\$29,539
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**61.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,112	\$1,112	\$1,112
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**61.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,812)	(\$1,812)	(\$1,812)
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**61.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$716)	(\$716)	(\$716)
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**61.100 Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788
State General Funds	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,600,480	\$12,600,480	\$12,600,480

**Child and Adolescent Forensic Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393
State General Funds	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393

**62.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,110	\$40,110	\$40,110
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**62.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,509	\$1,509	\$1,509
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**62.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,460)	(\$2,460)	(\$2,460)
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**62.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$972)	(\$972)	(\$972)
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**62.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for instrument development associated with juvenile code rewrite.*

State General Funds		(\$300,000)	\$0
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<b>62.100 Child and Adolescent Forensic Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,510,580	\$6,210,580	\$6,510,580
State General Funds	\$6,510,580	\$6,210,580	\$6,510,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,510,580	\$6,210,580	\$6,510,580

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665
State General Funds	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sales and Services	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180

**63.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$25,122	\$25,122	\$25,122
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**63.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$945	\$945	\$945
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**63.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,541)	(\$1,541)	(\$1,541)
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**63.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$609)	(\$609)	(\$609)
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**63.100 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000



<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,708,097	\$60,708,097	\$60,708,097

**Departmental Administration (DBHDD)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770
State General Funds	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487

**64.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$511,969	\$511,969	\$511,969
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**64.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$19,249	\$19,249	\$19,249
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**64.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$30,164)	(\$30,164)	(\$30,164)
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**64.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,918)	(\$11,918)	(\$11,918)
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<b>64.100 Departmental Administration (DBHDD)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,133,623	\$50,133,623	\$50,133,623

**Direct Care Support Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145
State General Funds	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331
Royalties and Rents	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Sales and Services	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186

**65.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,370,557	\$1,370,557	\$1,370,557
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**65.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$51,575	\$51,575	\$51,575
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**65.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$84,056)	(\$84,056)	(\$84,056)
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**65.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$33,210)	(\$33,210)	(\$33,210)
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<b>65.100 Direct Care Support Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$130,550,052	\$130,550,052	\$130,550,052

**Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
State General Funds	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894

<b>66.100 Substance Abuse Prevention</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894

**Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
State General Funds	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863

**67.1** *Transfer funds (\$175,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and utilize (\$25,000) of existing funds to maintain the council's active participation in the IPSE partnership. (S:Transfer funds (\$125,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and utilize (\$75,000) of existing funds to maintain the council's active participation in the IPSE partnership)*

State General Funds		(\$175,000)	(\$125,000)
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<b>67.100 Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$250,821	\$75,821	\$125,821
State General Funds	\$250,821	\$75,821	\$125,821
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,269,863	\$2,094,863	\$2,144,863

**Sexual Offender Review Board**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087
State General Funds	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087

**68.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,835	\$11,835	\$11,835
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**68.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$436	\$436	\$436
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**68.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$447	\$447	\$447
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**68.100 Sexual Offender Review Board**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805

**Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539
State General Funds	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250
Reserved Fund Balances	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020

Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Sales and Services	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
State Funds Transfers	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$72,638,341	\$72,198,361	\$72,243,341
State General Funds	\$72,638,341	\$72,198,361	\$72,243,341
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250
Reserved Fund Balances	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Sales and Services	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
State Funds Transfers	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$273,564,525	\$273,124,545	\$273,169,525

**Building Construction****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362
State General Funds	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
Sales and Services	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$451,185	\$451,185	\$451,185

**69.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,108	\$5,108	\$5,108
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**69.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$188	\$188	\$188
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**69.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$44	\$44	\$44
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<b>69.100 Building Construction</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$258,702	\$258,702	\$258,702
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$258,702	\$258,702	\$258,702
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$456,525	\$456,525	\$456,525

**Coordinated Planning**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and*

*Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378
State General Funds	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881

**70.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$21,431	\$21,431	\$21,431
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**70.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$789	\$789	\$789
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**70.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$182	\$182	\$182
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**70.4** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia grants for coastal infrastructure.*

State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$50,000)	\$0
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#### **70.100 Coordinated Planning**

#### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,924,780	\$3,974,780	\$4,024,780
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,924,780	\$3,974,780	\$4,024,780
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,167,283	\$4,217,283	\$4,267,283



**Departmental Administration (DCA)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036
State General Funds	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852
Reserved Fund Balances	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
Sales and Services	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877

**71.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$2,384	\$2,384	\$2,384
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**71.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$88	\$88	\$88
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**71.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$573)	(\$573)	(\$573)
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**71.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$20	\$20	\$20
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**71.5** *Increase funds for operations to offset a reduction of federal and other funds.*

State General Funds	\$270,831	\$270,831	\$270,831
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**71.6** *Transfer funds from the Special Housing Initiatives program to the Departmental Administration program for the Georgia Advocacy Office contract.*

State General Funds		\$179,922	\$224,902
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**71.7** *Increase funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Advisory Council.*

State General Funds \$25,000

<b>71.100 Departmental Administration (DCA)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,183,786	\$1,363,708	\$1,433,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,183,786	\$1,363,708	\$1,433,688
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,778,627	\$7,958,549	\$8,028,529

**Federal Community and Economic Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659
State General Funds	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
Sales and Services	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036

**72.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,265	\$29,265	\$29,265
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**72.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,079	\$1,079	\$1,079
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**72.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$249	\$249	\$249
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<b>72.100 Federal Community and Economic Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,862,629	\$49,862,629	\$49,862,629

**Homeownership Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,787,841</b>	<b>\$9,787,841</b>	<b>\$9,787,841</b>

**73.100 Homeownership Programs****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,787,841</b>	<b>\$9,787,841</b>	<b>\$9,787,841</b>

**Regional Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to Department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives, to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan, and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390
State General Funds	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
Sales and Services	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

State Funds Transfers	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,551,442</b>	<b>\$1,551,442</b>	<b>\$1,551,442</b>

**74.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$22,166	\$22,166	\$22,166
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**74.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$816	\$816	\$816
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**74.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$189	\$189	\$189
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<b>74.100 Regional Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to Department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives, to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan, and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,574,613</b>	<b>\$1,574,613</b>	<b>\$1,574,613</b>

**Rental Housing Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849
Reserved Fund Balances	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
Sales and Services	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320

**75.100 Rental Housing Programs**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849	\$5,158,849
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320	\$131,026,320

**Research and Surveys**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226
State General Funds	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226

**76.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,599	\$7,599	\$7,599
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**76.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$280	\$280	\$280
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**76.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$65	\$65	\$65
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<b>76.100 Research and Surveys</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170
State General Funds	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170

**Special Housing Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
State General Funds	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490
Reserved Fund Balances	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
State Funds Transfers	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518

**77.1** *Transfer funds from the Special Housing Initiatives program to the Departmental Administration program for the Georgia Advocacy Office contract.*

State General Funds		(\$179,922)	(\$224,902)
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**77.2** *Eliminate contract funds.*

State General Funds		(\$44,980)	\$0
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**77.3** *Increase funds for the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia special housing home modifications.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
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#### **77.100 Special Housing Initiatives**

#### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,187,794	\$2,962,892	\$3,062,892
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,187,794	\$2,962,892	\$3,062,892
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490



<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,614,518	\$6,389,616	\$6,489,616

**State Community Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879
State General Funds	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Sales and Services	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529

**78.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$13,667	\$13,667	\$13,667
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**78.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$503	\$503	\$503
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**78.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$116	\$116	\$116
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**78.4** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Second Harvest of South Georgia. (H:NO; Utilize existing funds for the Second Harvest of South Georgia to continue to provide assistance to victims of storm damage)(S:Eliminate funds)*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	\$0	(\$25,000)
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**78.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority for Environmental Phase I studies. (H:Eliminate funds)(S:Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority for Environmental Phase I studies)*

State General Funds	(\$75,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$75,000)
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**78.6** *Increase funds for the Warrior to Citizen Resilience and Reintegration program.*

State General Funds			\$50,000
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**78.7** *Increase funds for the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial.*

State General Funds			\$25,000
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**78.100 State Community Development Programs**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$796,165	\$796,165	\$871,165
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$796,165	\$796,165	\$871,165
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$993,815	\$993,815	\$1,068,815

**State Economic Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948
State General Funds	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
Sales and Services	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS \$27,044,480 \$27,044,480 \$27,044,480

**79.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds \$4,212 \$4,212 \$4,212

**79.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds \$155 \$155 \$155

**79.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds \$36 \$36 \$36

**79.4** *Eliminate funds for small film production business grants.*

State General Funds (\$300,000) (\$300,000)

<b>79.100 State Economic Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.*

**TOTAL STATE FUNDS** \$26,401,351 \$26,101,351 \$26,101,351

**State General Funds** \$26,401,351 \$26,101,351 \$26,101,351

**TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS** \$647,532 \$647,532 \$647,532

**Intergovernmental Transfers** \$464,244 \$464,244 \$464,244

**Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized** \$464,244 \$464,244 \$464,244

**Sales and Services** \$183,288 \$183,288 \$183,288

**Sales and Services Not Itemized** \$183,288 \$183,288 \$183,288

**TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS** \$27,048,883 \$26,748,883 \$26,748,883

**Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS \$838,495 \$838,495 \$838,495

State General Funds \$838,495 \$838,495 \$838,495

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS \$838,495 \$838,495 \$838,495

**80.1** *Reduce funds for the Georgia Rural Water Association.*

State General Funds	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0
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**80.2** *Reduce funds for the grants for Resource Conservation and Development districts.*

State General Funds	(\$55,000)	\$0	\$0
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**80.3** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for planning. (S:Reduce funds for planning)*

State General Funds		(\$250,000)	(\$200,000)
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**80.100 Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority** **Appropriation (HB 44)***The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$733,495	\$588,495	\$638,495
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$733,495	\$588,495	\$638,495
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$733,495	\$588,495	\$638,495

**Payments to Georgia Regional Transportation Authority****Continuation Budget***The purpose of this appropriation is to improve Georgia's mobility, air quality, and land use practices by operating the Xpress bus service, conducting transportation improvement studies, producing an annual Air Quality Report, and reviewing Developments of Regional Impact.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372
State General Funds	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372

**81.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$33,734	\$33,734	\$33,734
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**81.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,242	\$1,242	\$1,242
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**81.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,063)	(\$4,063)	(\$4,063)
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**81.4** *Reduce funds to recognize savings from the integration of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and State Road and Tollway Authority.*

State General Funds (\$300,000)

<b>81.100 Payments to Georgia Regional Transportation Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve Georgia's mobility, air quality, and land use practices by operating the Xpress bus service, conducting transportation improvement studies, producing an annual Air Quality Report, and reviewing Developments of Regional Impact.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,959,285	\$12,959,285	\$12,659,285
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,959,285	\$12,959,285	\$12,659,285
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,959,285	\$12,959,285	\$12,659,285

**Payments to OneGeorgia Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
State General Funds	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521

<b>82.100 Payments to OneGeorgia Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
State General Funds	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521

*Section 17: Community Health, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543
State General Funds	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114
Hospital Provider Fee	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$7,363,159,783	\$7,363,159,783	\$7,363,159,783
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$220,774,078	\$220,774,078	\$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
Sales and Services	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,577,232,918	\$3,577,232,918	\$3,577,232,918
State Funds Transfers	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
Federal Funds Transfers	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,365,986,322	\$14,365,986,322	\$14,365,986,322

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,161,543,607	\$3,139,855,966	\$3,142,835,269
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,567,078,050	\$2,545,390,409	\$2,548,369,712
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$112,102,290	\$112,102,290	\$112,102,290
<b>Nursing Home Provider Fees</b>	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,659,049,474	\$7,620,737,621	\$7,627,808,826
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$7,173,733,371	\$7,134,147,100	\$7,140,076,494
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$458,672,702	\$459,947,120	\$461,088,931
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$313,145,802	\$313,145,802	\$313,145,802
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,743,676,507	\$3,743,676,507	\$3,743,676,507
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,743,346,507	\$3,743,346,507	\$3,743,346,507
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,877,415,390	\$14,817,415,896	\$14,827,466,404

**Departmental Administration (DCH)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314
State General Funds	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$22,810,104</b>	<b>\$22,810,104</b>	<b>\$22,810,104</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585
Federal Funds Transfers	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$394,059,740</b>	<b>\$394,059,740</b>	<b>\$394,059,740</b>

**83.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$398,216	\$398,216	\$398,216
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**83.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$14,667	\$14,667	\$14,667
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**83.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$10,028	\$10,028	\$10,028
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**83.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,672	\$7,672	\$7,672
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**83.5** *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health Departmental Administration and Program Support program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Board Administration program to support the salary and operations of two healthcare analyst positions.*

State General Funds	(\$200,389)	(\$200,389)	(\$200,389)
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**83.6** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits.*

State General Funds	\$1,108,358	\$1,108,358	\$1,108,358
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**83.100 Departmental Administration (DCH)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$63,494,508</b>	<b>\$64,602,866</b>	<b>\$64,602,866</b>
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$63,494,508	\$64,602,866	\$64,602,866
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$394,289,934	\$395,398,292	\$395,398,292

**Georgia Board of Dentistry**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684
State General Funds	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684

**84.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,786	\$10,786	\$10,786
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**84.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$397	\$397	\$397
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**84.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$2,778	\$2,778	\$2,778
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**84.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$272	\$272	\$272
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**84.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$208	\$208	\$208
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<b>84.100 Georgia Board of Dentistry</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125

**Georgia State Board of Pharmacy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419
State General Funds	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419

**85.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,573	\$11,573	\$11,573
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**85.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$426	\$426	\$426
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**85.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$291	\$291	\$291
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**85.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$223	\$223	\$223
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**85.100 Georgia State Board of Pharmacy** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932

**Health Care Access and Improvement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372
State General Funds	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,055,923</b>	<b>\$28,055,923</b>	<b>\$28,055,923</b>

**86.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,474	\$44,474	\$44,474
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**86.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,638	\$1,638	\$1,638
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**86.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,120	\$1,120	\$1,120
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**86.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$857	\$857	\$857
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**86.5** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the purchase of three telemedicine equipment devices to support middle Georgia EMS services.*

State General Funds	(\$42,000)	(\$42,000)	(\$42,000)
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**86.6** *Eliminate one-time start-up funds for Federally Qualified Health Centers.*

State General Funds		(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
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**86.7** *Increase funds for two Federally Qualified Health Center community start-up grants in Cook County and Lincoln County. (S:Increase funds for three Federally Qualified Health Center community start-up grants in Cook County, Seminole County, and Lowndes County)*

State General Funds		\$500,000	\$750,000
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**86.8** *Increase funds for the Center for Rural Health Support and Study at Augusta University. (S:The department shall conduct an analysis of technical assistance available at public and private medical colleges or universities to determine an appropriate location and structure of a center of excellence for rural health and support if funds are appropriated in FY2019)*

State General Funds		\$250,000	\$0
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**86.9** *Increase funds for Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) housing resources for advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and medical and dental residency students in rural, primary care rotations.*

State General Funds			\$75,000
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**86.10** *Increase funds for Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) housing at the Southwest Georgia Medical Housing Complex.*

State General Funds			\$75,000
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### **86.100 Health Care Access and Improvement**

### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,615,461	\$11,865,461	\$12,015,461
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,615,461	\$11,865,461	\$12,015,461
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,062,012	\$28,312,012	\$28,462,012

**Healthcare Facility Regulation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519
State General Funds	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837

**87.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$178,376	\$178,376	\$178,376
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**87.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,570	\$6,570	\$6,570
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**87.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$4,492	\$4,492	\$4,492
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**87.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,436	\$3,436	\$3,436
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**87.5** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to provide an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors.*

State General Funds		\$2,011,739	\$2,011,739
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$2,309,934	\$2,309,934
Total Public Funds:		\$4,321,673	\$4,321,673

<b>87.100 Healthcare Facility Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,203,393	\$13,215,132	\$13,215,132
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,203,393	\$13,215,132	\$13,215,132
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,638,318	\$11,948,252	\$11,948,252
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,733,665	\$6,043,599	\$6,043,599
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,941,711	\$25,263,384	\$25,263,384

**Indigent Care Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
Sales and Services	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493

**88.1** *In accordance with O.C.G.A. 31-8-179.2(a), fees assessed for the Hospital Provider payment Program shall not exceed 1.45% of net patient revenue. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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<b>88.100 Indigent Care Trust Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493

**Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268
State General Funds	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114
Hospital Provider Fee	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232

**89.1** *Replace funds to support increased waiver rates and slots previously funded by the Balancing Incentive Payment Program (BIPP).*

State General Funds	\$4,015,270	\$4,015,270	\$4,015,270
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$4,015,270)	(\$4,015,270)	(\$4,015,270)
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**89.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$16,961,152)	(\$16,961,152)	(\$16,961,152)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$16,961,152	\$16,961,152	\$16,961,152
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**89.3** *Reduce funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	(\$2,927,925)	(\$2,927,925)	(\$2,927,925)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$6,323,023)	(\$6,323,023)	(\$6,323,023)
Total Public Funds:	(\$9,250,948)	(\$9,250,948)	(\$9,250,948)

**89.4** *Increase funds to reduce the waiting list in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) waiver.*

State General Funds	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969
Total Public Funds:	\$2,755,938	\$2,755,938	\$2,755,938

**89.5** *Increase funds for an adjustment to congregate and home delivered meals rates for Medicaid waivers for the elderly.*

State General Funds	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
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**89.6** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from nursing home provider fees.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$7,559,026	\$7,559,026
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266
Total Public Funds:	\$3,500,266	\$11,059,292	\$11,059,292

**89.7** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from hospital provider payments.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,141,074	\$6,141,074	\$6,141,074
Hospital Provider Fee	\$2,843,672	\$2,843,672	\$2,843,672
Total Public Funds:	\$8,984,746	\$8,984,746	\$8,984,746

**89.8** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected need.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$72,597,891	\$72,597,891	\$72,597,891
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Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$33,617,019	\$33,617,019	\$33,617,019
Total Public Funds:	\$106,214,910	\$106,214,910	\$106,214,910

**89.9** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to reflect a projected increase in Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$23,899,006	\$23,899,006	\$23,899,006
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$11,066,621	\$11,066,621	\$11,066,621
Total Public Funds:	\$34,965,627	\$34,965,627	\$34,965,627

**89.10** *Evaluate options to ensure mental health coverage parity for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with that of the commercial market. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**89.11** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to increase reimbursements rates for select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 100% of 2014 Medicare levels.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,814,407	\$6,814,407	\$6,814,407
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,155,464	\$3,155,464	\$3,155,464
Total Public Funds:	\$9,969,871	\$9,969,871	\$9,969,871

**89.12** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits.*

State General Funds	(\$1,108,358)	(\$1,108,358)	
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**89.13** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to provide an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors.*

State General Funds	(\$2,011,739)	(\$2,011,739)	
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$2,309,934)	(\$2,309,934)	
Total Public Funds:	(\$4,321,673)	(\$4,321,673)	

**89.14** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% inflation adjustment on the nursing home cost report. (S:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase on the 2012 nursing home cost report)*

State General Funds	\$11,722,479	\$14,600,000	
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$25,315,369	\$31,529,542	
Total Public Funds:	\$37,037,848	\$46,129,542	

**89.15** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase for the SOURCE case management fee.*

State General Funds	\$336,641	\$336,641
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$726,995	\$726,995
Total Public Funds:	\$1,063,636	\$1,063,636

**89.16** *Utilize \$307,226 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 5% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize \$614,452 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 10% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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**89.17** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018.*

State General Funds	\$1,130,800	\$527,621
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,442,028	\$1,139,433
Total Public Funds:	\$3,572,828	\$1,667,054

**89.18** *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for personal support and extended personal support services in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) program.*

State General Funds		\$250,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$539,889
Total Public Funds:		\$789,889

**89.19** *Increase funds for a three percent increase in nursing home mechanical ventilator reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds		\$100,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$215,955
Total Public Funds:		\$315,955

**89.20** *Utilize existing funds (\$2,104,223) to implement increased Medicaid inpatient payments for graduate medical education costs for new teaching hospitals while holding existing teaching and other hospitals harmless. (S:YES)*

State General Funds		\$0
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**89.21** *Increase funds for home care services in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) for Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia patients with a confirmed diagnosis.*

State General Funds		\$1,750,000
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Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,779,225
Total Public Funds:	\$5,529,225

**89.22** *Increase funds to provide a provider rate increase for the emergency response system in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP).*

State General Funds	\$50,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$107,978
Total Public Funds:	\$157,978

<b>89.100 Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,650,623,368	\$1,660,693,191	\$1,665,117,533
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,440,256,145	\$1,450,325,968	\$1,454,750,310
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806
<b>Nursing Home Provider Fees</b>	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$32,706,037	\$32,706,037	\$32,706,037
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,567,262,550	\$3,600,996,034	\$3,610,550,659
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,564,475,336	\$3,598,208,820	\$3,607,763,445
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$110,182,092	\$110,182,092	\$110,182,092
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,595,356,642	\$5,639,159,949	\$5,653,138,916

**Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790
State General Funds	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175
Hospital Provider Fee	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891

**90.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$29,942,772)	(\$29,942,772)	(\$29,942,772)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$29,942,772	\$29,942,772	\$29,942,772
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**90.2** *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	(\$12,018,309)	(\$12,018,309)	(\$12,018,309)
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**90.3** *Reduce funds for one year Hospital Insurance Fee (HIF) moratorium.*

State General Funds	(\$32,220,521)	(\$32,220,521)	(\$32,220,521)
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**90.4** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from hospital provider payments.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$51,952,917	\$51,952,917	\$51,952,917
Hospital Provider Fee	\$24,057,203	\$24,057,203	\$24,057,203
Total Public Funds:	\$76,010,120	\$76,010,120	\$76,010,120

**90.5** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected need.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$10,384,073	\$10,384,073	\$10,384,073
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,808,426	\$4,808,426	\$4,808,426
Total Public Funds:	\$15,192,499	\$15,192,499	\$15,192,499

**90.6** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to comply with federal Hepatitis C treatment access requirements.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,537,355	\$3,537,355	\$3,537,355
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,638,000	\$1,638,000	\$1,638,000
Total Public Funds:	\$5,175,355	\$5,175,355	\$5,175,355

**90.7** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to increase reimbursements rates for select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 100% of 2014 Medicare levels.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$31,931,638	\$31,931,638	\$31,931,638
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$14,786,194	\$14,786,194	\$14,786,194
Total Public Funds:	\$46,717,832	\$46,717,832	\$46,717,832

**90.8** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to cover behavioral health services for children under 21 who are diagnosed as autistic.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$44,846,653	\$44,846,653	\$44,846,653
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$20,766,592	\$20,766,592	\$20,766,592
Total Public Funds:	\$65,613,245	\$65,613,245	\$65,613,245

**90.9** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for behavioral health services to children ages 0-4.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$5,471,041	\$5,471,041	\$5,471,041
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,533,408	\$2,533,408	\$2,533,408
Total Public Funds:	\$8,004,449	\$8,004,449	\$8,004,449

**90.10** *Evaluate options to ensure mental health coverage parity for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with that of the commercial market. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**90.11** *Eliminate one-time funds for the evaluation of ADHD cost-saving measures.*

State General Funds		(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)
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**90.12** Utilize \$2,377,917 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 5% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize \$4,755,834 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 10% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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**90.13** Utilize \$5,298,820 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize \$2,472,379 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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**90.14** Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018.

State General Funds	(\$1,130,800)	(\$527,621)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$2,442,028)	(\$1,139,433)
Total Public Funds:	(\$3,572,828)	(\$1,667,054)

**90.15** Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% inflation adjustment on the nursing home cost report. (S:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase on the 2012 nursing home cost report)

State General Funds	(\$11,722,479)	(\$14,600,000)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$25,315,369)	(\$31,529,542)
Total Public Funds:	(\$37,037,848)	(\$46,129,542)

**90.16** Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase for the SOURCE case management fee.

State General Funds	(\$336,641)	(\$336,641)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$726,995)	(\$726,995)
Total Public Funds:	(\$1,063,636)	(\$1,063,636)

**90.17** Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures.

State General Funds	(\$21,830,997)	(\$21,830,997)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$47,145,297)	(\$47,145,297)
Total Public Funds:	(\$68,976,294)	(\$68,976,294)

**90.18** *Increase funds for a \$500 add-on payment for newborn delivery in rural counties (population less than 35,000).*

State General Funds	\$595,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$1,286,347
Total Public Funds:	\$1,882,000

<b>90.100 Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,351,788,700	\$1,316,567,783	\$1,314,889,094
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$967,690,366	\$932,469,449	\$930,790,760
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$105,910,484	\$105,910,484	\$105,910,484
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$278,187,850	\$278,187,850	\$278,187,850
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,079,276,387	\$3,003,646,698	\$3,000,021,467
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,079,276,387	\$3,003,646,698	\$3,000,021,467
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$56,860,936	\$56,860,936	\$56,860,936
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,501,342,870	\$4,390,492,264	\$4,385,188,344

**PeachCare**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374
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**91.1** *Evaluate options to ensure mental health coverage parity for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with that of the commercial market. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**91.2** *Increase funds to increase reimbursements rates for select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 100% of 2014 Medicare levels.*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$370,036	\$370,036	\$370,036
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**91.3** *Increase funds for a 5% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes. (S:Increase funds for a 10% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes)*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		\$1,141,811	\$2,283,622
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**91.4** *Increase funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018.*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767		\$132,607	\$132,607
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<b>91.100 PeachCare</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$424,480,627	\$425,755,045	\$426,896,856
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$424,480,627	\$425,755,045	\$426,896,856
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$424,632,410	\$425,906,828	\$427,048,639

**State Health Benefit Plan**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
State Funds Transfers	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552

**92.1** *Reduce funds to reflect projected Dependent Verification Audit savings.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$27,655,000)	(\$27,655,000)	(\$27,655,000)
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**92.2** *Increase funds to reflect 2.5% average increase in employee premiums for non-Medicare Advantage plans, effective January 1, 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000
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**92.3** *Increase funds to raise the five year benefit limit for children's hearing aids from \$3,000 to \$6,000.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$9,471	\$9,471	\$9,471
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**92.4** *Increase funds to reflect a \$20 premium increase for Medicare Advantage (MA) premium plan members, effective January 1, 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$10,566,000	\$10,566,000	\$10,566,000
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**92.5** *Increase funds to reflect membership, medical services utilization, and medical trend changes since the previous projection.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$200,347,554	\$200,347,554	\$200,347,554
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**92.6** *Reduce funds to recognize plan savings attributable to Pharmacy Benefit Management strategies such as enhanced compound pharmacy management.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$42,295,000)	(\$42,295,000)	(\$42,295,000)
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**92.7** *Reduce funds to reflect savings attributable to Medicare Advantage (MA) rates in Plan Year 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$19,587,000)	(\$19,587,000)	(\$19,587,000)
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**92.8** *Increase funds for increase in the employer contribution rate to the Non-Certificated School Service Personnel Plan from \$846.20 to \$945 per member per month, effective January 1, 2018 - bringing employer contributions to parity with the Teacher Plan.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$29,557,564	\$29,557,564	\$29,557,564
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**92.9** *Increase funds to reflect enrollment growth to match Medicaid age requirements for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) effective January 1, 2018.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
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**92.100 State Health Benefit Plan**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Board Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797
State General Funds	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797

**93.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,434	\$9,434	\$9,434
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**93.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$347	\$347	\$347
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**93.3** *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health Departmental Administration and Program Support program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Board Administration program to support the salary and operations of two healthcare analyst positions.*

State General Funds	\$200,389	\$200,389	\$200,389
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**93.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Board Administration** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Graduate Medical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
State General Funds	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863

**94.1** *Transfer funds (\$1,228,418) from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program and increase funds (\$725,511) for 126 new residency slots in primary care medicine. (H and S:Transfer funds (\$1,228,418) from the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program in the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and increase funds (\$150,074) for 97 new residency slots in primary care medicine)*

State General Funds	\$1,953,929	\$1,378,492	\$1,378,492
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**94.2** *Utilize \$219,684 in existing funds to expand the Family Medicine Accelerated Curriculum Training program at Memorial University Medical Center. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		\$0	\$0
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**94.3** *Increase funds for ten slots in OB/GYN residency programs, with two slots each at Emory, Medical College of Georgia, Memorial University Medical Center, Morehouse, and Navicent Health Care Macon. (S:Increase funds for twenty slots in OB/GYN residency programs, with four slots each at Emory, Medical College of Georgia, Memorial University Medical Center, Morehouse, and Navicent Health Care Macon)*

State General Funds		\$153,330	\$306,660
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**94.4** *Increase funds for Memorial University Medical Center to partner with Gateway Behavioral Health to start a psychiatry residency program.*

State General Funds	\$360,000	\$180,000
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**94.5** *Increase funds for three Family Medicine residency positions at the Phoebe Family Medicine Residency program.*

State General Funds	\$65,783
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<b>94.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Graduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,139,792	\$13,077,685	\$13,116,798
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,139,792	\$13,077,685	\$13,116,798
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,139,792	\$13,077,685	\$13,116,798

<b>Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Mercer School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
State General Funds	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911

<b>95.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Mercer School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
State General Funds	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870

**96.1** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to support certified Georgia residents at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) under the Medical Student Capitation Program.*

State General Funds	(\$610,666)	(\$610,895)	(\$610,895)
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**96.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,361,204	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,361,204	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,361,204	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Physicians for Rural Areas**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
State General Funds	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000

**97.1** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Georgia South Family Medicine Rural Residency Training Program.*

State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
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**97.2** *Increase funds to expand the loan repayment program for physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses practicing in rural and underserved areas.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$200,000
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**97.3** *Increase funds for the rural dentistry loan repayment program.*

State General Funds		\$100,000
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<b>97.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Physicians for Rural Areas</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,910,000
State General Funds	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,910,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,910,000

<b>Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Undergraduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
State General Funds	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218

**98.1** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to support certified Georgia residents at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) under the Medical Student Capitation Program.*

State General Funds	\$610,666	\$610,895	\$610,895
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<b>98.100 Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Undergraduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,047,884	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113
State General Funds	\$3,047,884	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,047,884	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113

**Georgia Composite Medical Board**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841
State General Funds	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841

**99.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$32,465	\$32,465	\$32,465
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**99.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$1,255
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**99.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$49,375	\$49,375	\$49,375
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**99.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$311)	(\$311)	(\$311)
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<b>99.100 Georgia Composite Medical Board</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625
State General Funds	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,781,625	\$2,781,625	\$2,781,625

**Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677
State General Funds	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677

**100.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,882	\$27,882	\$27,882
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**100.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,027	\$1,027	\$1,027
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**100.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$151	\$151	\$151
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**100.4** *Increase funds to retain special agents.*

State General Funds		\$155,463	\$0
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**100.100 Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,243,737	\$2,399,200	\$2,243,737
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,243,737	\$2,399,200	\$2,243,737
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,243,737	\$2,399,200	\$2,243,737

*Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678
State General Funds	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$182,397,375	\$182,450,629	\$182,353,392
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$182,397,375	\$182,450,629	\$182,353,392
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$182,407,375	\$182,460,629	\$182,363,392

**Departmental Administration (DCS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028
State General Funds	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028

**101.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$109,865	\$109,865	\$109,865
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**101.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
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**101.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$58,262	\$58,262	\$58,262
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**101.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$26,179	\$26,179	\$26,179
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**101.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$8,424)	(\$8,424)	(\$8,424)
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**101.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,263	\$2,263	\$2,263
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<b>101.100 Departmental Administration (DCS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173
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**Field Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620
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State General Funds	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620
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TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620
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**102.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$342,023	\$342,023	\$342,023
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**102.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$84,828	\$84,828	\$84,828
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**102.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$19,731,209	\$19,731,209	\$19,731,209
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**102.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$422,947	\$422,947	\$422,947
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**102.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$142,912)	(\$142,912)	(\$142,912)
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**102.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$38,402	\$38,402	\$38,402
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**102.7** *Increase funds for operations at Gwinnett Day Reporting Center.*

State General Funds	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
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**102.8** *Increase funds to account for a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers at Gwinnett Day Reporting Center.*

State General Funds		\$53,254	\$53,254
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<b>102.100 Field Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$166,611,117	\$166,664,371	\$166,664,371
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$166,611,117	\$166,664,371	\$166,664,371
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<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$166,621,117	\$166,674,371	\$166,674,371
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**Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054
State General Funds	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054

**103.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$60,863	\$60,863	\$60,863
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**103.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,567	\$2,567	\$2,567
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**103.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$17,947	\$17,947	\$17,947
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**103.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$35,564	\$35,564	\$35,564
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**103.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$413	\$413	\$413
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**103.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$1,146
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**103.7** *Increase funds for personnel to replace the loss of federal funds for five community coordinators.*

State General Funds	\$388,945	\$388,945	\$291,708
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**103.8** Pursuant to SB367 (2016 Session) the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry (GOTSR) shall no longer be attached to the Department of Community Supervision for administrative purposes. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Pursuant to SB367 (2016 Session) the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry (GOTSR) shall be recognized as a program in the Department of Community Supervision)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**103.100 Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,282,499	\$5,282,499	\$5,185,262
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,282,499	\$5,282,499	\$5,185,262
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,282,499	\$5,282,499	\$5,185,262

**Misdemeanor Probation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988
State General Funds	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988

**104.1** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.

State General Funds	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264
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**104.2** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.

State General Funds	\$401	\$401	\$401
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**104.3** Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.

State General Funds	(\$676)	(\$676)	(\$676)
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**104.4** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

State General Funds	\$182	\$182	\$182
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**104.100 Misdemeanor Probation****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159
State General Funds	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159

**Family Violence, Georgia Commission on****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988
State General Funds	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988

**105.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,616	\$8,616	\$8,616
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**105.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$317	\$317	\$317
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**105.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$131	\$131	\$131
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**105.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$375	\$375	\$375
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**105.5** *Increase funds to replace the loss of other funds for operations.*

State General Funds	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000
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**105.100 Family Violence, Georgia Commission on** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,427
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,427

**Section 19: Corrections, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607
State General Funds	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
Sales and Services	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,200,037,177	\$1,199,050,069	\$1,177,323,231
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,200,037,177	\$1,199,050,069	\$1,177,323,231
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,213,772,335	\$1,212,785,227	\$1,191,058,389

**County Jail Subsidy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse counties for the costs of incarcerating state prisoners in their local facilities after sentencing.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**106.100 County Jail Subsidy****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse counties for the costs of incarcerating state prisoners in their local facilities after sentencing.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**Departmental Administration (DOC)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962
State General Funds	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962

**107.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$388,463	\$388,463	\$388,463
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**107.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$11,068	\$11,068	\$11,068
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**107.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$740,116	\$740,116	\$740,116
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**107.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$7,463)	(\$7,463)	(\$7,463)
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**107.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,398)	(\$5,398)	(\$5,398)
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**107.100 Departmental Administration (DOC)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748

**Detention Centers**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091
State General Funds	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
Sales and Services	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,791,091	\$38,791,091	\$38,791,091

**108.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$528,864	\$528,864	\$528,864
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**108.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$22,855	\$22,855	\$22,855
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**108.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$15,410)	(\$15,410)	(\$15,410)
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**108.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,147)	(\$11,147)	(\$11,147)
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**108.5** *Increase funds to expand the GED fast track program at Detention Centers.*

State General Funds	\$351,827	\$351,827	\$351,827
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**108.100 Detention Centers****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$39,218,080	\$39,218,080	\$39,218,080
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$39,218,080	\$39,218,080	\$39,218,080
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$39,668,080	\$39,668,080	\$39,668,080

**Food and Farm Operations****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059
State General Funds	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059

**109.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$23,156	\$23,156	\$23,156
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**109.2 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.**

State General Funds	\$934	\$934	\$934
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**109.3 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.**

State General Funds	(\$630)	(\$630)	(\$630)
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**109.4 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	(\$456)	(\$456)	(\$456)
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<b>109.100 Food and Farm Operations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063

**Health**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576
State General Funds	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
Sales and Services	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$204,683,131</b>	<b>\$204,683,131</b>	<b>\$204,683,131</b>

**110.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$174,711	\$174,711	\$174,711
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**110.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives for Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$162,922	\$162,922	\$0
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**110.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives for Georgia Correctional Healthcare employees effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,337,623	\$1,337,623	\$1,337,623
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**110.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance for Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	\$304,875	\$304,875	\$304,875
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**110.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,966	\$5,966	\$5,966
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**110.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Georgia Correctional Healthcare employees and Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel in the physical health contract. (S:Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Georgia Correctional Healthcare employees in the physical health contract)*

State General Funds	\$1,359,864	\$1,359,864	\$1,180,832
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**110.7** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,022)	(\$4,022)	(\$4,022)
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**110.8** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,910)	(\$2,910)	(\$2,910)
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**110.9** *Increase funds to implement an Electronic Health Records (EHR) contract to maintain compliance with Federal 340B Program eligibility.*

State General Funds	\$8,778,894	\$8,778,894	\$8,778,894
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**110.10** *Increase funds to cover expenses related to an increase in Hepatitis C treatments.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**110.11** *Increase funds to address rising costs of generic (bulk) prescription medications.*

State General Funds	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620
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**110.12** *Increase funds to address rising costs of HIV medications.*

State General Funds	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392
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**110.13** *Increase funds to address rising costs of psychotropic medications.*

State General Funds	\$485,688	\$485,688	\$485,688
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**110.14** *Increase funds to address rising costs of chemotherapy medications.*

State General Funds	\$861,408	\$861,408	\$861,408
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**110.15** *Increase funds for personnel for 18 contracted mental health positions for a 66% increase in staffing. (S:Increase funds for 13 contracted mental health positions)*

State General Funds	\$1,888,608	\$1,888,608	\$1,328,160
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**110.16** *Increase funds for eight contracted dental health positions for an 80% increase in staffing. (S:Increase funds for four contracted dental health positions)*

State General Funds	\$764,928	\$764,928	\$382,464
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**110.17** *Increase funds to cover the Department of Juvenile Justice's portion of the administrative costs of the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
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**110.18** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$12,172,584	\$12,054,030	\$0
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**110.19** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Commitment (YDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$8,056,496	\$7,937,942	\$0
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**110.20** *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the transfer and consolidation of pharmaceutical and administrative expenses.*

State General Funds		(\$750,000)	\$0
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<b>110.100 Health</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$259,699,223	\$258,712,115	\$237,185,277
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$259,699,223	\$258,712,115	\$237,185,277
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$260,159,778	\$259,172,670	\$237,645,832

**Offender Management****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497
State General Funds	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Sales and Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497

**111.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$69,479	\$69,479	\$69,479
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**111.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,264	\$2,264	\$2,264
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**111.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,526)	(\$1,526)	(\$1,526)
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**111.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,104)	(\$1,104)	(\$1,104)
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**111.100 Offender Management****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,644,610	\$43,644,610	\$43,644,610

**Private Prisons**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
State General Funds	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608

**112.100 Private Prisons**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608

**State Prisons**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093
State General Funds	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
Sales and Services	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696

**113.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,947,590	\$8,947,590	\$8,947,590
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**113.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$337,940	\$337,940	\$337,940
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**113.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$981,346	\$981,346	\$981,346
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**113.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain canine officers.*

State General Funds	\$83,243	\$83,243	\$83,243
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**113.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$227,855)	(\$227,855)	(\$227,855)
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**113.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$164,824)	(\$164,824)	(\$164,824)
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**113.7** *Increase funds for six months of operations for Metro Re-entry Prison.*

State General Funds	\$6,302,513	\$6,302,513	\$6,302,513
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**113.8** *Increase funds for personnel to convert 30 part-time teaching positions to full-time positions to provide educational enhancements to academic programs in state prisons.*

State General Funds	\$1,438,170	\$1,438,170	\$1,438,170
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**113.9** *Increase funds for literacy and math instructional software at all facilities statewide.*

State General Funds	\$568,323	\$568,323	\$568,323
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**113.10** *Increase funds for personnel to add one regional CTE Social Services Program Consultant position.*

State General Funds	\$95,877	\$95,877	\$95,877
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**113.11** *Increase funds and utilize existing funds of \$812,960 to expand vocational/technical programs at ten state prisons.*

State General Funds	\$927,040	\$927,040	\$727,040
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<b>113.100 State Prisons</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$624,672,456	\$624,672,456	\$624,472,456
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$624,672,456	\$624,672,456	\$624,472,456
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$637,467,059	\$637,467,059	\$637,267,059

<b>Transition Centers</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721
State General Funds	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721

**114.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$472,404	\$472,404	\$472,404
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**114.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$16,890	\$16,890	\$16,890
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**114.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$11,388)	(\$11,388)	(\$11,388)
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**114.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$8,238)	(\$8,238)	(\$8,238)
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**114.5** *Increase funds to expand vocational/technical programs at six transition centers.*

State General Funds	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
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<b>114.100 Transition Centers</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389

**Section 20: Defense, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382
State General Funds	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Royalties and Rents	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Sales and Services	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$68,035,530</b>	<b>\$68,035,530</b>	<b>\$68,035,530</b>

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,060,034	\$12,375,514	\$12,060,034
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,060,034	\$12,375,514	\$12,060,034
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,527,182	\$68,842,662	\$68,527,182

**Departmental Administration (DOD)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079
State General Funds	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,910,607	\$1,910,607	\$1,910,607

**115.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,090	\$12,090	\$12,090
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**115.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$240	\$240	\$240
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**115.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$90)	(\$90)	(\$90)
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**115.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$102)	(\$102)	(\$102)
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**115.5** *Increase funds for the Military Support Center.*

State General Funds		\$315,480	\$0
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<b>115.100 Departmental Administration (DOD)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,199,217	\$1,514,697	\$1,199,217
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,199,217	\$1,514,697	\$1,199,217
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,922,745	\$2,238,225	\$1,922,745

**Military Readiness****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228
State General Funds	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Royalties and Rents	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Sales and Services	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747

**116.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,132	\$27,132	\$27,132
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**116.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$2,475
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**116.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$925)	(\$925)	(\$925)
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**116.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,047)	(\$1,047)	(\$1,047)
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<b>116.100 Military Readiness</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,152,382	\$43,152,382	\$43,152,382

**Youth Educational Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075
State General Funds	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
Sales and Services	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176

**117.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,260	\$27,260	\$27,260
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**117.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,783	\$1,783	\$1,783
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**117.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$666)	(\$666)	(\$666)
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**117.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$755)	(\$755)	(\$755)
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**117.5** *Increase funds for personnel to provide a state match for the Youth Challenge Academy employee retention initiative.*

State General Funds	\$424,257	\$424,257	\$424,257
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**117.100 Youth Educational Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,452,055	\$23,452,055	\$23,452,055

*Section 21: Driver Services, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016
State General Funds	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$71,934,893	\$71,934,893	\$71,934,893

**Departmental Administration (DDS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440
State General Funds	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
Sales and Services	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297

**118.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$91,279	\$91,279	\$91,279
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**118.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,098	\$2,098	\$2,098
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**118.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$9,667	\$9,667	\$9,667
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**118.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,722)	(\$1,722)	(\$1,722)
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**118.98** *Change the name of the Customer Service Support program to the Departmental Administration program.**(G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**118.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.***House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.***Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**118.100 Departmental Administration (DDS)****Appropriation (HB 44)***The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,291,619	\$10,291,619	\$10,291,619



**License Issuance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556
State General Funds	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
Sales and Services	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391

**119.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$581,156	\$581,156	\$581,156
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**119.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$23,192	\$23,192	\$23,192
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**119.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$236,062	\$236,062	\$236,062
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**119.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$106,895	\$106,895	\$106,895
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**119.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,518)	(\$11,518)	(\$11,518)
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**119.6** *Increase funds to replace the loss of federal funds to support five full-time and one part-time investigative assistant positions.*

State General Funds	\$261,470	\$261,470	\$261,470
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**119.7** *Increase funds for two full-time and two part-time driver examiner positions at the Sandy Springs Customer Service Center.*

State General Funds	\$106,033	\$106,033	\$106,033
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<b>119.100 License Issuance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,178,681	\$60,178,681	\$60,178,681

<b>Regulatory Compliance</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449

**120.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,783	\$9,783	\$9,783
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**120.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$665	\$665	\$665
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**120.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$3,066	\$3,066	\$3,066
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**120.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$370)	(\$370)	(\$370)
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<b>120.100 Regulatory Compliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$949,164	\$949,164	\$949,164
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$949,164	\$949,164	\$949,164
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,464,593	\$1,464,593	\$1,464,593

**Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
Lottery Proceeds	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$426,002,099	\$426,002,099	\$426,002,099
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486

<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$389,573,759	\$399,351,105	\$399,351,105
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$166,259,624	\$176,036,970	\$176,036,970
<b>CCDF Mandatory &amp; Matching Funds CFDA93.596</b>	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$815,735,858	\$825,513,204	\$825,513,204

**Child Care Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326

**121.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$39,614	\$39,614	\$39,614
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**121.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,435	\$1,435	\$1,435
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**121.3** *Increase funds for the Childcare and Parent Services program for tiered reimbursement for Quality Rated childcare providers.*

State General Funds	\$5,546,095	\$5,546,095	\$5,546,095
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**121.4** *Transfer 135 Childcare and Parent Services positions from the Department of Human Services Child Care Services, Child Welfare Services, Departmental Administration, and Federal Eligibility Benefit Services programs to the Department of Early Care and Learning Child Care Services program and utilize existing federal funds to provide eligibility services. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346

<b>121.100 Child Care Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$204,020,984	\$213,798,330	\$213,798,330
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$4,388,964	\$14,166,310	\$14,166,310
<b>CCDF Mandatory &amp; Matching Funds CFDA93.596</b>	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$265,202,470	\$274,979,816	\$274,979,816

**Nutrition**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
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**122.100 Nutrition****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000

**Pre-Kindergarten Program****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380

**123.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$5,204,708	\$5,204,708	\$5,204,708
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**123.2** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$3,559	\$3,559	\$3,559
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**123.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$1,789,855	\$1,789,855	\$1,789,855
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**123.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$788	\$788	\$788
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**123.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$323	\$323	\$323
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<b>123.100 Pre-Kindergarten Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$365,020,613	\$365,020,613	\$365,020,613

**Quality Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775

<b>124.100 Quality Initiatives</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775

*Section 23: Economic Development, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101
State General Funds	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,164,938	\$32,730,419	\$33,340,419
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$33,164,938	\$32,730,419	\$33,340,419
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,121,318
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,121,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$107,186,256	\$106,751,737	\$107,461,737

**Departmental Administration (DEcD)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550
State General Funds	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550



**125.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$65,419	\$65,419	\$65,419
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**125.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,409	\$2,409	\$2,409
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**125.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$619)	(\$619)	(\$619)
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**125.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$361	\$361	\$361
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**125.5** *Reduce funds to reflect maintenance savings due to the purchase of eight new vehicles in HB43 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds		(\$15,630)	(\$15,630)
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<b>125.100 Departmental Administration (DEcD)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,696,120	\$4,680,490	\$4,680,490
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,696,120	\$4,680,490	\$4,680,490
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,696,120	\$4,680,490	\$4,680,490

**Film, Video, and Music**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845
State General Funds	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845

**126.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,585	\$12,585	\$12,585
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**126.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$463	\$463	\$463
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**126.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$69	\$69	\$69
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**126.100 Film, Video, and Music****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962

**Arts, Georgia Council for the****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations, fund grants and services for non-profit arts and cultural organizations, and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499
State General Funds	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899

**127.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,530	\$8,530	\$8,530
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**127.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$314	\$314	\$314
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**127.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$47	\$47	\$47
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**127.4** *Increase funds for personnel for one program associate position.*

State General Funds	\$65,000	\$0	\$0
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**127.5** *Reduce funds in administration.*

State General Funds		(\$13,889)	(\$13,889)
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**127.6** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Council for the Arts program to the Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project program for grants.*

State General Funds		(\$176,356)	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized		(\$659,400)	\$0
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>		<b>(\$835,756)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**127.7** *Increase funds for arts grants.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized			\$100,000
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>

**127.100 Arts, Georgia Council for the**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations, fund grants and services for non-profit arts and cultural organizations, and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$790,390	\$535,145	\$811,501
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$790,390	\$535,145	\$811,501
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$659,400	\$0	\$759,400
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$659,400	\$0	\$759,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,449,790</b>	<b>\$535,145</b>	<b>\$1,570,901</b>

**Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to institute a statewide 'Grassroots' arts program, with the goal to increase the arts participation and support throughout the state with grants no larger than \$5,000.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
State General Funds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

**128.1** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Council for the Arts program to the Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project program for grants.*

State General Funds		\$176,356	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$659,400	\$0
Total Public Funds:		\$835,756	\$0

**128.100 Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to institute a statewide 'Grassroots' arts program, with the goal to increase the arts participation and support throughout the state with grants no larger than \$5,000.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$476,356	\$300,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$300,000	\$476,356	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>		\$659,400	
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>		\$659,400	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$1,135,756	\$300,000

**Global Commerce**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286
State General Funds	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286

**129.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$112,941	\$112,941	\$89,223
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**129.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,160	\$4,160	\$3,286
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**129.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$623	\$623	\$492
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**129.4** *Increase funds for contracts for the economic development outreach initiative in China.*

State General Funds	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
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**129.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one trade representative position (\$90,000) and one project manager position (\$90,000). (S:Increase funds for personnel for one project manager position)*

State General Funds	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$90,000
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**129.97** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Innovation and Technology program to the Global Commerce program.*

State General Funds			\$1,552,814
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**129.98** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Global Commerce program to the International Relations and Trade program.*

State General Funds			(\$2,728,122)
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<b>129.100 Global Commerce</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,962,010	\$11,962,010	\$10,671,979
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,962,010	\$11,962,010	\$10,671,979
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,962,010	\$11,962,010	\$10,671,979

**Governor's Office of Workforce Development**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>

<b>130.100 Governor's Office of Workforce Development</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>	<b>\$73,361,918</b>

### **Innovation and Technology**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296
State General Funds	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,542,296</b>	<b>\$1,542,296</b>	<b>\$1,542,296</b>

#### **131.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,090	\$10,090	\$10,090
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#### **131.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$372	\$372	\$372
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#### **131.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$56	\$56	\$56
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#### **131.98** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Innovation and Technology program to the Global Commerce program.*

State General Funds			(\$1,552,814)
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<b>131.100 Innovation and Technology</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,552,814	\$1,552,814	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,552,814	\$1,552,814	\$0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,552,814</b>	<b>\$1,552,814</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Small and Minority Business Development**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers, and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342
State General Funds	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342

**132.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$14,052	\$14,052	\$14,052
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**132.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$518	\$518	\$518
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**132.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$78	\$78	\$78
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**132.100 Small and Minority Business Development**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers, and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990

**Tourism**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283
State General Funds	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283
<b>133.1</b> <i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>			
State General Funds	\$80,942	\$80,942	\$80,942
<b>133.2</b> <i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>			
State General Funds	\$2,981	\$2,981	\$2,981
<b>133.3</b> <i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>			
State General Funds	\$446	\$446	\$446
<b>133.4</b> <i>Increase funds for the new visitor information center at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.</i>			
State General Funds	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
<b>133.5</b> <i>Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the National Infantry Museum.</i>			
State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
<b>133.6</b> <i>Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change.</i>			
State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	\$0
<b>133.7</b> <i>Reduce funds for one-time funding for the Georgia Historical Society.</i>			
State General Funds		(\$100,000)	\$0
<b>133.8</b> <i>Reduce funds for one-time funding for the Georgia Humanities Council.</i>			
State General Funds		(\$10,000)	\$0
<b>133.9</b> <i>Eliminate funds for the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.</i>			
State General Funds		(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)
<b>133.10</b> <i>Reduce funds for one-time funding for marketing. (S:Increase funds for general tourism marketing (\$50,000) and marketing for Georgia's music industry and attractions (\$50,000))</i>			
State General Funds		(\$200,000)	\$100,000
<b>133.11</b> <i>Utilize \$600,000 in existing funds for marketing the Year of Film in Georgia. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize \$600,000 in existing funds for general tourism marketing to include marketing for the Year of Film in Georgia)</i>			
State General Funds		\$0	\$0



**133.100 Tourism**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,740,652	\$11,400,652	\$11,910,652
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,740,652	\$11,400,652	\$11,910,652
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,740,652	\$11,400,652	\$11,910,652

**International Relations and Trade**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0
State General Funds	\$0

**501.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$23,718
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**501.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$874
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**501.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$131
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**501.4** *Increase funds for personnel for one trade representative position.*

State General Funds	\$90,000
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**501.98** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Global Commerce program to the International Relations and Trade program.*

State General Funds	\$2,728,122
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**501.100 International Relations and Trade****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,842,845
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,842,845
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,842,845

**Section 24: Education, Department of****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964
State General Funds	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,426,810,090	\$9,425,338,860	\$9,425,002,742
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,426,810,090	\$9,425,338,860	\$9,425,002,742
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$39,364,809

<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,513,558
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,513,558
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,382,340,456	\$11,380,869,226	\$11,380,991,954

**Agricultural Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689
State General Funds	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978

**134.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$6,767	\$180,767	\$180,767
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**134.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$12	\$12	\$12
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**134.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$5,177	\$124,177	\$124,177
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**134.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$377)	(\$377)	(\$377)
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**134.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$66	\$66	\$66
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**134.6** *Increase funds for the Young Farmer programs in Newton and Fannin counties.*

State General Funds		\$150,000	\$150,000
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**134.7** *Increase funds to meet projected expenses.*

State General Funds		\$35,000	\$35,000
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**134.100 Agricultural Education**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,416,334	\$9,894,334	\$9,894,334
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,416,334	\$9,894,334	\$9,894,334
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,122,623	\$11,600,623	\$11,600,623

**Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for grants for film and audio-video equipment to local school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
State General Funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**135.1** *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenses.*

State General Funds			(\$2,250,000)
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<b>135.100 Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for grants for film and audio-video equipment to local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000

**Business and Finance Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550
State General Funds	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,458,062	\$28,458,062	\$28,458,062

**136.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$125,312	\$125,312	\$125,312
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**136.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,615	\$4,615	\$4,615
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**136.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$7,135	\$7,135	\$7,135
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**136.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,674)	(\$1,674)	(\$1,674)
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**136.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,218	\$1,218	\$1,218
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<b>136.100 Business and Finance Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,594,668	\$28,594,668	\$28,594,668

**Central Office****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,523,251	\$21,523,251	\$21,523,251

**137.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$56,441	\$56,441	\$56,441
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**137.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,133	\$1,133	\$1,133
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**137.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$20,329	\$20,329	\$20,329
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**137.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$588)	(\$588)	(\$588)
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**137.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$547	\$547	\$547
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**137.6** *Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for one program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities.*

State General Funds		(\$125,000)	\$0
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**137.7** *Increase funds for statewide Positive Behavior and Intervention Support trainers.*

State General Funds		\$300,000	\$300,000
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**137.8** *Increase funds for the American Association of Adapted Sports Program (AAASP) to provide services for physically disabled youth in public schools.*

State General Funds			\$25,000
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**137.9** *Increase funds for Dougherty County to plan and develop a project with AmeriCorps that supports elementary level reading and math programs.*

State General Funds			\$15,000
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**137.10** *Increase funds for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants.*

State General Funds			\$50,000
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<b>137.100 Central Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,282,592	\$4,457,592	\$4,672,592
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,282,592	\$4,457,592	\$4,672,592
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,601,113	\$21,776,113	\$21,991,113

**Charter Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942
State General Funds	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942

**138.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,668	\$11,668	\$11,668
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**138.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$416	\$416	\$416
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**138.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$129)	(\$129)	(\$129)
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**138.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$113	\$113	\$113
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**138.100 Charter Schools**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010

**Communities in Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
State General Funds	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100

**139.1** *Increase funds for local affiliates.*

State General Funds		\$25,000	\$25,000
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<b>139.100 Communities in Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100

**Curriculum Development**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097
State General Funds	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622

**140.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$54,657	\$54,657	\$54,657
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**140.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$911	\$911	\$911
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**140.3** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.

State General Funds	\$17,403	\$17,403	\$17,403
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**140.4** Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.

State General Funds	(\$482)	(\$482)	(\$482)
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**140.5** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

State General Funds	\$531	\$531	\$531
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<b>140.100 Curriculum Development</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,808,642	\$6,808,642	\$6,808,642

**Federal Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318

<b>141.100 Federal Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318

**Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561
State General Funds	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603

**142.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,051,492	\$1,051,492	\$1,051,492
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**142.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38	\$38	\$38
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**142.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$1,164,696	\$1,164,696	\$1,164,696
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**142.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1	\$1	\$1
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**142.5** *Utilize existing funds from savings from student enrollment decline for staff training to improve instructional practices and for behavioral and therapeutic services contracts. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>142.100 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)</b>
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**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$74,402,830	\$74,402,830	\$74,402,830

**Georgia Virtual School****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277
State General Funds	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
Sales and Services	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753

**143.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$44,924	\$44,924	\$44,924
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**143.2 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.**

State General Funds	\$154	\$154	\$154
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**143.3 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.**

State General Funds	\$26,652	\$26,652	\$26,652
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**143.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$391)	(\$391)	(\$391)
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**143.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$436	\$436	\$436
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<b>143.100 Georgia Virtual School</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,181,528	\$10,181,528	\$10,181,528

**Information Technology Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873
State General Funds	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870

**144.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$197,054	\$197,054	\$197,054
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**144.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,233	\$6,233	\$6,233
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**144.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$22,699	\$22,699	\$22,699
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**144.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,187)	(\$2,187)	(\$2,187)
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**144.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,914	\$1,914	\$1,914
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<b>144.100 Information Technology Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,441,583	\$22,441,583	\$22,441,583

**Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives, including children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
State General Funds	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618

**145.1** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$211,238	\$211,238	\$211,238
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**145.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$202,124	\$202,124	\$202,124
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**145.3** *Reduce funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.*

State General Funds	(\$560,639)	(\$138,015)	(\$138,015)
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**145.4** *Increase funds for Sparsity Grants.*

State General Funds	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,300
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**145.5** *Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for one program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities. (S:Increase funds for one part-time program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities)*

State General Funds		\$125,000	\$60,000
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**145.6** *Direct the Department of Education to provide an audit on the financial and operational status of all Residential Treatment Facilities to the Governor and Georgia General Assembly by July 1, 2017. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			\$0
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<b>145.100 Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives, including children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,196,641	\$11,744,265	\$11,679,265
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,196,641	\$11,744,265	\$11,679,265
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,196,641	\$11,744,265	\$11,679,265

**Nutrition**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501
State General Funds	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$853,875,157	\$853,875,157	\$853,875,157

**146.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,449	\$5,449	\$5,449
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**146.2** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$484,841	\$484,841	\$484,841
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**146.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$12	\$12	\$12
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**146.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$4,710	\$4,710	\$4,710
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**146.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$77)	(\$77)	(\$77)
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**146.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$53	\$53	\$53
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**146.100 Nutrition**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824



<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$854,370,145	\$854,370,145	\$854,370,145

**Preschool Disabilities Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
State General Funds	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294

**147.1** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$432,960	\$432,960	\$432,960
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**147.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$637,635	\$637,635	\$637,635
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**147.3** *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	\$794,243	\$794,243	\$794,243
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<b>147.100 Preschool Disabilities Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132
State General Funds	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132

**Quality Basic Education Equalization**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
State General Funds	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036

**148.1** *Increase funds for Equalization grants.*

State General Funds	\$85,855,866	\$85,855,866	\$85,855,866
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**148.100 Quality Basic Education Equalization****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902
State General Funds	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902

**Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
State General Funds	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)

**149.1** *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.*

State General Funds	(\$73,101,650)	(\$73,101,650)	(\$73,101,650)
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**149.100 Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)
State General Funds	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)

**Quality Basic Education Program****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320
State General Funds	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320

**150.1** *Increase funds for a 2% increase to the state base salary schedule effective September 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$160,105,154	\$160,105,154	\$160,105,154
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**150.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$177,960,254	\$177,960,254	\$177,960,254
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**150.3** *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	\$133,281,108	\$133,317,976	\$133,281,108
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**150.4** *Reduce funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	(\$365,762)	(\$361,111)	(\$361,111)
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**150.5** *Increase funds for school nurses.*

State General Funds	\$178,289	\$154,989	\$154,989
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**150.6** *Increase funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.*

State General Funds	\$11,319,816	\$9,315,934	\$9,315,934
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**150.7** *Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship. (H and S: YES; Realize savings from program attrition in the Special Needs Scholarship to fund additional growth)*

State General Funds	\$4,441,199	\$0	\$0
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**150.8** *Increase funds for charter system grants.*

State General Funds	\$9,390,501	\$9,864,195	\$9,864,195
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**150.9** *Increase funds for school counselors to reflect HB283 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds		\$4,051,741	\$4,051,741
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**150.10** *Increase funds for school counselors to districts that have a large concentration of military students.*

State General Funds	\$445,145	\$445,145
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**150.11** *Direct the Department of Education to provide a report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than July 1, 2017 on the status of the state's school bus fleet; including a sustainable replenishment model. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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**150.100 Quality Basic Education Program****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,331,554,879	\$10,330,098,597	\$10,330,061,729
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,331,554,879	\$10,330,098,597	\$10,330,061,729
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,331,554,879	\$10,330,098,597	\$10,330,061,729

**Regional Education Service Agencies****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
State General Funds	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033

**151.1** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$87,245	\$87,245	\$87,245
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**151.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$65,881	\$65,881	\$65,881
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**151.3** *Increase funds for personnel for Positive Behavior and Intervention Support specialists to convert part-time staff to full-time staff. (S:Utilize existing funds (\$1,160,050) and increase funds for part-time Positive Behavior and Intervention Support specialists at each Regional Education Service Agency)*

State General Funds	\$1,269,950	\$99,950
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**151.100 Regional Education Service Agencies**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,963,159	\$12,233,109	\$11,063,109
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,963,159	\$12,233,109	\$11,063,109
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,963,159	\$12,233,109	\$11,063,109

**School Improvement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439
State General Funds	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,244,583	\$16,244,583	\$16,244,583

**152.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$157,595	\$157,595	\$157,595
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**152.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,816	\$3,816	\$3,816
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**152.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$48,223	\$48,223	\$48,223
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**152.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,861)	(\$1,861)	(\$1,861)
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**152.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,531	\$1,531	\$1,531
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**152.100 School Improvement****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,453,887	\$16,453,887	\$16,453,887

**State Charter School Commission Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
Sales and Services	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463

**153.1 Increase funds to reflect projected expenditures.**

Sales and Services Not Itemized			\$458,846
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**153.100 State Charter School Commission Administration****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309

**State Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610
State General Funds	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,889,948	\$28,889,948	\$28,889,948

**154.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$413,862	\$413,862	\$413,862
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**154.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$8,813	\$8,813	\$8,813
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**154.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$152,157	\$152,157	\$152,157
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**154.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$9,575)	(\$9,575)	(\$9,575)
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**154.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,022	\$4,022	\$4,022
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**154.6** *Increase funds for training and experience.*

State General Funds	\$550,205	\$550,205	\$550,205
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**154.7** *Reduce funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	(\$11,150)	(\$11,150)	(\$11,150)
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<b>154.100 State Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$29,998,282	\$29,998,282	\$29,998,282



**Technology/Career Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380
State General Funds	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484

**155.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,250	\$293,125	\$293,125
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**155.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$708	\$708	\$708
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**155.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$10,261	\$207,614	\$207,614
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**155.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$322)	(\$322)	(\$322)
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**155.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$294	\$294	\$294
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**155.100 Technology/Career Education**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,530,571	\$17,990,799	\$17,990,799
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$17,530,571	\$17,990,799	\$17,990,799

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$62,977,675	\$63,437,903	\$63,437,903

**Testing****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639
State General Funds	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620

**156.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$42,810	\$42,810	\$42,810
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**156.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$720	\$720	\$720
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**156.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$21,098	\$21,098	\$21,098
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**156.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$413)	(\$413)	(\$413)
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**156.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$416	\$416	\$416
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**156.6** *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the number of state mandated tests due to SB364 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds		(\$1,500,000)	(\$425,000)
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**156.7** *Transfer funds from the Department of Education's Testing program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program and utilize \$1,231,900 in existing innovation grant funds to provide one AP STEM exam for every student taking an AP STEM course.*

State General Funds	(\$1,470,750)	\$0
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**156.8** *Increase funds for concordant testing models as prescribed in SB211 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds	\$425,000
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<b>156.100 Testing</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,783,270	\$23,812,520	\$26,783,270
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,783,270	\$23,812,520	\$26,783,270
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,554,251	\$39,583,501	\$42,554,251

**Tuition for Multiple Disability Students**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
State General Funds	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946

<b>157.100 Tuition for Multiple Disability Students</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946

**The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of \$2,548.34. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.**

***Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia***

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275
State General Funds	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$54,901,364	\$54,901,364	\$54,901,364

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$56,101,601	\$56,101,601	\$56,101,601

**Deferred Compensation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813

Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>	<b>\$4,518,813</b>

**158.1** *Increase funds for contracts.*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
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<b>158.100 Deferred Compensation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,768,813</b>	<b>\$4,768,813</b>	<b>\$4,768,813</b>

**Georgia Military Pension Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
State General Funds	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,017,875</b>	<b>\$2,017,875</b>	<b>\$2,017,875</b>

**159.1** *Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	\$359,437	\$359,437	\$359,437
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<b>159.100 Georgia Military Pension Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,377,312</b>	<b>\$2,377,312</b>	<b>\$2,377,312</b>

**Public School Employees Retirement System****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
State General Funds	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000

**160.1** *Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	\$1,428,000	\$1,428,000	\$1,428,000
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**160.100 Public School Employees Retirement System****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000

**System Administration (ERS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400
State General Funds	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676

**161.1** *Eliminate funds for HB508 and SB243 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)
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**161.2** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for information technology equipment for a network update project in FY2017.*

Retirement Payments	(\$360,000)	(\$360,000)	(\$360,000)
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**161.3** *Increase funds for contracts.*

Retirement Payments	\$27,800	\$27,800	\$27,800
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<b>161.100 System Administration (ERS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,250,476	\$21,250,476	\$21,250,476

**It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 24.81% for New Plan employees and 20.06% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 21.78% for the pension portion of the benefit and 3.0% in employer match contributions for the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed \$780.92 per member for State Fiscal Year 2018.**

***Section 26: Forestry Commission, State***

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201
State General Funds	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000

Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Sales and Services	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$49,479,737</b>	<b>\$49,479,737</b>	<b>\$49,479,737</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$36,864,404</b>	<b>\$36,864,404</b>	<b>\$36,864,404</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$36,864,404</b>	<b>\$36,864,404</b>	<b>\$36,864,404</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>	<b>\$6,074,349</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>	<b>\$6,941,687</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>	<b>\$2,572,500</b>
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>	<b>\$4,286,187</b>
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>	<b>\$210,500</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$50,090,940</b>	<b>\$50,090,940</b>	<b>\$50,090,940</b>

**Commission Administration (SFC)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer work force needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571
State General Funds	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
Sales and Services	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151

**162.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$43,616	\$43,616	\$43,616
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**162.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,628	\$1,628	\$1,628
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**162.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,600)	(\$2,600)	(\$2,600)
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**162.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$215)	(\$215)	(\$215)
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**162.98** *Change the agency name of the Georgia Forestry Commission to the State Forestry Commission pursuant to Title 12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>162.100 Commission Administration (SFC)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer work force needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,014,580	\$4,014,580	\$4,014,580

**Forest Management****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost-share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043
State General Funds	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
Sales and Services	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
State Funds Transfers	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926

**163.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$53,342	\$53,342	\$53,342
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**163.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,992	\$1,992	\$1,992
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**163.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$3,180)	(\$3,180)	(\$3,180)
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**163.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$264)	(\$264)	(\$264)
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**163.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**163.100 Forest Management**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities*

*with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,686,816	\$7,686,816	\$7,686,816

### **Forest Protection**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500

Royalties and Rents	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Sales and Services	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
State Funds Transfers	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580

**164.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$473,446	\$473,446	\$473,446
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**164.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$17,677	\$17,677	\$17,677
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**164.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$56,328	\$56,328	\$56,328
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**164.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$28,226)	(\$28,226)	(\$28,226)
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**164.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,341)	(\$2,341)	(\$2,341)
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**164.100 Forest Protection**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,182,464	\$37,182,464	\$37,182,464

**Tree Seedling Nursery****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
Sales and Services	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
State Funds Transfers	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080

<b>165.100 Tree Seedling Nursery</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080

*Section 27: Governor, Office of the*

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577
State General Funds	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
Reserved Fund Balances	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
State Funds Transfers	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$59,135,851	\$60,606,601	\$59,094,973
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$59,135,851	\$60,606,601	\$59,094,973

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,058,819	\$91,529,569	\$90,017,941

**Governor's Emergency Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041

**166.100 Governor's Emergency Fund**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041

**Governor's Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be \$40,000.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562
State General Funds	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562

**167.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$105,160	\$105,160	\$105,160
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**167.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,873	\$3,873	\$3,873
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**167.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$109	\$109	\$109
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**167.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900
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<b>167.100 Governor's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be \$40,000.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604
State General Funds	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604

**Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627
State General Funds	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627

**168.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$108,079	\$108,079	\$108,079
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**168.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,980	\$3,980	\$3,980
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**168.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,736)	(\$1,736)	(\$1,736)
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**168.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102
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**168.5** *Transfer funds from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Natural Resources for the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns.*

State General Funds	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
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**168.100 Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052

**Child Advocate, Office of the****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589
State General Funds	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589

**169.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$14,369	\$14,369	\$14,369
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**169.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$529	\$529	\$529
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**169.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$196	\$196	\$196
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**169.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$507	\$507	\$507
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<b>169.100 Child Advocate, Office of the</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840
State General Funds	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
Reserved Fund Balances	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325

State Funds Transfers	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>

**170.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$45,889	\$45,889	\$45,889
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**170.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,721	\$1,721	\$1,721
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**170.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$33,070	\$33,070	\$33,070
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**170.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,278)	(\$1,278)	(\$1,278)
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**170.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,220	\$1,220	\$1,220
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**170.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for operations for Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center analyst positions.*

State General Funds	(\$56,820)	(\$56,820)	(\$56,820)
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**170.7** *Increase funds for personnel to add two new analysts to work in the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center to provide for Homeland Security Activity and cyber terrorism intelligence for the prevention and discovery of terrorist threats or attacks.*

State General Funds			\$209,122
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**170.98** *Change the name of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency pursuant to SB416 (2016 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**170.100 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to*

*coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,805,642	\$2,805,642	\$3,014,764
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,805,642	\$2,805,642	\$3,014,764
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,316,680	\$33,316,680	\$33,525,802

**Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838
State General Funds	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838

**171.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,825	\$11,825	\$11,825
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**171.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$435	\$435	\$435
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**171.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$157)	(\$157)	(\$157)
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**171.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$666)	(\$666)	(\$666)
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**171.100 Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,275
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,275
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,275

**Professional Standards Commission, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790
State General Funds	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720

**172.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$113,868	\$113,868	\$113,868
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**172.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,843	\$3,843	\$3,843
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**172.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$5,543	\$5,543	\$5,543
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**172.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$40)	(\$40)	(\$40)
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**172.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$980	\$980	\$980
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**172.6** *Increase funds for personnel for an education specialist position.*

State General Funds	\$110,782	\$110,782	\$110,782
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<b>172.100 Professional Standards Commission, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,698,696	\$7,698,696	\$7,698,696

**Office of the State Inspector General**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215
State General Funds	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215

**173.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,032	\$12,032	\$12,032
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**173.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$443	\$443	\$443
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**173.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$113	\$113	\$113
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**173.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$163	\$163	\$163
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**173.100 Office of the State Inspector General****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$700,966
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$700,966
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$700,966

**Student Achievement, Office of****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075
State General Funds	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075

**174.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$119,480	\$119,480	\$119,480
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**174.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,210	\$3,210	\$3,210
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**174.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$23,295	\$23,295	\$23,295
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**174.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$13,301	\$13,301	\$13,301
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**174.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,954	\$2,954	\$2,954
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**174.6** Utilize existing funds for an early language and literacy pilot program. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**174.7** Transfer funds from the Department of Education's Testing program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program and utilize \$1,231,900 in existing innovation grant funds to provide one AP STEM exam for every student taking an AP STEM course.

State General Funds	\$1,470,750	\$0	\$0
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**174.8** Utilize \$1,500,000 in existing innovation grant funds for a competitive grant program that would provide certified school counselor-graduation specialists for the lowest performing high schools in the state, giving a priority to those schools on the chronically failing schools list. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize \$1,200,000 in existing innovation grant funds for a competitive grant program that would provide certified school counselor-graduation specialists for the lowest performing high schools in the state, giving a priority to those schools on the chronically failing schools list)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**174.9** Continue to provide \$600,000 in grants to local school systems to increase participation and achievement in AP STEM courses. (H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**174.10** Reduce funds for innovation grants and recognize a future increase in funds for low-performing schools through HB237 (2017 Session).

State General Funds	(\$300,000)	\$0	\$0
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**174.11** Increase funds for Innovation Grants.

State General Funds	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
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<b>174.100 Student Achievement, Office of</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,959,315	\$21,430,065	\$19,709,315
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,959,315	\$21,430,065	\$19,709,315
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,959,315	\$21,430,065	\$19,709,315

**The Mansion allowance shall be \$40,000.**

*Section 28: Human Services, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394
State General Funds	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$28,745,675	\$28,745,675	\$28,745,675
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,600,245	\$2,600,245	\$2,600,245
State Funds Transfers	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,734,416,778	\$1,734,416,778	\$1,734,416,778
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$732,262,463	\$753,242,309	\$754,925,988
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$732,262,463	\$753,242,309	\$754,925,988
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,066,973,224	\$1,058,760,746	\$1,060,560,746
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$499,375,490	\$492,955,704	\$494,755,704
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$98,559,881	\$96,767,189	\$96,767,189

<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556
<b>TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604</b>	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$28,745,675	\$28,745,675	\$28,745,675
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,600,245	\$4,600,245	\$2,600,245
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,830,581,607	\$1,845,348,975	\$1,846,832,654

**Adoptions Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624
State General Funds	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793

**175.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$33,072	\$33,072	\$33,072
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**175.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,218	\$1,218	\$1,218
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**175.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,990	\$1,990	\$1,990
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**175.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)
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**175.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$310,906)	(\$310,906)	(\$310,906)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$310,906	\$310,906	\$310,906
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**175.100 Adoptions Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$59,149,075	\$59,149,075	\$59,149,075
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$42,749,075	\$42,749,075	\$42,749,075
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$92,455,054	\$92,455,054	\$92,455,054

**After School Care**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>

<b>176.100 After School Care</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>

<b>Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715
State General Funds	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,361,968</b>	<b>\$6,361,968</b>	<b>\$6,361,968</b>

**177.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552
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**177.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$277	\$277	\$277
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**177.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$454	\$454	\$454
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**177.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$233)	(\$233)	(\$233)
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<b>177.100 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,370,018	\$6,370,018	\$6,370,018

**Child Care Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to permit low-income families to be self-reliant while protecting the safety and well-being of their children by ensuring access to child care.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346

**178.1** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$9,777,346)	(\$9,777,346)	(\$9,777,346)
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**Child Support Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121
State General Funds	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
Sales and Services	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
State Funds Transfers	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135

**179.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$255,853	\$255,853	\$255,853
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**179.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,423	\$9,423	\$9,423
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**179.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$14,528	\$14,528	\$14,528
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**179.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$7,440)	(\$7,440)	(\$7,440)
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**179.5** *Increase funds to the Division of Child Support Services Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) for a \$1 per hour increase.*

State General Funds			\$72,000
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<b>179.100 Child Support Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,332,485	\$29,332,485	\$29,404,485
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$29,332,485	\$29,332,485	\$29,404,485
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754

<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$108,855,499	\$108,855,499	\$108,927,499

**Child Welfare Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878
State General Funds	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
State Funds Transfers	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153

**180.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$2,701,864	\$2,701,864	\$2,701,864
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**180.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$123,208	\$123,208	\$123,208
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**180.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$51,792	\$51,792	\$51,792
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**180.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$43,997)	(\$43,997)	(\$43,997)
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**180.5** *Increase funds for personnel for salaries for child welfare services workers by 19 percent.*

State General Funds	\$25,874,554	\$25,874,554	\$25,874,554
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$5,174,911	\$5,174,911	\$5,174,911
Total Public Funds:	\$31,049,465	\$31,049,465	\$31,049,465

**180.6** *Increase funds for personnel for 80 additional employees for foster care support services.*

State General Funds	\$2,861,585	\$2,861,585	\$2,861,585
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,111,735	\$1,111,735	\$1,111,735
Total Public Funds:	\$3,973,320	\$3,973,320	\$3,973,320

**180.7** *Increase funds for personnel for 27 additional employees to fully implement the supervisor-mentor program.*

State General Funds	\$2,514,997	\$2,514,997	\$2,514,997
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**180.8** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$76,977)	(\$76,977)	(\$76,977)
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**180.9** *Increase funds to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to enhance state-wide capacity.*

State General Funds		\$500,000	\$500,000
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**180.10** *Increase funds to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Special Assistant Attorney Generals (SAAGs) for a \$5 per hour increase. (S:Increase funds to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) for a \$1 per hour increase)*

State General Funds		\$1,500,000	\$300,000
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<b>180.100 Child Welfare Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$192,382,881	\$194,382,881	\$193,182,881
State General Funds	\$192,382,881	\$194,382,881	\$193,182,881
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$196,935,305	\$196,935,305	\$196,935,305
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,420,362	\$27,420,362	\$27,420,362
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$38,687,719	\$38,687,719	\$38,687,719
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
State Funds Transfers	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$389,444,825	\$391,444,825	\$390,244,825

**Community Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137

<b>181.100 Community Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137

**Departmental Administration (DHS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411
State General Funds	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
State Funds Transfers	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303

**182.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$773,268	\$773,268	\$773,268
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**182.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$28,479	\$28,479	\$28,479
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**182.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$46,520	\$46,520	\$46,520
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**182.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$23,825)	(\$23,825)	(\$23,825)
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**182.5** *Increase funds for the Integrated Eligibility System information technology project.*

State General Funds	\$10,997,544	\$10,997,544	\$10,997,544
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**182.6** *Increase funds for personnel for 25 additional human resources employees to meet recruitment demands.*

State General Funds	\$2,520,929	\$2,520,929	\$2,520,929
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**182.7** *Transfer one-time matching funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Community Living Services program for the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Program (ADSSP) grant.*

State General Funds	(\$80,067)	(\$80,067)	(\$80,067)
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**182.8** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program for personnel for a forensic specialist in the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU).*

State General Funds	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)
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**182.9** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$2,537,101)	(\$2,537,101)	(\$2,537,101)
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**182.10** *Increase funds for Georgia Alzheimer's Project.*

State General Funds		\$2,060,000	\$1,428,975
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**182.100 Departmental Administration (DHS)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$50,583,054	\$52,643,054	\$52,012,029
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$50,583,054	\$52,643,054	\$52,012,029
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<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$51,234,504	\$51,234,504	\$51,234,504
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$29,143,573	\$29,143,573	\$29,143,573
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$114,742,845	\$116,802,845	\$116,171,820

**Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195
State General Funds	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477

**183.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$260,422	\$260,422	\$260,422
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**183.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,591	\$9,591	\$9,591
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**183.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$15,667	\$15,667	\$15,667
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**183.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$8,024)	(\$8,024)	(\$8,024)
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**183.5** *Increase funds for personnel for an additional 11 adult protective services supervisors.*

State General Funds	\$766,484	\$766,484	\$766,484
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**183.6** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program for personnel for a forensic specialist in the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU).*

State General Funds	\$93,205	\$93,205	\$93,205
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<b>183.100 Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,336,822	\$24,336,822	\$24,336,822

**Elder Community Living Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281
State General Funds	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$48,674,824</b>	<b>\$48,674,824</b>	<b>\$48,674,824</b>

**184.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,674	\$5,674	\$5,674
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**184.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$209	\$209	\$209
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**184.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$341	\$341	\$341
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**184.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$175)	(\$175)	(\$175)
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**184.5** *Increase funds for 1,000 additional Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based slots.*

State General Funds	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
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**184.6** *Increase funds to provide home delivered and congregate meal services.*

State General Funds	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
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**184.7** *Transfer one-time matching funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Community Living Services program for the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Program (ADSSP) grant.*

State General Funds	\$80,067	\$80,067	\$80,067
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<b>184.100 Elder Community Living Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,939,397</b>	<b>\$25,939,397</b>	<b>\$25,939,397</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$25,939,397</b>	<b>\$25,939,397</b>	<b>\$25,939,397</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,771,543</b>	<b>\$27,771,543</b>	<b>\$27,771,543</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$23,890,113</b>	<b>\$23,890,113</b>	<b>\$23,890,113</b>
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	<b>\$3,881,430</b>	<b>\$3,881,430</b>	<b>\$3,881,430</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$53,710,940</b>	<b>\$53,710,940</b>	<b>\$53,710,940</b>

**Elder Support Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older Georgians, so that they may live in their homes and communities, by providing health, employment, nutrition, and other support and education services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324
State General Funds	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592

**185.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,473	\$9,473	\$9,473
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**185.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$349	\$349	\$349
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**185.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$570	\$570	\$570
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**185.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$292)	(\$292)	(\$292)
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**185.100 Elder Support Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older Georgians, so that they may live in their homes and communities, by providing health, employment, nutrition, and other support and education services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424
State General Funds	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,759,692	\$10,759,692	\$10,759,692



**Energy Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027

**186.100 Energy Assistance**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027

**Federal Eligibility Benefit Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176
State General Funds	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$315,398,887	\$315,398,887	\$315,398,887

**187.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$837,897	\$837,897	\$837,897
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**187.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38,209	\$38,209	\$38,209
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**187.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$16,061	\$16,061	\$16,061
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**187.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$13,644)	(\$13,644)	(\$13,644)
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**187.5** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$1,488,874)	(\$1,488,874)	(\$1,488,874)
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<b>187.100 Federal Eligibility Benefit Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$195,430,837	\$195,430,837	\$195,430,837
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$96,121,704	\$96,121,704	\$96,121,704
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$314,788,536	\$314,788,536	\$314,788,536

**Out-of-Home Care**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910
State General Funds	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$276,171	\$276,171	\$276,171
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150

**188.1** *Increase funds for growth in out-of-home care utilization.*

State General Funds	\$30,889,879	\$20,166,982	\$20,166,982
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$4,502,452	\$0	\$0
Total Public Funds:	\$35,392,331	\$20,166,982	\$20,166,982

**188.2** *Increase funds for Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) foster parent per diem rates by fifty-seven percent. (H and S:Increase Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) foster parent per diem rates by \$10)*

State General Funds	\$3,898,847	\$10,722,897	\$10,722,897
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		\$1,818,503	\$1,818,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,419,786	\$0	\$0
Total Public Funds:	\$12,318,633	\$12,541,400	\$12,541,400

**188.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$308,268)	(\$308,268)	(\$308,268)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$308,268	\$308,268	\$308,268
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**188.4** *Increase funds for the first installment of a two-year plan to increase relative foster care provider per diem rates by \$10.*

State General Funds		\$14,924,850	\$14,924,850
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**188.5** *Increase funds for the first installment of a two-year plan to increase Child Placing Agencies' (CPA) foster parent per diem rates by \$10.*

State General Funds		\$5,255,343	\$5,255,343
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		\$891,257	\$891,257
Total Public Funds:		\$6,146,600	\$6,146,600

**188.6** *Increase funds for the Families First COACHES program.*

State General Funds \$3,082,704

<b>188.100 Out-of-Home Care</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$221,017,368	\$237,298,714	\$240,381,418
State General Funds	\$221,017,368	\$237,298,714	\$240,381,418
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$104,668,746	\$94,456,268	\$94,456,268
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,695,957	\$276,171	\$276,171
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$47,122,329	\$45,329,637	\$45,329,637
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$325,686,114	\$331,754,982	\$334,837,686

<b>Refugee Assistance</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225

<b>189.100 Refugee Assistance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225

**Residential Child Care Licensing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200
State General Funds	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463

**190.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$41,681	\$41,681	\$41,681
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**190.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,535	\$1,535	\$1,535
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**190.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,508	\$2,508	\$2,508
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**190.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,284)	(\$1,284)	(\$1,284)
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**190.100 Residential Child Care Licensing**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640
State General Funds	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,303,903	\$2,303,903	\$2,303,903

**Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610

**191.100 Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610

**Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755

**192.100 Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755

**Council On Aging**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656
State General Funds	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656

**193.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$3,276	\$3,276	\$3,276
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**193.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$121	\$121	\$121
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**193.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$104	\$104	\$104
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**193.4** *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds			\$10,000
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**193.100 Council On Aging** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$242,157	\$242,157	\$252,157
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$242,157	\$242,157	\$252,157
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$242,157	\$242,157	\$252,157

**Family Connection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
State General Funds	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967

**194.1** *Increase funds to increase each county's allocation from \$47,000 to \$50,000.*

State General Funds		\$238,500	\$238,500
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**194.100 Family Connection**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,823,148	\$9,061,648	\$9,061,648
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,823,148	\$9,061,648	\$9,061,648
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,995,967	\$10,234,467	\$10,234,467

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485
State General Funds	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976



Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,206,461</b>	<b>\$3,206,461</b>	<b>\$3,206,461</b>

**195.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,106	\$4,106	\$4,106
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**195.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$151	\$151	\$151
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**195.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$73)	(\$73)	(\$73)
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**195.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$197	\$197	\$197
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**195.5** *Increase funds to provide more training, employment and support. (S:Recognize in Vocational Rehabilitation Program)*

State General Funds		\$500,000	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$2,000,000	\$0
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>		<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>195.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$290,866	\$790,866	\$290,866
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$290,866	\$790,866	\$290,866
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,919,976	\$4,919,976	\$2,919,976
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,919,976	\$4,919,976	\$2,919,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,210,842</b>	<b>\$5,710,842</b>	<b>\$3,210,842</b>

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509
State General Funds	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869

**196.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$155,060	\$155,060	\$155,060
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**196.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,711	\$5,711	\$5,711
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**196.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,768)	(\$2,768)	(\$2,768)
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**196.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,445	\$7,445	\$7,445
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<b>196.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,455,317	\$12,455,317	\$12,455,317

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922

<b>197.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334

<b>198.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Roosevelt Warm Springs Medical Hospital**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide rehabilitative and medical care for individuals to return to the most independent lifestyle possible.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
State General Funds	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

**199.1 Reduce funds to recognize shift to self-sustaining funding model.**

State General Funds		(\$600,000)	(\$300,000)
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<b>199.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Roosevelt Warm Springs Medical Hospital</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide rehabilitative and medical care for individuals to return to the most independent lifestyle possible.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761
State General Funds	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
Sales and Services	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303
State Funds Transfers	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$102,094,724	\$102,094,724	\$102,094,724

**200.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$185,888	\$185,888	\$185,888
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**200.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,846	\$6,846	\$6,846
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**200.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$3,318)	(\$3,318)	(\$3,318)
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**200.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$8,926	\$8,926	\$8,926
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**200.5** *Transfer funds (\$175,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and increase funds (\$325,000) to provide state match for 766 additional scholarships and operations. (S:Transfer funds (\$125,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and increase funds (\$325,000) to provide state match for additional scholarships and operations)*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$450,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$1,800,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,000,000	\$0
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>

**200.6** *Increase funds to provide more training, employment and support.*

State General Funds		\$500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$2,000,000
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>		<b>\$2,500,000</b>

**200.7** *Increase funds for the Warrior Alliance.*

State General Funds		\$100,000
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<b>200.100 Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program</b>
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<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,021,103	\$20,521,103	\$21,071,103
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,021,103	\$20,521,103	\$21,071,103
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$80,622,563
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$80,622,563
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,977,303	\$3,977,303	\$1,977,303
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090

<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$102,293,066	\$104,793,066	\$107,143,066

**All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:**

- For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is \$235, and the maximum monthly amount is \$155.**
- For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is \$356, and the maximum monthly amount is \$235.**
- For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is \$424, and the maximum monthly amount is \$280.**
- For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is \$500, and the maximum monthly amount is \$330.**
- For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is \$573, and the maximum monthly amount is \$378.**
- For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is \$621, and the maximum monthly amount is \$410.**
- For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is \$672, and the maximum monthly amount is \$444.**
- For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is \$713, and the maximum monthly amount is \$470.**
- For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is \$751, and the maximum monthly amount is \$496.**
- For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is \$804, and the maximum monthly amount is \$530.**
- For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is \$860, and the maximum monthly amount is \$568.**

**Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.**

*Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commission of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395
State General Funds	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
State Funds Transfers	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026

Agency to Agency Contracts	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$21,145,729</b>	<b>\$21,145,729</b>	<b>\$21,145,729</b>

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$21,572,706</b>	<b>\$21,572,706</b>	<b>\$21,572,706</b>

**Departmental Administration (COI)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and industrial loan transactions and maintain a fire-safe environment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514
State General Funds	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,926,514</b>	<b>\$1,926,514</b>	<b>\$1,926,514</b>

**201.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$35,541	\$35,541	\$35,541
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**201.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,312	\$1,312	\$1,312
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**201.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$801	\$801	\$801
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**201.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$520	\$520	\$520
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<b>201.100 Departmental Administration (COI)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and industrial loan transactions and maintain a fire-safe environment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688

**Enforcement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, industrial loan, fire safety, and fraud.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778
State General Funds	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778

**202.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$14,901	\$14,901	\$14,901
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**202.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$550	\$550	\$550
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**202.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$336	\$336	\$336
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**202.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$218	\$218	\$218
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<b>202.100 Enforcement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, industrial loan, fire safety, and fraud.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783

**Fire Safety** **Continuation Budget**  
*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777
State General Funds	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
State Funds Transfers	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,819,171</b>	<b>\$7,819,171</b>	<b>\$7,819,171</b>

**203.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$130,144	\$130,144	\$130,144
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**203.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,803	\$4,803	\$4,803
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**203.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$3,820
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**203.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,935	\$2,935	\$2,935
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**203.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,902	\$1,902	\$1,902
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<b>203.100 Fire Safety</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,962,775	\$7,962,775	\$7,962,775

**Industrial Loan**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and examining finance companies that provide consumer loans of \$3,000 or less.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742
State General Funds	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742

**204.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,613	\$12,613	\$12,613
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**204.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$465	\$465	\$465
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**204.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$284	\$284	\$284
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**204.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$184	\$184	\$184
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**204.100 Industrial Loan****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and examining finance companies that provide consumer loans of \$3,000 or less.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288

**Insurance Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584
State General Funds	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524

**205.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$182,679	\$182,679	\$182,679
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**205.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,741	\$6,741	\$6,741
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**205.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators*

State General Funds	\$19,439	\$19,439	\$19,439
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**205.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$4,119	\$4,119	\$4,119
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**205.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,670	\$2,670	\$2,670
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<b>205.100 Insurance Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,124,172	\$10,124,172	\$10,124,172

**Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511
State General Funds	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
Sales and Services	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
State Funds Transfers	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$234,184,847	\$234,184,847	\$234,184,847

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$143,619,935	\$144,623,130	\$145,827,630
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$143,619,935	\$144,623,130	\$145,827,630
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$246,044,271	\$247,047,466	\$248,251,966

**Bureau Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222
State General Funds	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
State Funds Transfers	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,328,416	\$8,328,416	\$8,328,416

**206.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$61,269	\$72,867	\$72,867
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**206.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$48,411	\$48,411	\$48,411
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**206.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$16,471	\$16,471	\$16,471
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**206.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$131	\$131	\$131
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**206.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>206.100 Bureau Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,276,504	\$8,288,102	\$8,288,102
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,276,504	\$8,288,102	\$8,288,102

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,454,698	\$8,466,296	\$8,466,296

**Criminal Justice Information Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531
State General Funds	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
Sales and Services	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425

**207.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$52,579	\$72,867	\$72,867
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**207.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,098	\$1,098	\$1,098
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**207.100 Criminal Justice Information Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,664,208	\$4,684,496	\$4,684,496
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,664,208	\$4,684,496	\$4,684,496
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,973,102	\$10,993,390	\$10,993,390

**Forensic Scientific Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851
State General Funds	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
Sales and Services	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,983,400	\$36,983,400	\$36,983,400

**208.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$192,336	\$473,634	\$473,634
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**208.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$364	\$364	\$364
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**208.3** *Increase funds for personnel for retention and recruitment initiatives for Medical Examiner positions.*

State General Funds	\$533,332	\$533,332	\$533,332
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**208.4** *Increase funds to establish a forensic pathology fellowship program to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	\$241,529	\$241,529	\$241,529
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**208.5** *Increase funds for personnel for six forensic scientist positions.*

State General Funds	\$643,995	\$643,995	\$643,995
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**208.6** *Increase funds for personnel for four scientist and two technician positions to address the backlog rape kits per SB304 (2016 Session). (S:Increase funds for personnel, supplies and overtime for eight scientist and four technician positions to address the backlog rape kits per SB304 (2016 Session))*

State General Funds		\$600,000	\$1,517,000
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**208.7** *Increase funds to annualize five scientist positions.*

State General Funds		\$155,864	\$155,864
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**208.8** *Increase funds to annualize five toxicology positions.*

State General Funds		\$254,301	\$254,301
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**208.100 Forensic Scientific Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,670,407	\$37,961,870	\$38,878,870
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$36,670,407	\$37,961,870	\$38,878,870
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,594,956	\$39,886,419	\$40,803,419

**Regional Investigative Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969
State General Funds	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
Sales and Services	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692

**209.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$422,484	\$109,300	\$109,300
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**209.2** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$291,278	\$291,278	\$291,278
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**209.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$5,791,151	\$5,791,151	\$5,791,151
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**209.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$995	\$995	\$995
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**209.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for operations for investigator positions.*

State General Funds	(\$700,110)	(\$1,728,815)	(\$1,728,815)
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**209.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for operations for Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center analyst positions.*

State General Funds	(\$56,820)	(\$52,820)	(\$52,820)
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**209.7** *Increase funds to annualize 22 investigator positions.*

State General Funds		\$1,017,735	\$1,017,735
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<b>209.100 Regional Investigative Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to*

*coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$45,941,947	\$45,621,793	\$45,621,793
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$45,941,947	\$45,621,793	\$45,621,793
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,181,670	\$48,861,516	\$48,861,516

### **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268
State General Funds	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Sales and Services	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244

**210.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$22,224	\$17,539	\$17,539
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**210.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$818	\$818	\$818
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**210.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$10)	(\$10)	(\$10)
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**210.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$559	\$559	\$559
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**210.5** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create adult felony drug courts.*

State General Funds	\$1,473,833	\$1,473,833	\$1,473,833
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**210.6** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create mental health courts.*

State General Funds	\$764,552	\$764,552	\$764,552
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**210.7** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create family dependency treatment courts.*

State General Funds	\$656,146	\$656,146	\$656,146
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**210.8** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create veterans' courts.*

State General Funds	\$564,870	\$564,870	\$564,870
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**210.9** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create DUI accountability courts.*

State General Funds	\$220,977	\$220,977	\$220,977
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**210.10** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create juvenile accountability courts.*

State General Funds	\$64,661	\$64,661	\$64,661
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**210.11** *Increase funds for Juvenile Justice Incentive Grants and for personnel for one new fidelity manager.*

State General Funds	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
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**210.12** *Increase funds for personnel for a statistical analyst position to provide analytical support to grant applications. (H and S: Increase funds for one grant planner position)*

State General Funds	\$75,225	\$75,225	\$75,225
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**210.13** *Increase funds to meet required state match of federal cost share.*

State General Funds	\$53,664	\$53,664	\$53,664
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**210.14 Increase Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding for domestic violence shelters. (H:YES)(S:YES)**

State General Funds \$0 \$0

<b>210.100 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,188,787	\$35,184,102	\$35,184,102
State General Funds	\$35,188,787	\$35,184,102	\$35,184,102
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Sales and Services	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$125,961,763	\$125,957,078	\$125,957,078

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability  
Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
State General Funds	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247

**211.1** *Increase funds for personnel for a treatment specialist to monitor accountability court treatment providers and provide technical assistance to the courts.*

State General Funds	\$81,412	\$81,412	\$81,412
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**211.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$4,685	\$4,685
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<b>211.100 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$484,659	\$489,344	\$489,344
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$484,659	\$489,344	\$489,344
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$484,659	\$489,344	\$489,344

<b>Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe shelter and related services for victims of family violence and their dependent children and to provide education about family violence to communities across the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
State General Funds	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423

**212.1** *Increase funds to support the 46 state-certified domestic violence shelters.*

State General Funds			\$287,500
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<b>212.100 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe shelter and related services for victims of family violence and their dependent children and to provide education about family violence to communities across the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,680,923
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,680,923
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,680,923

**Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653
State General Funds	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
Sales and Services	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
Federal Funds Transfers	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$316,765,979	\$317,003,087	\$337,087,013
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$316,765,979	\$317,003,087	\$337,087,013
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$324,910,491	\$325,147,599	\$345,231,525

**Community Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services,*



*wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865
State General Funds	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
Federal Funds Transfers	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468

**213.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$803,893	\$803,893	\$803,893
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**213.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$36,119	\$36,119	\$36,119
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**213.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$1,119,892	\$1,119,892	\$1,119,892
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**213.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$422,198	\$422,198	\$422,198
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**213.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$17,419)	(\$17,419)	(\$17,419)
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<b>213.100 Community Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure*

*detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$97,233,151	\$97,233,151	\$97,233,151

**Departmental Administration (DJJ)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040
State General Funds	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
Sales and Services	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170

**214.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$239,270	\$239,270	\$239,270
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**214.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$10,668	\$10,668	\$10,668
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**214.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$318,380	\$318,380	\$318,380
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**214.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$124,702	\$124,702	\$124,702
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**214.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,145)	(\$5,145)	(\$5,145)
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**214.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>214.100 Departmental Administration (DJJ)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,770,045	\$24,770,045	\$24,770,045

**Secure Commitment (YDCs)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154
State General Funds	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Sales and Services	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334

**215.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,142,591	\$1,142,591	\$1,207,760
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**215.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$45,235	\$45,235	\$45,235
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**215.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$256,415	\$256,415	\$256,415
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**215.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$528,769	\$528,769	\$528,769
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**215.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$21,815)	(\$21,815)	(\$21,815)
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**215.6** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Commitment (YDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University. (H:YES; Transfer funds, except for one medical oversight position, to the Department of Corrections' Health program for the addition of medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the Department of Corrections' physical health contract with Augusta University)*

State General Funds	(\$8,056,496)	(\$7,937,942)	\$0
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**215.7** *Utilize existing funds to provide differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**215.8** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel in the physical health contract.*

State General Funds			\$71,613
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**215.9** *Increase funds to cover the administrative costs of the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds \$400,000

**215.10** *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the transfer and consolidation of pharmaceutical and administrative expenses.*

State General Funds (\$100,000)

<b>215.100 Secure Commitment (YDCs)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$85,540,853	\$85,659,407	\$94,034,131
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$85,540,853	\$85,659,407	\$94,034,131
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,104,033	\$90,222,587	\$98,597,311

**Secure Detention (RYDCs)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594
State General Funds	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
Sales and Services	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$119,989,193	\$119,989,193	\$119,989,193

**216.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,525,291	\$1,525,291	\$1,623,044
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**216.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$58,958	\$58,958	\$58,958
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**216.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$689,182	\$689,182	\$689,182
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**216.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$29,379)	(\$29,379)	(\$29,379)
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**216.5** *Increase funds for the new Wilkes RYDC to reflect a November opening date.*

State General Funds	\$1,899,992	\$1,899,992	\$1,899,992
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**216.6** *Increase funds for operations and personnel to annualize expenditures of the Terrell RYDC facility opened in October 2016 and to address the Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO) salary differential as provided by HB751 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$842,609	\$842,609	\$842,609
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**216.7** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University. (H: YES; Transfer funds, except for one medical oversight position, to the Department of Corrections' Health program for the addition of medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the Department of Corrections' physical health contract with Augusta University)*

State General Funds	(\$12,172,584)	(\$12,054,030)	\$0
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**216.8** *Reduce funds based on the projected lapse factor.*

State General Funds			(\$1,000,000)
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**216.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel in the physical health contract.*

State General Funds			\$107,419
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**216.10** *Increase funds to cover the administrative costs of the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds			\$600,000
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**216.11** *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the transfer and consolidation of pharmaceutical and administrative expenses.*

State General Funds (\$150,000)

<b>216.100 Secure Detention (RYDCs)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$111,081,663	\$111,200,217	\$122,909,419
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$111,081,663	\$111,200,217	\$122,909,419
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$112,803,262	\$112,921,816	\$124,631,018

**Section 32: Labor, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592
State General Funds	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$132,953,063	\$132,953,063	\$132,953,063

**Departmental Administration (DOL)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work with public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150
State General Funds	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$33,907,300	\$33,907,300	\$33,907,300

**217.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$39,453	\$39,453	\$39,453
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**217.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,453	\$1,453	\$1,453
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**217.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$610	\$610	\$610
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**217.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$161	\$161	\$161
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<b>217.100 Departmental Administration (DOL)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to work with public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,948,977	\$33,948,977	\$33,948,977

**Labor Market Information**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639

<b>218.100 Labor Market Information</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639

**Unemployment Insurance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847
State General Funds	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033

**219.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$66,525	\$66,525	\$66,525
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**219.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450
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**219.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028
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**219.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$271	\$271	\$271
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**219.5** *Utilize existing state funds for the collection of administrative assessments. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**219.100 Unemployment Insurance** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,984,307	\$38,984,307	\$38,984,307

**Workforce Solutions**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist employers and job seekers with job matching services and to promote economic growth and development.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595
State General Funds	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$57,379,001</b>	<b>\$57,379,001</b>	<b>\$57,379,001</b>

**220.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$98,583	\$98,583	\$98,583
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**220.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,631	\$3,631	\$3,631
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**220.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,524	\$1,524	\$1,524
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**220.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$401	\$401	\$401
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<b>220.100 Workforce Solutions</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist employers and job seekers with job matching services and to promote economic growth and development.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$57,483,140	\$57,483,140	\$57,483,140

*Section 33: Law, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108
State General Funds	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740
Sales and Services	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$32,060,570	\$31,865,264	\$31,897,404
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$32,060,570	\$31,865,264	\$31,897,404
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$72,915,374	\$72,720,068	\$72,752,208

**Law, Department of****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
State General Funds	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400

**221.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$618,412	\$618,412	\$618,412
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**221.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$22,776	\$22,776	\$22,776
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**221.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$23,281)	(\$23,281)	(\$23,281)
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**221.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,386	\$7,386	\$7,386
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**221.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one paralegal/administrative position. (H:Increase funds for one paralegal/administrative position (\$65,166) and one attorney position in the Solicitor's General Office(\$97,694))*

State General Funds	\$65,166	\$162,860	\$0
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**221.6** *Increase funds to continue a fellowship program to recruit top talent for the agency.*

State General Funds	\$293,000	\$0	\$195,000
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**221.7** *Utilize existing funds of \$75,000 for the E-Discovery platform. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>221.100 Law, Department of</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,698,156	\$30,502,850	\$30,534,990
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,698,156	\$30,502,850	\$30,534,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$67,952,859	\$67,757,553	\$67,789,693

**Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
State General Funds	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,940,512	\$4,940,512	\$4,940,512

**222.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$21,631	\$21,631	\$21,631
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**222.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$797	\$797	\$797
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**222.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,230)	(\$1,230)	(\$1,230)
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**222.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$805	\$805	\$805
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**222.100 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,962,515	\$4,962,515	\$4,962,515

**There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of \$500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.**

*Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965
State General Funds	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
Royalties and Rents	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
Sales and Services	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
State Funds Transfers	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$275,356,518	\$275,356,518	\$275,356,518

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$110,451,448	\$110,528,903	\$110,578,903
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$110,451,448	\$110,528,903	\$110,578,903
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482



<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$280,005,001	\$280,082,456	\$280,132,456

**Coastal Resources**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904
State General Funds	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
Royalties and Rents	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450

**223.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,686	\$29,686	\$29,686
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**223.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,160	\$1,160	\$1,160
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**223.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$572)	(\$572)	(\$572)
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**223.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$294)	(\$294)	(\$294)
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**223.100 Coastal Resources****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,384,430	\$7,384,430	\$7,384,430

**Departmental Administration (DNR)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522
State General Funds	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
Sales and Services	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587

**224.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$109,562	\$109,562	\$109,562
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**224.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,280	\$4,280	\$4,280
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**224.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,112)	(\$2,112)	(\$2,112)
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**224.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,087)	(\$1,087)	(\$1,087)
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**224.5** *Increase funds for the Georgia State Games Commission.*

State General Funds			\$25,000
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<b>224.100 Departmental Administration (DNR)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,230,165	\$12,230,165	\$12,255,165
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,230,165	\$12,230,165	\$12,255,165
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,269,230	\$12,269,230	\$12,294,230

**Environmental Protection****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881
State General Funds	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
Sales and Services	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
State Funds Transfers	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$126,551,551	\$126,551,551	\$126,551,551

**225.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$308,939	\$308,939	\$308,939
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**225.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$12,069	\$12,069	\$12,069
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**225.3** *Utilize other funds to retain criminal investigators (\$15,156). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$5,956)	(\$5,956)	(\$5,956)
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**225.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$3,065)	(\$3,065)	(\$3,065)
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**225.6** *Utilize existing funds (\$1,560,000) for water-related studies and regional plan updates. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.7** *Utilize existing funds (\$810,692) for the agricultural water metering initiative. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.8** *Utilize existing funds (\$239,308) for three positions to implement new coal combustion rules and regulations. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing funds of \$239,308 for coal combustion residuals oversight and permitting)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.9** *The Environmental Protection Division shall present to the Georgia General Assembly a plan for financing and implementation over three years to complete assessment reports and dam break routings. (S:YES)*

State General Funds			\$0
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**225.100 Environmental Protection**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$126,863,538	\$126,863,538	\$126,863,538

**Hazardous Waste Trust Fund****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
State General Funds	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423

**226.100 Hazardous Waste Trust Fund****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423

**Historic Preservation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, protect, and preserve Georgia's historical sites by administering historic preservation grants, by cataloging all historic resources statewide, by providing research and planning required to list a site on the state and national historic registries, by working with building owners to ensure that renovation plans comply with historic preservation standards, and by executing and sponsoring archaeological research.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258
State General Funds	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045

**227.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$20,672	\$20,672	\$20,672
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**227.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$808	\$808	\$808
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**227.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$398)	(\$398)	(\$398)
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**227.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$205)	(\$205)	(\$205)
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**227.5** *Transfer funds from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Natural Resources for the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns.*

State General Funds	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
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**227.6** *Increase funds for personnel for one position and for a salary adjustment for review historians and architects, as recommended by the House Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation (HR978, 2016 Session).*

State General Funds		\$77,455	\$77,455
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<b>227.100 Historic Preservation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, protect, and preserve Georgia's historical sites by administering historic preservation grants, by cataloging all historic resources statewide, by providing research and planning required to list a site on the state and national historic registries, by working with building owners to ensure that renovation plans comply with historic preservation standards, and by executing and sponsoring archaeological research.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,753,135	\$1,830,590	\$1,830,590
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,753,135	\$1,830,590	\$1,830,590
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,773,922	\$2,851,377	\$2,851,377

**Law Enforcement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799
State General Funds	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749

**228.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$20,605	\$20,605	\$20,605
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**228.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$10,710	\$10,710	\$10,710
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**228.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$199,329	\$199,329	\$199,329
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**228.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$3,537,656	\$3,537,656	\$3,537,656
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**228.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$5,284)	(\$5,284)	(\$5,284)
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**228.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,719)	(\$2,719)	(\$2,719)
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**228.100 Law Enforcement**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,878,046	\$25,878,046	\$25,878,046

**Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948
State General Funds	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$32,391,791</b>	<b>\$32,391,791</b>	<b>\$32,391,791</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
Sales and Services	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$50,648,768</b>	<b>\$50,648,768</b>	<b>\$50,648,768</b>

**229.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$142,204	\$142,204	\$142,204
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**229.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,556	\$5,556	\$5,556
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**229.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,741)	(\$2,741)	(\$2,741)
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**229.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,411)	(\$1,411)	(\$1,411)
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**229.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for raising sunken vessels causing navigational hazards in Lake Lanier.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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**229.6** *Eliminate funds for the Georgia Civil War Commission.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	\$0
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**229.100 Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$15,146,556</b>	<b>\$15,146,556</b>	<b>\$15,171,556</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$15,146,556</b>	<b>\$15,146,556</b>	<b>\$15,171,556</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,204,029</b>	<b>\$3,204,029</b>	<b>\$3,204,029</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$3,204,029</b>	<b>\$3,204,029</b>	<b>\$3,204,029</b>

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,742,376	\$50,742,376	\$50,767,376

**Solid Waste Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775
State General Funds	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775

**230.1** *Increase funds for solid waste cleanup activities.*

State General Funds	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
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**230.100 Solid Waste Trust Fund**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775

**Wildlife Resources**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455
State General Funds	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
Royalties and Rents	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
Sales and Services	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
State Funds Transfers	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170

**231.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$233,783	\$233,783	\$233,783
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**231.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,133	\$9,133	\$9,133
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**231.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,506)	(\$4,506)	(\$4,506)
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**231.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,319)	(\$2,319)	(\$2,319)
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**231.100 Wildlife Resources**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$47,275,261	\$47,275,261	\$47,275,261

Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.

*Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212
State General Funds	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,579,705	\$17,579,705	\$17,598,370
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$17,579,705	\$17,579,705	\$17,598,370
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$17,579,705	\$17,579,705	\$17,598,370

**Board Administration (SBPP)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
State General Funds	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352

**232.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$16,351	\$16,351	\$16,351
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**232.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$477	\$477	\$477
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**232.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,577	\$5,577	\$5,577
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**232.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$62)	(\$62)	(\$62)
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**232.100 Board Administration (SBPP)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695
State General Funds	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695

**Clemency Decisions****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343
State General Funds	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393

**233.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$192,042	\$192,042	\$192,042
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**233.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,648	\$9,648	\$9,648
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**233.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$622,239	\$622,239	\$622,239
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**233.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$112,855	\$112,855	\$112,855
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**233.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,252)	(\$1,252)	(\$1,252)
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**233.6** *Increase funds for personnel for two hearing examiner positions.*

State General Funds	\$156,440	\$156,440	\$175,105
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**233.7** *Eliminate funds for federal task forces to reflect the transfer of personnel to the Department of Community Supervision.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)
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**233.100 Clemency Decisions**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,960,315	\$15,960,315	\$15,978,980
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,960,315	\$15,960,315	\$15,978,980
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,960,315	\$15,960,315	\$15,978,980

**Victim Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement through the Victim Information Program, to conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, to host victim and visitor days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
State General Funds	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517

**234.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,594	\$9,594	\$9,594
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**234.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$285	\$285	\$285
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**234.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$3,336	\$3,336	\$3,336
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**234.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$37)	(\$37)	(\$37)
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**234.100 Victim Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement through the Victim Information Program, to conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, to host victim and visitor days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695



**Section 36: Properties Commission, State**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Funds Transfers	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**Properties Commission, State**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Funds Transfers	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**235.100 Properties Commission, State**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

*Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327
State General Funds	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$85,307,627</b>	<b>\$85,307,627</b>	<b>\$85,307,627</b>

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$57,041,131	\$58,420,553	\$57,562,254
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$57,041,131	\$58,420,553	\$57,562,254
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$90,449,431</b>	<b>\$91,828,853</b>	<b>\$90,970,554</b>

**Public Defender Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, and Central Office.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
State General Funds	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059

**236.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$128,448	\$128,448	\$128,448
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**236.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731
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**236.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,262	\$5,262	\$5,262
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**236.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,271)	(\$1,271)	(\$1,271)
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**236.5** *Increase funds to provide statutorily mandated training.*

State General Funds		\$341,573	\$0
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**236.6** *Increase funds to provide one training director/conflict attorney supervisor position.*

State General Funds		\$113,976	\$0
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**236.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>236.100 Public Defender Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,641,929	\$8,097,478	\$7,641,929
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,641,929	\$8,097,478	\$7,641,929
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,550,229	\$10,005,778	\$9,550,229

**Public Defenders**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
State General Funds	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$75,894,568	\$75,894,568	\$75,894,568

**237.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$716,859	\$716,859	\$716,859
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**237.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$26,401	\$26,401	\$26,401
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**237.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$29,368	\$29,368	\$29,368
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**237.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$7,093)	(\$7,093)	(\$7,093)
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**237.5** *Increase funds for contracted attorneys to ensure geographical coverage and capacity for conflict cases.*

State General Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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**237.6** *Increase funds for personnel to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for four newly established accountability courts in the following circuits: South Georgia, Lookout Mountain, Oconee and Tifton per HB279 (2015 Session). (H and S:Increase funds to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for two newly established accountability courts in the following circuits: South Georgia and Tifton)*

State General Funds	\$39,099	\$19,536	\$19,536
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**237.7** *Increase funds for phase one of a three-year project to electronically store case files at all circuit offices.*

State General Funds	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0
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**237.8** *Increase funds to align the salary scale for public defenders with prosecuting attorneys. (S:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for assistant public defenders)*

State General Funds		\$974,338	\$806,358
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**237.9** *Increase funds for an additional assistant public defender position for the new judgeship in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date.*

State General Funds		\$37,982	\$37,982
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**237.10** *Increase funds for 10 additional juvenile public defenders. (S:Increase funds for seven additional juvenile public defenders)*

State General Funds	\$782,564	\$547,794
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**237.11** *Increase funds to annualize 15 juvenile public defenders.*

State General Funds	\$307,546	\$307,546
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**237.12** *Increase funds to annualize one Clayton Judicial Circuit assistant public defender position.*

State General Funds	\$41,006	\$41,006
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<b>237.100 Public Defenders</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$49,399,202	\$50,323,075	\$49,920,325
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$49,399,202	\$50,323,075	\$49,920,325
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$80,899,202	\$81,823,075	\$81,420,325

**Section 38: Public Health, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772
State General Funds	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,425,083	\$13,425,083	\$13,425,083
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Sales and Services	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
State Funds Transfers	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$671,753,606	\$671,753,606	\$671,753,606

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$272,111,602	\$274,963,893	\$273,625,002
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$257,067,807	\$259,920,098	\$258,581,207
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860
<b>Brain &amp; Spinal Injury Trust Fund</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,425,083	\$13,425,083	\$13,425,083
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976

<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$683,366,436	\$686,218,727	\$684,879,836

**Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496
State General Funds	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Sales and Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
State Funds Transfers	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,637,277</b>	<b>\$33,637,277</b>	<b>\$33,637,277</b>

**238.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$23,250	\$23,250	\$23,250
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**238.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$864	\$864	\$864
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**238.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$3,636	\$3,636	\$3,636
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**238.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$172	\$172	\$172
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**238.5** *Increase funds to replace a loss of federal funds to continue providing women's health services.*

State General Funds	\$651,897	\$651,897	\$651,897
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**238.6** *Increase funds to establish an Adolescent to Adult Transition model to improve outcomes for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.*

State General Funds		\$325,000	\$325,000
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**238.7** *Increase funds for the Diabetes Coordinator position authorized under O.C.G.A. 31-2A-13.*

State General Funds			\$126,000
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**238.8** *Increase funds for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care and the cardiac registry pursuant to the passage of SB102 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds			\$106,800
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**238.9** *Increase funds to evaluate and recommend a program to reduce maternal mortality using outcomes-based research due December 1st, 2017, recognizing that Georgia currently ranks fiftieth in maternal deaths in the United States.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
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**238.10** *Increase funds for developing telehealth sickle cell mobile units.*

State General Funds			\$50,000
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<b>238.100 Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,104,315	\$14,429,315	\$14,812,115
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,247,136	\$7,572,136	\$7,954,936
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<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179
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<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781
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<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424
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<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$34,317,096	\$34,642,096	\$35,024,896

**Adult Essential Health Treatment Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249

**239.100 Adult Essential Health Treatment Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249

**Departmental Administration (DPH)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334
State General Funds	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707

**240.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$461,789	\$461,789	\$461,789
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**240.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$17,154	\$17,154	\$17,154
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**240.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$72,216	\$72,216	\$72,216
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**240.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,409	\$3,409	\$3,409
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**240.100 Departmental Administration (DPH)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,118,902	\$23,118,902	\$23,118,902
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,987,107	\$22,987,107	\$22,987,107
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918

<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,567,275	\$35,567,275	\$35,567,275

**Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982
State General Funds	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
State Funds Transfers	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$26,448,431	\$26,448,431	\$26,448,431

**241.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$34,462	\$34,462	\$34,462
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**241.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,280	\$1,280	\$1,280
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**241.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,389	\$5,389	\$5,389
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**241.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$254	\$254	\$254
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**241.5** *Increase funds for the Regional Coordinating Hospitals to replace federal funds for emergency preparedness.*

State General Funds	\$140,000	\$140,000
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<b>241.100 Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,642,367	\$2,782,367	\$2,782,367
State General Funds	\$2,642,367	\$2,782,367	\$2,782,367
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
State Funds Transfers	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,489,816	\$26,629,816	\$26,629,816

**Epidemiology**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592
State General Funds	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
Sales and Services	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,515,091	\$11,515,091	\$11,515,091

**242.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,446	\$30,446	\$30,446
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**242.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131
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**242.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$4,761	\$4,761	\$4,761
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**242.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$225	\$225	\$225
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**242.100 Epidemiology****Appropriation (HB 44)***The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,777,155	\$4,777,155	\$4,777,155
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,661,518	\$4,661,518	\$4,661,518
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,551,654	\$11,551,654	\$11,551,654

**Immunization****Continuation Budget***The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604
State General Funds	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,254,792</b>	<b>\$9,254,792</b>	<b>\$9,254,792</b>

**243.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,204	\$8,204	\$8,204
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**243.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$305	\$305	\$305
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**243.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,283	\$1,283	\$1,283
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**243.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$61	\$61	\$61
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<b>243.100 Immunization</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,264,645</b>	<b>\$9,264,645</b>	<b>\$9,264,645</b>

**Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841
State General Funds	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,082,186</b>	<b>\$24,082,186</b>	<b>\$24,082,186</b>

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,618,978</b>	<b>\$3,618,978</b>	<b>\$3,618,978</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
Sales and Services	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$50,796,005</b>	<b>\$50,796,005</b>	<b>\$50,796,005</b>

**244.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$18,280	\$18,280	\$18,280
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**244.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$679	\$679	\$679
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**244.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,859	\$2,859	\$2,859
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**244.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$135	\$135	\$135
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<b>244.100 Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509



<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,817,958	\$50,817,958	\$50,817,958

**Infant and Child Health Promotion**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228
State General Funds	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061

**245.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$49,696	\$49,696	\$49,696
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**245.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,846	\$1,846	\$1,846
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**245.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$7,772	\$7,772	\$7,772
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**245.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$367	\$367	\$367
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<b>245.100 Infant and Child Health Promotion</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$276,669,742	\$276,669,742	\$276,669,742

**Infectious Disease Control** **Continuation Budget**  
*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$79,870,044	\$79,870,044	\$79,870,044

**246.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$167,037	\$167,037	\$167,037
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**246.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,205	\$6,205	\$6,205
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**246.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$26,122	\$26,122	\$26,122
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**246.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,233	\$1,233	\$1,233
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<b>246.100 Infectious Disease Control</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$32,129,971	\$32,129,971	\$32,129,971
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$32,129,971	\$32,129,971	\$32,129,971
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$80,070,641	\$80,070,641	\$80,070,641

**Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103
State General Funds	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
Sales and Services	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300

**247.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$50,144	\$50,144	\$50,144
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**247.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,863	\$1,863	\$1,863
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**247.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$7,842	\$7,842	\$7,842
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**247.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$370	\$370	\$370
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**247.5** *Increase funds for personnel for a 5% increase for recruitment and retention of environmental health personnel.*

State General Funds	\$1,496,531	\$1,496,531	\$1,496,531
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**247.6** *Increase funds for personnel for an additional 15 environmental health specialist positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel for an additional 10 environmental health specialist positions)*

State General Funds		\$998,400	\$665,600
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<b>247.100 Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control</b>
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<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,356,853	\$6,355,253	\$6,022,453
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,356,853	\$6,355,253	\$6,022,453
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,429,050	\$7,427,450	\$7,094,650

**Office for Children and Families**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
State General Funds	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428

**248.100 Office for Children and Families**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
State General Funds	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428

**Public Health Formula Grants to Counties**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468
State General Funds	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468

**249.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,978,124	\$4,978,124	\$4,978,124
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**249.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$186,644	\$186,644	\$186,644
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**249.3** *Increase funds for telehealth infrastructure.*

State General Funds	\$2,234,450	\$2,234,450	\$2,234,450
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**249.4** *Add funds for the Fulton County Board of Health per HB885 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$978,865	\$978,865	\$978,865
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**249.5** *Increase funds to complete the phase-in of the new general grant-in-aid formula to hold harmless all counties. (S:Begin implementation of the grant-in-aid formula)*

State General Funds		\$1,388,891	\$0
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**249.100 Public Health Formula Grants to Counties**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442	\$121,799,551
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442	\$121,799,551
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442	\$121,799,551

**Vital Records**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793
State General Funds	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,863,473	\$4,863,473	\$4,863,473

**250.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$57,184	\$57,184	\$57,184
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**250.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,124	\$2,124	\$2,124
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**250.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$8,942	\$8,942	\$8,942
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**250.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$422	\$422	\$422
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**250.100 Vital Records** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,932,145	\$4,932,145	\$4,932,145

**Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935

**251.100 Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>Brain &amp; Spinal Injury Trust Fund</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935

**Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345
State General Funds	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345

**252.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,663	\$4,663	\$4,663
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**252.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$172	\$172	\$172
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**252.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$71	\$71	\$71
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<b>252.100 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251

**Section 39: Public Safety, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247
State General Funds	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Sales and Services	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
State Funds Transfers	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400



Agency to Agency Contracts	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$178,304,932	\$178,642,902	\$178,703,902
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$178,304,932	\$178,642,902	\$178,703,902
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198	\$36,891,198
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$242,409,888</b>	<b>\$242,747,858</b>	<b>\$242,808,858</b>

**Aviation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,183,476</b>	<b>\$4,183,476</b>	<b>\$4,183,476</b>

**253.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,160	\$10,160	\$10,160
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**253.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,793	\$1,793	\$1,793
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**253.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$23,001	\$23,001	\$23,001
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**253.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$372,431	\$372,431	\$372,431
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**253.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,947)	(\$2,947)	(\$2,947)
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**253.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$275	\$275	\$275
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**253.100 Aviation**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,588,189</b>	<b>\$4,588,189</b>	<b>\$4,588,189</b>

**Capitol Police Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Sales and Services	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321

**254.100 Capitol Police Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321

**Departmental Administration (DPS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299
State General Funds	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>
Sales and Services	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,058,380</b>	<b>\$9,058,380</b>	<b>\$9,058,380</b>

**255.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$112,017	\$112,017	\$112,017
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**255.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,591	\$5,591	\$5,591
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**255.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$21,416	\$21,416	\$21,416
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**255.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$300,820	\$300,820	\$300,820
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**255.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$9,189)	(\$9,189)	(\$9,189)
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**255.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$858	\$858	\$858
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**255.100 Departmental Administration (DPS)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,480,812</b>	<b>\$9,480,812</b>	<b>\$9,480,812</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$9,480,812</b>	<b>\$9,480,812</b>	<b>\$9,480,812</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,571</b>	<b>\$5,571</b>	<b>\$5,571</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$5,571</b>	<b>\$5,571</b>	<b>\$5,571</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>	<b>\$3,510</b>

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,489,893	\$9,489,893	\$9,489,893

**Field Offices and Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168
State General Funds	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
Sales and Services	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$120,053,924</b>	<b>\$120,053,924</b>	<b>\$120,053,924</b>

**256.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$318,884	\$318,884	\$318,884
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**256.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$69,085	\$69,085	\$69,085
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**256.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$700,540	\$700,540	\$700,540
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**256.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$14,580,572	\$14,580,572	\$14,580,572
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**256.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$113,538)	(\$113,538)	(\$113,538)
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**256.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$10,604	\$10,604	\$10,604
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**256.7** *Increase funds for technology upgrades.*

State General Funds	\$416,000	\$416,000	\$416,000
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**256.8** *Utilize existing funds of \$6,192,015 to fund operations for three 50 person trooper schools. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>256.100 Field Offices and Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$136,036,071	\$136,036,071	\$136,036,071

**Motor Carrier Compliance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all*

*buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734
State General Funds	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Sales and Services	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
State Funds Transfers	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042

**257.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$85,302	\$85,302	\$85,302
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**257.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$7,071	\$7,071	\$7,071
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**257.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$3,965,951	\$3,965,951	\$3,965,951
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**257.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$11,621)	(\$11,621)	(\$11,621)
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**257.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,086	\$1,086	\$1,086
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<b>257.100 Motor Carrier Compliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,134,831	\$30,134,831	\$30,134,831

**Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748
State General Funds	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748

**258.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$10,600	\$10,600	\$10,600
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**258.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$390	\$390	\$390
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**258.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260
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**258.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$86	\$86	\$86
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**258.5** *Increase funds for personnel for two compliance/evaluation district manager positions.*

State General Funds		\$165,000	\$165,000
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**258.6** *Increase funds for two vehicles for compliance/evaluation district manager positions.*

State General Funds		\$46,000	\$46,000
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**258.7** *Increase funds for computers and related equipment for compliance/evaluation district manager positions.*

State General Funds		\$9,000	\$9,000
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<b>258.100 Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$788,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,084
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$788,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,084
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$788,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,084

**Highway Safety, Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881
State General Funds	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
State Funds Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971

**259.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$16,937	\$16,937	\$16,937
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**259.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$624	\$624	\$624
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**259.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$564	\$564	\$564
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**259.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$615	\$615	\$615
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**259.100 Highway Safety, Office of**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,866,711	\$23,866,711	\$23,866,711

**Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658
State General Funds	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658

**260.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,692	\$30,692	\$30,692
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**260.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,516	\$1,516	\$1,516
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**260.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$206,596	\$206,596	\$206,596
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**260.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$21,769	\$21,769	\$21,769
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**260.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$168	\$168	\$168
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**260.6** *Increase funds for personnel for two criminal investigator positions and for operations.*

State General Funds	\$189,393	\$189,363	\$189,363
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**260.7** *Increase funds for contracts to standardize mandate testing at all academies.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
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**260.8** *Increase funds for personnel for one curriculum specialist position. (H:Increase one-time funds for one curriculum specialist position)(S:Increase funds for personnel for one curriculum specialist position)*

State General Funds	\$82,194	\$82,194	\$82,194
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**260.9** *Increase funds for statutory training costs for local police chiefs.*

State General Funds		\$118,000	\$129,000
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**260.10** *Reduce funds for stipends for curriculum development by subject area experts.*

State General Funds			(\$50,000)
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**260.11** *Increase funds for the Sheriffs' Training Academy.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
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**260.100 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,623,986	\$3,741,956	\$3,802,956
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,623,986	\$3,741,956	\$3,802,956
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,623,986	\$3,741,956	\$3,802,956

**Public Safety Training Center, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317
State General Funds	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
Sales and Services	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,204,683</b>	<b>\$22,204,683</b>	<b>\$22,204,683</b>

**261.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$77,299	\$77,299	\$77,299
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**261.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,579	\$6,579	\$6,579
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**261.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$1,052,147	\$1,052,147	\$1,052,147
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**261.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$35,550)	(\$35,550)	(\$35,550)
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**261.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$619)	(\$619)	(\$619)
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**261.6** *Increase funds for system equipment and software upgrades for online public safety training courses.*

State General Funds	\$126,952	\$126,952	\$126,952
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**261.7** *Increase funds for personnel and operations for 12 Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) positions.*

State General Funds	\$1,262,323	\$1,262,323	\$1,262,323
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**261.8** *Increase funds for personnel for 10 Public Safety Training (PST) Instructor positions for six satellite academies.*

State General Funds	\$870,824	\$870,824	\$870,824
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**261.9** *Increase funds for personnel for two curriculum developer positions in the Instructional Services Division.*

State General Funds	\$174,164	\$174,164	\$174,164
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<b>261.100 Public Safety Training Center, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436
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<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
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<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
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<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703
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<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,738,802	\$25,738,802	\$25,738,802

*Section 40: Public Service Commission*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823
State General Funds	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,284,763	\$9,413,638	\$9,432,513
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,284,763	\$9,413,638	\$9,432,513
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,627,863	\$10,756,738	\$10,775,613

**Commission Administration (PSC)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930
State General Funds	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430

**262.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$24,306	\$24,306	\$24,306
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**262.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$895	\$895	\$895
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**262.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$215)	(\$215)	(\$215)
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**262.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$293	\$293	\$293
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**262.5** *Increase funds for utility research contract.*

State General Funds		\$18,875	\$37,750
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<b>262.100 Commission Administration (PSC)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,515,209	\$1,534,084	\$1,552,959
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,515,209	\$1,534,084	\$1,552,959
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,598,709	\$1,617,584	\$1,636,459

**Facility Protection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564
State General Funds	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664

**263.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$19,603	\$19,603	\$19,603
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**263.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$722	\$722	\$722
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**263.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$173)	(\$173)	(\$173)
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**263.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$236	\$236	\$236
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**263.100 Facility Protection****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,349,052	\$2,349,052	\$2,349,052

**Utilities Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329
State General Funds	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829

**264.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$114,682	\$114,682	\$114,682
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**264.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,224	\$4,224	\$4,224
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**264.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,014)	(\$1,014)	(\$1,014)
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**264.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,381	\$1,381	\$1,381
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**264.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one utility analyst for the Commission's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) section.*

State General Funds		\$110,000	\$110,000
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<b>264.100 Utilities Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,651,602	\$6,761,602	\$6,761,602
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,651,602	\$6,761,602	\$6,761,602
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,680,102	\$6,790,102	\$6,790,102

**Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074
State General Funds	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Sales and Services	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency Funds Transfers	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,370,711,762</b>	<b>\$7,370,711,762</b>	<b>\$7,370,711,762</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,298,666,478	\$2,305,192,037	\$2,305,005,787
State General Funds	\$2,298,666,478	\$2,305,192,037	\$2,305,005,787
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,208,406,386</b>	<b>\$5,208,406,386</b>	<b>\$5,208,406,386</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Sales and Services	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>	<b>\$16,603,302</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency Funds Transfers	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971

<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,523,676,166	\$7,530,201,725	\$7,530,015,475

**Agricultural Experiment Station**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187
State General Funds	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Sales and Services	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
Agency Funds Transfers	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$76,316,106	\$76,316,106	\$76,316,106

**265.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$582,061	\$582,061	\$582,061
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**265.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$607,478	\$607,478	\$607,478
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**265.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$78,495) and retiree health benefits (\$85,224).*

State General Funds	\$163,719	\$163,719	\$163,719
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**265.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Agricultural Experiment Station program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$786,586	\$786,586	\$786,586
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**265.5** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the ruminant nutritionist and row crop physiologist positions.*

State General Funds	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000
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**265.6** *Increase funds for maintenance and operations.*

State General Funds		\$4,120,000	\$4,120,000
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<b>265.100 Agricultural Experiment Station</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$40,987,031	\$45,107,031	\$45,107,031
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$40,987,031	\$45,107,031	\$45,107,031
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$78,539,950	\$82,659,950	\$82,659,950

**Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, educational outreach, and consultation for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
Sales and Services	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,511,331</b>	<b>\$6,511,331</b>	<b>\$6,511,331</b>

<b>266.100 Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, educational outreach, and consultation for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,511,331</b>	<b>\$6,511,331</b>	<b>\$6,511,331</b>

<b>Cooperative Extension Service</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899
State General Funds	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>	<b>\$23,500,000</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Sales and Services	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
Agency Funds Transfers	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$66,164,828	\$66,164,828	\$66,164,828

**267.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$509,854	\$509,854	\$509,854
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**267.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$684,406	\$684,406	\$684,406
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**267.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$101,993) and retiree health benefits (\$149,940).*

State General Funds	\$251,933	\$251,933	\$251,933
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**267.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Cooperative Extension Service program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$702,864	\$702,864	\$702,864
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**267.5** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the viticulturist, grain crop agronomist, and vegetable pathologist positions.*

State General Funds	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000
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**267.6** *Transfer funds and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program in the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program. (H and S:Transfer funds for personnel (\$553,019) and operations (\$43,750) and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program attached to the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program for a new subprogram)*

State General Funds	\$553,019	\$596,769	\$596,769
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**267.7** *Increase funds for maintenance and operations.*

State General Funds		\$2,140,000	\$2,140,000
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**267.100 Cooperative Extension Service**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,658,975	\$39,842,725	\$39,842,725
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,658,975	\$39,842,725	\$39,842,725
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,992,904	\$71,176,654	\$71,176,654

**Enterprise Innovation Institute**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
State General Funds	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678

**268.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$122,140	\$122,140	\$122,140
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**268.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$37,100	\$37,100	\$37,100
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**268.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$8,575	\$8,575	\$8,575
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**268.100 Enterprise Innovation Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,410,493	\$30,410,493	\$30,410,493

**Forestry Cooperative Extension**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902
State General Funds	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890



**269.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,729	\$11,729	\$11,729
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**269.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$16,191	\$16,191	\$16,191
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**269.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$1,691	\$1,691	\$1,691
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**269.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Cooperative Extension program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$19,735	\$19,735	\$19,735
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**269.5** *Increase funds for personnel for a network administrator for the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health to support externally funded research.*

State General Funds		\$80,000	\$80,000
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<b>269.100 Forestry Cooperative Extension</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$903,248	\$983,248	\$983,248
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$903,248	\$983,248	\$983,248
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,479,236	\$1,559,236	\$1,559,236

**Forestry Research**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563
State General Funds	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
Sales and Services	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989

**270.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,554	\$44,554	\$44,554
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**270.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$49,824	\$49,824	\$49,824
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**270.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$6,464) and retiree health benefits (\$10,104).*

State General Funds	\$16,568	\$16,568	\$16,568
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**270.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Research program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$71,814	\$71,814	\$71,814
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#### **270.100 Forestry Research**

#### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,158,749	\$13,158,749	\$13,158,749

**Georgia Archives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137
State General Funds	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
Sales and Services	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554

**271.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$24,127	\$24,127	\$24,127
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**271.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$15,426	\$15,426	\$15,426
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**271.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$2,817	\$2,817	\$2,817
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**271.100 Georgia Archives**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000
<b>Record Center Storage Fees</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,614,924	\$5,614,924	\$5,614,924

**Georgia Radiation Therapy Center****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide care and treatment for cancer patients and to administer baccalaureate programs in Medical Dosimetry and Radiation Therapy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754

**272.100 Georgia Radiation Therapy Center****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide care and treatment for cancer patients and to administer baccalaureate programs in Medical Dosimetry and Radiation Therapy.*

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754

**Georgia Research Alliance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
State General Funds	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451

**273.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$6,882	\$6,882	\$6,882
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**273.2** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$910	\$910	\$910
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### **273.100 Georgia Research Alliance**

### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243
State General Funds	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243

### **Georgia Tech Research Institute**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
State General Funds	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
Sales and Services	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514

**274.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$85,775	\$85,775	\$85,775
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**274.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300
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**274.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$17,275) and retiree health benefits (\$145,710).*

State General Funds	\$162,985	\$162,985	\$162,985
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**274.100 Georgia Tech Research Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$412,297,574	\$412,297,574	\$412,297,574

**Marine Institute**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055
State General Funds	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,428,336</b>	<b>\$1,428,336</b>	<b>\$1,428,336</b>

**275.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,567	\$11,567	\$11,567
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**275.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$13,219	\$13,219	\$13,219
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**275.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$2,276	\$2,276	\$2,276
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**275.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Marine Institute program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$24,502	\$24,502	\$24,502
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**275.100 Marine Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$993,619</b>	<b>\$993,619</b>	<b>\$993,619</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$993,619</b>	<b>\$993,619</b>	<b>\$993,619</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$486,281</b>	<b>\$486,281</b>	<b>\$486,281</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$367,648</b>	<b>\$367,648</b>	<b>\$367,648</b>
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	<b>\$367,648</b>	<b>\$367,648</b>	<b>\$367,648</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,479,900</b>	<b>\$1,479,900</b>	<b>\$1,479,900</b>

**Marine Resources Extension Center****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822
State General Funds	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Sales and Services	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351

**276.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$19,493	\$19,493	\$19,493
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**276.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$24,264	\$24,264	\$24,264
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**276.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$3,395	\$3,395	\$3,395
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**276.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Marine Resources Extension Center program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$57,215	\$57,215	\$57,215
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**276.5** *Increase funds for an oyster hatchery manager and an aquaculture agent to grow Georgia's oyster aquaculture industry.*

State General Funds		\$150,000	\$150,000
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**276.100 Marine Resources Extension Center****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,372,189	\$1,522,189	\$1,522,189
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,372,189	\$1,522,189	\$1,522,189
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,717,718	\$2,867,718	\$2,867,718

**Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide medical education and patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
State General Funds	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518

**277.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$553,693	\$553,693	\$553,693
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**277.100 Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide medical education and patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211

**Public Libraries**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
State General Funds	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
Sales and Services	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407

**278.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$501,850	\$501,850	\$501,850
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**278.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$492,794	\$492,794	\$492,794
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**278.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,654)	\$0	\$0
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**278.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$3,137	\$3,137	\$3,137
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#### **278.100 Public Libraries**

#### **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,201,282	\$37,205,936	\$37,205,936
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,201,282	\$37,205,936	\$37,205,936
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$41,839,534	\$41,844,188	\$41,844,188

**Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638
State General Funds	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638

**279.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$304,650	\$304,650	\$304,650
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**279.2** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$23,232	\$23,232	\$23,232
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**279.3** *Increase funds for the Georgia Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College and State University.*

State General Funds	\$2,712,913	\$2,712,913	\$2,712,913
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**279.4** *Transfer funds from the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program in the Department of Community Health for 83 new residency slots.*

State General Funds	(\$1,228,418)	(\$1,228,418)	(\$1,228,418)
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**279.5** *Increase funds for the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center.*

State General Funds		\$125,000	\$125,000
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**279.100 Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,872,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015
State General Funds	\$24,872,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$24,872,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015

**Regents Central Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
State General Funds	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606

**280.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$74,348	\$74,348	\$74,348
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**280.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$39,828	\$39,828	\$39,828
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**280.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$37,610	\$32,956	\$32,956
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**280.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$6,296	\$6,296	\$6,296
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**280.5** *Increase funds for the Southern Regional Education Board to reflect FY2018 dues and contracts amounts.*

State General Funds	\$33,591	\$33,591	\$33,591
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<b>280.100 Regents Central Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,255,279	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,255,279	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,255,279	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625

**Skidaway Institute of Oceanography**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577
State General Funds	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Sales and Services	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,098,197</b>	<b>\$5,098,197</b>	<b>\$5,098,197</b>

**281.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$17,103	\$17,103	\$17,103
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**281.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$16,552	\$16,552	\$16,552
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**281.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$1,537) and retiree health benefits (\$18,636).*

State General Funds	\$20,173	\$20,173	\$20,173
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**281.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$36,619	\$36,619	\$36,619
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<b>281.100 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,188,644</b>	<b>\$5,188,644</b>	<b>\$5,188,644</b>

**Teaching****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350
State General Funds	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
Sales and Services	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057

**282.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,131,243	\$40,131,243	\$40,131,243
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**282.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers' Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$34,688,783	\$34,688,783	\$34,688,783
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**282.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,099,162)	(\$2,099,162)	(\$2,099,162)
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**282.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$5,206,998) and retiree health benefits (\$4,069,520).*

State General Funds	\$9,276,518	\$9,276,518	\$9,276,518
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**282.5** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service, Forestry Cooperative Extension, Forestry Research, Marine Institute, Marine Resources Extension Center, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station and Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital programs for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds (1,790,944) (1,790,944) (1,790,944)

**282.6** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Department of Agriculture Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds (71,200) (71,200) (71,200)

**282.7** *Increase funds to reflect the change in enrollment (\$66,695,501) and square footage (\$3,425,181) at University System of Georgia institutions.*

State General Funds 70,120,682 70,120,682 70,120,682

**282.8** *Reduce funds for Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) to reflect year four of the seven year plan to eliminate the GGC Special Funding Initiative.*

State General Funds (1,375,000) (1,375,000) (1,375,000)

**282.9** *Increase funds to adjust the debt service payback amount for projects constructed at Georgia State University (\$989,778) and Kennesaw State University (\$723,814).*

State General Funds 1,713,592 1,713,592 1,713,592

**282.10** *Eliminate funds for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.*

State General Funds (8,000,000) (8,000,000) (8,000,000)

**282.11** *Eliminate funds for a legislative commission on government structure.*

State General Funds (25,000) (25,000) (25,000)

**282.12** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Technical College System of Georgia Technical Education program for the Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center (VECTR).*

State General Funds (1,023,100) (1,023,100)

<b>282.100 Teaching</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,048,024,862	\$2,047,001,762	\$2,047,001,762
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,048,024,862	\$2,047,001,762	\$2,047,001,762
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,737,282,569	\$6,736,259,469	\$6,736,259,469

<b>Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.</i>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032
State General Funds	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032

**283.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,741	\$40,741	\$40,741
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**283.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$43,061	\$43,061	\$43,061
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**283.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$5,265) and retiree health benefits (\$13,152).*

State General Funds	\$18,417	\$18,417	\$18,417
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**283.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$74,027	\$74,027	\$74,027
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**283.5** *Increase funds for personnel for two field services clinical veterinarians dedicated to food animal practice. (S:Increase funds for personnel for two field services clinical veterinarians dedicated to food animal practice and reflect delayed start dates)*

State General Funds		\$310,000	\$155,000
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**283.6** *Increase funds for personnel for one lab supervisor (\$72,500) and one lab technician (\$52,500) for the Poultry Diagnostic Research Laboratory to address disease surveillance. (S:Increase funds for personnel for one lab supervisor (\$72,500) and one lab technician (\$52,500) for the Poultry Diagnostic Research Laboratory to address disease surveillance and reflect delayed start dates)*

State General Funds		\$125,000	\$93,750
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**283.100 Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,883,278	\$3,318,278	\$3,132,028
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,883,278	\$3,318,278	\$3,132,028
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,883,278	\$3,318,278	\$3,132,028

**Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418
State General Funds	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418

**284.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,483	\$7,483	\$7,483
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**284.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$7,491	\$7,491	\$7,491
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**284.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$1,160) and retiree health benefits (\$4,692).*

State General Funds	\$5,852	\$5,852	\$5,852
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**284.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$17,582	\$17,582	\$17,582
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**284.100 Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$465,826	\$465,826	\$465,826
State General Funds	\$465,826	\$465,826	\$465,826
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$17,465,826	\$17,465,826	\$17,465,826

**Payments to Georgia Military College****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades six through twelve at Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and preparatory school.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401
State General Funds	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401

**285.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$139,983	\$139,983	\$139,983
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**285.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$145	\$145	\$145
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**285.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$127,780	\$127,780	\$127,780
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**285.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$14,505)	(\$14,505)	(\$14,505)
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**285.5** *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience at the Georgia Military College Preparatory School.*

State General Funds	\$275,895	\$275,895	\$275,895
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**285.6** *Increase funds for the state share of maintenance costs.*

State General Funds		\$454,909	\$454,909
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<b>285.100 Payments to Georgia Military College</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades six through twelve at Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and preparatory school.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,707,699	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,707,699	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,707,699	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608

**Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706
State General Funds	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706

**286.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$130,457	\$130,457	\$130,457
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**286.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,610	\$4,610	\$4,610
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**286.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$4,093	\$4,093	\$4,093
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**286.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$50,037)	(\$50,037)	(\$50,037)
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**286.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,506	\$1,506	\$1,506
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<b>286.100 Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335

**Section 42: Revenue, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819
State General Funds	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$190,778,326	\$189,478,326	\$189,478,326
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$190,344,543	\$189,044,543	\$189,044,543

<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$191,597,413	\$190,297,413	\$190,297,413

**Departmental Administration (DOR)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662
State General Funds	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662

**287.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$188,798	\$188,798	\$188,798
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**287.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,953	\$6,953	\$6,953
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**287.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$68,126	\$68,126	\$68,126
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**287.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,169)	(\$1,169)	(\$1,169)
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**287.100 Departmental Administration (DOR)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370
State General Funds	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370

**Forestland Protection Grants****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for preferential assessment of qualifying conservation use forestland to counties, municipalities, and school districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5A-2, the Forestland Protection Act, created by HB 1211 and HB 1276 during the 2008 legislative session.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
State General Funds	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351

**288.100 Forestland Protection Grants****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for preferential assessment of qualifying conservation use forestland to counties, municipalities, and school districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5A-2, the Forestland Protection Act, created by HB 1211 and HB 1276 during the 2008 legislative session.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351

**Industry Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330
State General Funds	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837

**289.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$69,659	\$69,659	\$69,659
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**289.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,565	\$2,565	\$2,565
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**289.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$24,936	\$24,936	\$24,936
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**289.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$433,869	\$433,869	\$433,869
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**289.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$25,136	\$25,136	\$25,136
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**289.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$431)	(\$431)	(\$431)
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<b>289.100 Industry Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,624,064	\$7,624,064	\$7,624,064
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,190,281	\$7,190,281	\$7,190,281
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,995,571	\$7,995,571	\$7,995,571

**Local Government Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578
State General Funds	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578

**290.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$67,772	\$67,772	\$67,772
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**290.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,496	\$2,496	\$2,496
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**290.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$24,454	\$24,454	\$24,454
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**290.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$419)	(\$419)	(\$419)
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<b>290.100 Local Government Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881

<b>Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977
State General Funds	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977

**291.1** *Reduce funds for the FY1997 to FY1999 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia deficiency payments.*

State General Funds	(\$615,943)	(\$615,943)	(\$615,943)
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<b>291.100 Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034

**Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603
State General Funds	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603

**292.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$158,586	\$158,586	\$158,586
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**292.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,841	\$5,841	\$5,841
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**292.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$57,224	\$57,224	\$57,224
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**292.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$982)	(\$982)	(\$982)
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**292.5** *Increase funds for operations for motor vehicle registration and titling.*

State General Funds	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000
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**292.6** *Increase funds for operations for implementation of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	\$3,459,028	\$3,459,028	\$3,459,028
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**292.100 Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300
State General Funds	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300

**Office of Special Investigations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
State General Funds	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876

**293.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$58,430	\$58,430	\$58,430
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**293.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,152	\$2,152	\$2,152
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**293.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,799	\$4,799	\$4,799
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**293.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$133,162	\$133,162	\$133,162
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**293.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$21,084	\$21,084	\$21,084
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**293.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$362)	(\$362)	(\$362)
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<b>293.100 Office of Special Investigations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141

**Revenue Processing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are received, credited, and deposited according to sound business practices and the law, and to ensure that all tax returns are reviewed and recorded to accurately update taxpayer information.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993
State General Funds	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993

**294.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$103,572	\$103,572	\$103,572
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**294.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,815	\$3,815	\$3,815
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**294.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$37,373	\$37,373	\$37,373
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**294.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$641)	(\$641)	(\$641)
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**294.5** *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds		(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)
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<b>294.100 Revenue Processing</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are received, credited, and deposited according to sound business practices and the law, and to ensure that all tax returns are reviewed and recorded to accurately update taxpayer information.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,424,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,424,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,424,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112

**Tax Compliance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703
State General Funds	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703

**295.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$629,881	\$629,881	\$629,881
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**295.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$23,198	\$23,198	\$23,198
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**295.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$227,287	\$227,287	\$227,287
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**295.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$3,899)	(\$3,899)	(\$3,899)
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**295.100 Tax Compliance****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,370,170	\$60,370,170	\$60,370,170

**Tax Policy****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945
State General Funds	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945

**296.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$59,851	\$59,851	\$59,851
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**296.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,204	\$2,204	\$2,204
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**296.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$21,597	\$21,597	\$21,597
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**296.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$370)	(\$370)	(\$370)
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<b>296.100 Tax Policy</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227

**Taxpayer Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801
State General Funds	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381

**297.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$140,767	\$140,767	\$140,767
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**297.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,184	\$5,184	\$5,184
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**297.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$50,795	\$50,795	\$50,795
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**297.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$871)	(\$871)	(\$871)
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<b>297.100 Taxpayer Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,106,256	\$15,106,256	\$15,106,256

**Section 43: Secretary of State**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702
State General Funds	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Sales and Services	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$25,208,203	\$25,007,289	\$25,007,289
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$25,208,203	\$25,007,289	\$25,007,289
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$29,918,799	\$29,717,885	\$29,717,885

**Corporations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462
State General Funds	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
Sales and Services	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,418,558	\$4,418,558	\$4,418,558

**298.1** *Transfer funds from the Corporations program to the Investigations program for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	(\$200,914)	(\$200,914)
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**298.100 Corporations**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$643,462	\$442,548	\$442,548
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$643,462	\$442,548	\$442,548
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,418,558	\$4,217,644	\$4,217,644

**Elections**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709
State General Funds	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,560,709	\$5,560,709	\$5,560,709

**299.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$37,970	\$37,970	\$37,970
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**299.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,570	\$1,570	\$1,570
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**299.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$22,792	\$22,792	\$22,792
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**299.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$339)	(\$339)	(\$339)
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**299.100 Elections**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,622,702	\$5,622,702	\$5,622,702

**Investigations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255
State General Funds	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255

**300.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,344	\$40,344	\$40,344
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**300.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,668	\$1,668	\$1,668
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**300.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators. (H and S:Transfer funds from the Corporations program to the Investigations program for personnel to retain criminal investigators)*

State General Funds	\$200,914	\$200,914	\$200,914
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**300.4** *Utilize existing funds to retain criminal investigators (\$13,030). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**300.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$24,217	\$24,217	\$24,217
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**300.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$360)	(\$360)	(\$360)
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**300.100 Investigations****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038

**Office Administration (SOS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355
State General Funds	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Sales and Services	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855

**301.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,925	\$44,925	\$44,925
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**301.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,858	\$1,858	\$1,858
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**301.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$26,966	\$26,966	\$26,966
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**301.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$401)	(\$401)	(\$401)
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**301.100 Office Administration (SOS) Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,395,203	\$3,395,203	\$3,395,203

**Professional Licensing Boards**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753

**302.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$114,320	\$114,320	\$114,320
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**302.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,728	\$4,728	\$4,728
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**302.3** *Utilize existing funds to retain criminal investigators (\$24,212). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**302.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$64,977	\$64,977	\$64,977
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**302.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)
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<b>302.100 Professional Licensing Boards</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,079,759	\$9,079,759	\$9,079,759

**Securities**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examinations, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817
State General Funds	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$709,817	\$709,817	\$709,817

**303.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,213	\$9,213	\$9,213
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**303.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$381	\$381	\$381
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**303.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,530	\$5,530	\$5,530
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**303.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$82)	(\$82)	(\$82)
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<b>303.100 Securities</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examinations, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$699,859	\$699,859	\$699,859
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$699,859	\$699,859	\$699,859
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$724,859	\$724,859	\$724,859

**Commission on the Holocaust, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789
State General Funds	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$291,789	\$291,789	\$291,789

**304.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,553	\$4,553	\$4,553
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**304.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$168	\$168	\$168
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**304.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,961	\$2,961	\$2,961
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**304.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$156	\$156	\$156
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**304.100 Commission on the Holocaust, Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$279,627	\$279,627	\$279,627
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$279,627	\$279,627	\$279,627
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$299,627	\$299,627	\$299,627

**Real Estate Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562
State General Funds	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,192,562	\$3,192,562	\$3,192,562

**305.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$39,551	\$39,551	\$39,551
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**305.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,457	\$1,457	\$1,457
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**305.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$22,099	\$22,099	\$22,099
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**305.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,384	\$1,384	\$1,384
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**305.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>305.100 Real Estate Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,257,053	\$3,257,053	\$3,257,053

**Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536
State General Funds	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355
Lottery Proceeds	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Sales and Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State Funds Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$890,539,859	\$888,803,085	\$888,452,806
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$124,420,321	\$122,683,547	\$122,333,268
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$766,119,538	\$766,119,538	\$766,119,538
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$892,178,509	\$890,441,735	\$890,091,456

**Engineer Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
State General Funds	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500

**306.100 Engineer Scholarship**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.*



<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500

**Georgia Military College Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
State General Funds	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240

<b>307.100 Georgia Military College Scholarship</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240

**HERO Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
State General Funds	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000

**308.1 Reduce funds based on projected expenditures.**

State General Funds			(\$200,000)
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<b>308.100 HERO Scholarship</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$500,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$500,000

**HOPE Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State Funds Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,952,682	\$8,952,682	\$8,952,682

**309.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$111,709	\$111,709	\$111,709
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**309.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$1,213	\$1,213	\$1,213
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**309.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$7,383	\$7,383	\$7,383
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**309.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843
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**309.5** *Increase funds to develop and maintain a centralized postsecondary grade point average calculation system for HOPE programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
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**309.100 HOPE Administration** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,505,830	\$9,505,830	\$9,505,830

**HOPE GED** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's General Educational Development (GED) recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296

**310.100 HOPE GED** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's General Educational Development (GED) recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296

**HOPE Grant** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Lottery Proceeds	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$109,059,989</b>	<b>\$109,059,989</b>	<b>\$109,059,989</b>

**311.1** Utilize existing funds to increase HOPE Grant award amount by 3% (\$1,900,642). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)

Lottery Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**311.2** Utilize existing funds to increase the award amount for Zell Miller Grants for students attending technical colleges (\$192,104). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)

Lottery Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>311.100 HOPE Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$109,059,989</b>	<b>\$109,059,989</b>	<b>\$109,059,989</b>

**HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$47,916,330</b>	<b>\$47,916,330</b>	<b>\$47,916,330</b>

**312.1** Increase funds to increase the award amount for HOPE Scholarships-Private Schools by 3%.

Lottery Proceeds	\$408,519	\$408,519	\$408,519
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**312.2** Increase funds to increase the award amount for Zell Miller Scholarships for students attending private postsecondary institutions by 3%.

Lottery Proceeds	\$106,922	\$106,922	\$106,922
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**312.100 HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771

**HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534

**313.1** *Increase funds to increase the award amount for HOPE Scholarships-Public Schools by 3% (\$27,650,912) and to meet the projected need (\$10,813,579).*

Lottery Proceeds	\$38,464,491	\$38,464,491	\$38,464,491
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**313.2** *Increase funds to meet the projected need for Zell Miller Scholarship students attending public postsecondary institutions.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$10,869,277	\$10,869,277	\$10,869,277
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**313.100 HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302

**Low Interest Loans**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to*

*work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000

<b>314.100 Low Interest Loans</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000

**Move on When Ready**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue post-secondary study at approved public and private post-secondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219
State General Funds	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219

**315.1 Increase funds to meet the projected need.**

State General Funds	\$29,418,372	\$29,418,372	\$29,418,372
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**315.2** *Reduce funds for transportation grants.*

State General Funds (\$500,000)

<b>315.100 Move on When Ready</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue post-secondary study at approved public and private post-secondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$87,736,591	\$87,736,591	\$87,236,591
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$87,736,591	\$87,736,591	\$87,236,591
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$87,736,591	\$87,736,591	\$87,236,591

**North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend North Georgia College and State University, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
State General Funds	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740

**316.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>316.100 North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740

**North Georgia ROTC Grants****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend North Georgia College and State University and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
State General Funds	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500

**317.1** *Utilize \$163,000 in existing funds to increase the award amount for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Grant for Future Officers from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**317.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**317.100 North Georgia ROTC Grants****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
State General Funds	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500

**Public Safety Memorial Grant****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public post-secondary institution in the State of Georgia.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State General Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**318.99 SAC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>318.100 Public Safety Memorial Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**REACH Georgia Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
State General Funds	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000

**319.1** Utilize existing funds to continue a pilot program for youth in foster care. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>319.100 REACH Georgia Scholarship</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000

**Service Cancelable Loans**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
State General Funds	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

**320.1** Increase funds for additional scholarships.

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
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<b>320.100 Service Cancelable Loans</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

**Tuition Equalization Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private post-secondary institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
State General Funds	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952

**321.1** *Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$1,000 per year. (H:Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$950 per year)(S:Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$975 per year)*

State General Funds	\$3,673,548	\$1,836,774	\$2,186,495
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<b>321.100 Tuition Equalization Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private post-secondary institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,898,500	\$23,061,726	\$23,411,447
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,898,500	\$23,061,726	\$23,411,447
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,898,500	\$23,061,726	\$23,411,447

**Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private post-secondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204
State General Funds	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204

**322.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$18,055	\$18,055	\$18,055
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**322.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$262	\$262	\$262
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**322.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$729	\$729	\$729
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**322.100 Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private post-secondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250

**Section 45: Teachers' Retirement System**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
State General Funds	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
State Funds Transfers	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
Retirement Payments	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
State General Funds	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
State Funds Transfers	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
Retirement Payments	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,401,106	\$38,401,106	\$38,401,106

**Local/Floor COLA**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
State General Funds	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000

**323.1** *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for this benefit.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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**323.100 Local/Floor COLA** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000

**System Administration (TRS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
State Funds Transfers	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
Retirement Payments	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190

**324.1** *Increase funds for personnel (\$78,416), registrations and dues (\$5,300), contracts (\$134,000) and telecommunications (\$29,200).*

Retirement Payments	\$246,916	\$246,916	\$246,916
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**324.2** *Reduce funds for information technology equipment (\$510,000) and information technology (\$4,000).*

Retirement Payments	(\$514,000)	(\$514,000)	(\$514,000)
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**324.100 System Administration (TRS)** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106

**It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 16.81% for State Fiscal Year 2018.**

***Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia***

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165
State General Funds	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Sales and Services	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$774,383,890	\$774,383,890	\$774,383,890
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$359,876,203	\$360,899,303	\$360,899,303
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$359,876,203	\$360,899,303	\$360,899,303
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945

<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$784,223,928	\$785,247,028	\$785,247,028

**Adult Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of GED preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151
State General Funds	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Sales and Services	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822

**325.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$248,581	\$248,581	\$248,581
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**325.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,380	\$3,380	\$3,380
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**325.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$120,972	\$120,972	\$120,972
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**325.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,265)	(\$2,265)	(\$2,265)
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**325.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,231	\$1,231	\$1,231
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**325.100 Adult Education**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of GED preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,191,721	\$42,191,721	\$42,191,721

**Departmental Administration (TCSG)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837
State General Funds	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782



**326.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$137,941	\$137,941	\$137,941
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**326.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,434	\$2,434	\$2,434
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**326.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$28,251	\$28,251	\$28,251
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**326.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,806)	(\$1,806)	(\$1,806)
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**326.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$683	\$683	\$683
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<b>326.100 Departmental Administration (TCSG)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,318,285	\$9,318,285	\$9,318,285

**Quick Start and Customized Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152
State General Funds	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>
Sales and Services	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,675,575</b>	<b>\$22,675,575</b>	<b>\$22,675,575</b>

**327.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$143,826	\$143,826	\$143,826
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**327.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,182	\$2,182	\$2,182
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**327.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers' Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$64,034	\$64,034	\$64,034
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**327.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$3,369)	(\$3,369)	(\$3,369)
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**327.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$712	\$712	\$712
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**327.100 Quick Start and Customized Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,499,537</b>	<b>\$13,499,537</b>	<b>\$13,499,537</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$13,499,537</b>	<b>\$13,499,537</b>	<b>\$13,499,537</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$154,594</b>	<b>\$154,594</b>	<b>\$154,594</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$154,594</b>	<b>\$154,594</b>	<b>\$154,594</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>	<b>\$9,228,829</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,882,960</b>	<b>\$22,882,960</b>	<b>\$22,882,960</b>

**Technical Education****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025
State General Funds	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711

**328.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,421,927	\$5,421,927	\$5,421,927
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**328.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$74,462	\$74,462	\$74,462
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**328.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$2,641,836	\$2,641,836	\$2,641,836
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**328.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$248,437)	(\$248,437)	(\$248,437)
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**328.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$26,852	\$26,852	\$26,852
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**328.6** *Increase funds for formula growth based on a 2.2% increase in square footage.*

State General Funds	\$1,176,611	\$1,176,611	\$1,176,611
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**328.7** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Technical College System of Georgia Technical Education program for the Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center (VECTR).*

State General Funds		\$1,023,100	\$1,023,100
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**328.100 Technical Education**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$320,748,276	\$321,771,376	\$321,771,376
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$320,748,276	\$321,771,376	\$321,771,376
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$709,830,962	\$710,854,062	\$710,854,062

*Section 47: Transportation, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424
State General Funds	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369

Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Sales and Services	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,397,256,437	\$3,397,256,437	\$3,397,256,437

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,900,033,551	\$1,900,033,551	\$1,900,383,551
State General Funds	\$101,183,551	\$101,183,551	\$101,533,551
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Sales and Services	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,582,746,564	\$3,582,746,564	\$3,583,096,564

**Capital Construction Projects**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Sales and Services	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>

**329.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$85,751,034	\$85,751,034	\$85,751,034
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<b>329.100 Capital Construction Projects</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Sales and Services	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,714,746,188</b>	<b>\$1,714,746,188</b>	<b>\$1,714,746,188</b>

<b>Capital Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
Sales and Services	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$391,550,574</b>	<b>\$391,550,574</b>	<b>\$391,550,574</b>

**330.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$39,331,288	\$39,331,288	\$39,331,288
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<b>330.100 Capital Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$430,881,862</b>	<b>\$430,881,862</b>	<b>\$430,881,862</b>

**Construction Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Sales and Services	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$151,299,165</b>	<b>\$151,299,165</b>	<b>\$151,299,165</b>

**331.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,341,911	\$1,341,911	\$1,341,911
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**331.2** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$3,158,089	\$3,158,089	\$3,158,089
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**331.100 Construction Administration****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165

**Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
Sales and Services	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257



Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,670,223</b>	<b>\$9,670,223</b>	<b>\$9,670,223</b>

**332.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$13,978	\$13,978	\$13,978
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<b>332.100 Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
Sales and Services	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,684,201</b>	<b>\$9,684,201</b>	<b>\$9,684,201</b>

**Departmental Administration (DOT)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011
State General Funds	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
Sales and Services	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$78,714,804</b>	<b>\$78,714,804</b>	<b>\$78,714,804</b>

**333.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$680,621	\$680,621	\$680,621
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**333.2** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$17,344	\$17,344	\$17,344
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**333.3** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,652,035	\$1,652,035	\$1,652,035
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**333.4** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Intermodal program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)
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**333.100 Departmental Administration (DOT)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$81,062,970	\$81,062,970	\$81,062,970

**Intermodal****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports, Rail, Transit and Ports and Waterways to facilitate a complete and seamless statewide transportation system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030
State General Funds	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Sales and Services	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$85,562,631</b>	<b>\$85,562,631</b>	<b>\$85,562,631</b>

**334.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$125,570	\$125,570	\$125,570
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**334.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625
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**334.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$12,351)	(\$12,351)	(\$12,351)
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**334.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,669	\$4,669	\$4,669
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**334.5** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Intermodal program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834
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**334.6** *Increase funds for airport improvements.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
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**334.7** *Increase funds for a feasibility study on strategies to mitigate man-made shipping channel impacts to shelf and shoreline erosion.*

State General Funds			\$150,000
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**334.8** *Increase funds for airport aid.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
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<b>334.100 Intermodal</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports, Rail, Transit and Ports and Waterways to facilitate a complete and seamless statewide transportation system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,043,377	\$18,043,377	\$18,393,377
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,043,377	\$18,043,377	\$18,393,377
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$85,686,978	\$85,686,978	\$86,036,978

**Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234

**335.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$13,503,966	\$13,503,966	\$13,503,966
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**335.2** *Transfer funds from the Routine Maintenance program to the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to comply with minimum funding requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. 32-5-27.*

State Motor Fuel Funds			\$818,800
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**335.100 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$179,066,200	\$179,066,200	\$179,885,000
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$179,066,200	\$179,066,200	\$179,885,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$179,066,200	\$179,066,200	\$179,885,000

**Local Road Assistance Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611

**336.100 Local Road Assistance Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611

**Planning**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>

**337.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$17,348	\$17,348	\$17,348
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**337.100 Planning**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>

**Routine Maintenance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>
Sales and Services	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>

**338.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,815,446	\$1,815,446	\$1,815,446
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**338.2** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$23,084,554	\$23,084,554	\$23,084,554
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**338.3** *Transfer funds from the Routine Maintenance program to the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to comply with minimum funding requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. 32-5-27.*

State Motor Fuel Funds			(\$818,800)
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<b>338.100 Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$448,746,251	\$448,746,251	\$447,927,451
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$448,746,251	\$448,746,251	\$447,927,451
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$457,711,607</b>	<b>\$457,711,607</b>	<b>\$456,892,807</b>

**Traffic Management and Control**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic*

*information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637

**339.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$282,811	\$282,811	\$282,811
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**339.2** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,717,189	\$4,717,189	\$4,717,189
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**339.100 Traffic Management and Control**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637



**Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786
State General Funds	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$252,242,252	\$252,242,252	\$252,242,252

**340.1** *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	\$36,581,614	\$36,581,614	\$36,581,614
State Motor Fuel Funds	(\$36,581,614)	(\$36,581,614)	(\$36,581,614)
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0

**340.2** *Increase funds for year one of a ten year plan for operations of the Northwest Corridor and I-75 South new managed lanes and I-85 lane extension.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**340.3** *Utilize \$1,000,000 in existing funds allocated to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank for the statewide Georgia Regional Transit Council to conduct its duties pursuant to SB6 (2017 Session). (S:YES)*

State General Funds			\$0
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<b>340.100 Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$111,688,786	\$111,688,786	\$111,688,786
State General Funds	\$83,140,174	\$83,140,174	\$83,140,174
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$28,548,612	\$28,548,612	\$28,548,612
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$262,242,252	\$262,242,252	\$262,242,252

It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:

- a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.
- b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
- c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
- d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
- e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

*Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346
State General Funds	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$39,203,335	\$39,203,335	\$39,203,335
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$40,315,360	\$40,315,360	\$40,315,360

**Departmental Administration (DVS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757
State General Funds	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757

**341.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,743	\$30,743	\$30,743
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**341.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,132	\$1,132	\$1,132
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**341.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,647	\$2,647	\$2,647
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**341.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$343)	(\$343)	(\$343)
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**341.100 Departmental Administration (DVS)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936
State General Funds	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936

**Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438
State General Funds	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442

**342.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$13,103	\$13,103	\$13,103
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**342.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$483	\$483	\$483
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**342.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,215	\$1,215	\$1,215
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**342.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$147)	(\$147)	(\$147)
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**342.5** *Increase funds to right-size the allocation of the FY2017 Merit Based Pay Adjustment.*

State General Funds	\$15,269	\$15,269	\$15,269
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<b>342.100 Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$700,361	\$700,361	\$700,361
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$700,361	\$700,361	\$700,361
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,628,365	\$1,628,365	\$1,628,365

**Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
State General Funds	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732

**343.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$146,960	\$146,960	\$146,960
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**343.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$131,348	\$131,348	\$131,348
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**343.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$28,730) and retiree health benefits (\$9,384).*

State General Funds	\$38,114	\$38,114	\$38,114
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<b>343.100 Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,851,154	\$28,851,154	\$28,851,154

**Veterans Benefits**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964
State General Funds	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404

**344.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$112,441	\$112,441	\$112,441
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**344.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,141	\$4,141	\$4,141
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**344.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,258)	(\$1,258)	(\$1,258)
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**344.4** *Increase funds to support four veteran benefits training officers.*

State General Funds	\$358,996	\$358,996	\$358,996
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**344.5** *Increase funds for one women veterans coordinator position.*

State General Funds	\$137,650	\$137,650	\$137,650
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**344.6** *Increase funds to right-size the allocation of the FY2017 Merit Based Pay Adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$119,531	\$119,531	\$119,531
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**344.100 Veterans Benefits**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,941,905	\$7,941,905	\$7,941,905

**Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>		
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071
State General Funds	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
Sales and Services	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,322,629	\$19,322,629	\$19,322,629

**Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584
State General Funds	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
Sales and Services	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937

**345.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$162,787	\$162,787	\$162,787
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**345.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,012	\$6,012	\$6,012
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**345.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$22,215	\$22,215	\$22,215
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**345.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081
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**345.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,143	\$1,143	\$1,143
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**345.100 Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,207,175	\$13,207,175	\$13,207,175

**Board Administration (SBWC)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487
State General Funds	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
Sales and Services	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,083,966	\$8,083,966	\$8,083,966

**346.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$102,735	\$102,735	\$102,735
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**346.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,794	\$3,794	\$3,794
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**346.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$683	\$683	\$683
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**346.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$722	\$722	\$722
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**346.5** *Reduce funds for the payment to the Office of State Treasurer from \$2,076,446 to \$0.*

State General Funds	(\$2,076,446)	(\$2,076,446)	(\$2,076,446)
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<b>346.100 Board Administration (SBWC)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,115,454	\$6,115,454	\$6,115,454

**Section 50: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
State General Funds	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892

**Section Total - Continuation**

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,213,323,164	\$1,208,475,164	\$1,208,858,591
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,213,323,164	\$1,208,475,164	\$1,208,858,591

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,233,533,842	\$1,228,685,842	\$1,229,069,269

**General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued****Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
State General Funds	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234

**347.1** *Transfer funds from GO Bonds New to GO Bonds Issued to reflect the issuance of new bonds.*

State General Funds	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
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**347.2** *Reduce funds for debt service to reflect savings associated with refunding and favorable rates received in recent bond sales.*

State General Funds	(\$87,032,698)	(\$87,032,698)	(\$87,032,698)
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**347.3** *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	\$14,461,386	\$5,232,941	\$0
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**347.4** *Reduce funds for debt service on road and bridge projects to reflect savings associated with refundings and favorable rates received in recent bond sales.*

State General Funds	(\$22,795,314)	(\$22,795,314)	(\$22,795,314)
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**347.5** *Redirect \$2,135,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2013 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB742, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**347.6** *Redirect \$260,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2013 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB742, Bond #3) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**347.7** Redirect \$4,300,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2014 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB106, Bond 362.301) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.8** Redirect \$8,185,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2015 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB744, Bond #2) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.9** Redirect \$4,795,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2016 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB76, Bond 355.101) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.10** Redirect \$160,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2012 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB78, Item 379.303) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds \$0 \$0

**347.11** Reduce funds for debt service to reflect additional payment in HB43 (2017 Session).

State General Funds (\$1,845,525) (\$1,845,525)

<b>347.100 General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,107,477,588	\$1,096,403,618	\$1,091,170,677
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,107,477,588	\$1,096,403,618	\$1,091,170,677
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,127,688,266	\$1,116,614,296	\$1,111,381,355

**General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New****Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
State General Funds	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658

**Total Debt Service***5 year at 5.07%*

State General Funds	\$23,181,652	\$25,530,362	\$27,448,668
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*10 year at 5.52%*

State General Funds	\$996,000	\$2,221,080	\$2,221,080
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*20 year at 5.77%*

State General Funds	\$64,090,860	\$66,207,320	\$67,675,788
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*20 year at 6.5%*

State General Funds	\$17,577,064	\$18,112,784	\$20,342,378
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*Total Amount*

State General Funds	\$105,845,576	\$112,071,546	\$117,687,914
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**Total Principal Amount***5 year at 5.07%*

State General Funds	\$100,180,000	\$110,330,000	\$118,620,000
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*10 year at 5.52%*

State General Funds	\$7,500,000	\$16,725,000	\$16,725,000
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*20 year at 5.77%*

State General Funds	\$748,725,000	\$773,450,000	\$790,605,000
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*20 year at 6.5%*

State General Funds	\$193,580,000	\$199,480,000	\$224,035,000
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*Total Amount*

State General Funds \$1,049,985,000 \$1,099,985,000 \$1,149,985,000

**348.1** *Transfer funds from GO Bonds New to GO Bonds Issued to reflect the issuance of new bonds.*

State General Funds (\$106,033,658) (\$106,033,658) (\$106,033,658)

<b>348.100-General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Education, Department of**

**348.101 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$161,915,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$13,859,924 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$161,915,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds \$13,859,924 \$13,859,924 \$13,859,924

**Education, Department of**

**348.102 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$56,220,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$4,812,432 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$56,220,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds \$4,826,128 \$4,812,432 \$4,812,432

**Education, Department of**

**348.103 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$22,640,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low-Wealth for local school construction, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$1,937,984 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$22,640,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,937,984	\$1,937,984	\$1,937,984
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Education, Department of

**348.104 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$16,725,000 in principal for 10 years at 5.52%: Purchase school buses, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$2,221,080 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$16,725,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.**

State General Funds	\$996,000	\$2,221,080	\$2,221,080
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Education, Department of

**348.105 BOND:** K - 12 Equipment: \$2,100,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase vocational equipment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$485,940 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds		\$347,100	\$485,940
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Education, Department of

**348.106 BOND:** State Schools: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund HVAC replacement at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, DeKalb County.

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds		\$231,400	\$231,400
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**Education, Department of**

**348.107 BOND:** K - 12 Equipment: \$500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund vocational equipment CONNECT grants, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds				\$115,700
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.201 BOND:** Regents: \$50,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$4,280,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$50,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,280,000	\$4,280,000	\$4,280,000	
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.202 BOND:** Atlanta Metropolitan State College: \$800,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the new student services and success center, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$185,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$185,120	\$185,120	\$185,120	
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.203 BOND:** Columbus State University: \$2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for Lenoir Hall renovations and additions, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.

**From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$462,800	\$462,800	\$462,800
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.204 BOND:** Georgia Highlands College: \$2,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the new academic building, Georgia Highlands College, Cartersville, Bartow County.

**From State General Funds, \$601,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$601,640	\$601,640	\$601,640
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.205 BOND:** University of North Georgia: \$1,100,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for new convocation center and renovation of Memorial Hall, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County.

**From State General Funds, \$254,540 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$254,540	\$254,540	\$254,540
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.206 BOND:** University of West Georgia: \$2,100,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the renovation and expansion of the Biology Building, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.



**From State General Funds, \$485,940 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$485,940	\$485,940	\$485,940
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.207 BOND:** Armstrong State University: \$22,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of the new health professions academic center and of the renovation of Ashmore Hall, Armstrong State University, Savannah, Chatham County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,997,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$22,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,997,600	\$1,997,600	\$1,997,600
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.208 BOND:** Clayton State University: \$6,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of academic and core renovations, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.

**From State General Funds, \$590,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$590,640	\$590,640	\$590,640
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.209 BOND:** Georgia College and State University: \$11,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of the renovation of Terrell Hall and Kilpatrick Hall, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

**From State General Funds, \$984,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction,**

**development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$984,400	\$984,400	\$984,400
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.210 BOND:** Georgia Gwinnett College: \$11,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of Phase IV addition to Academic Building C, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.

**From State General Funds, \$984,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$984,400	\$984,400	\$984,400
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.211 BOND:** Georgia Institute of Technology: \$47,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction and purchase equipment for the renovation of the Price Gilbert Library and Crosland Tower complex, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$4,023,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$47,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,023,200	\$4,023,200	\$4,023,200
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.212 BOND:** University of Georgia: \$18,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction of Phase III of the Terry College Business Learning Center, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,540,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures,**

**equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$18,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,540,800	\$1,540,800	\$1,540,800
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.213 BOND:** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College: \$1,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund design of the Carlton Library renovation and Fine Arts Building, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County.

**From State General Funds, \$370,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$370,240	\$370,240	\$370,240
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.214 BOND:** Augusta University: \$4,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund design of the new College of Science and Math Building, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,041,300 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,300
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.215 BOND:** Georgia Southern University: \$4,900,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund planning and design of new Center for Engineering and Research, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,133,860 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance**

**of not more than \$4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,133,860	\$1,133,860	\$1,133,860
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.216 BOND:** Georgia Southern University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of Hanner Complex, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.217 BOND:** Middle Georgia State University: \$2,800,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase aviation equipment, Middle Georgia State University, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$647,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$647,920	\$647,920	\$647,920
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.218 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$3,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund major repairs and renovations for public libraries, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$694,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$462,800	\$694,200
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.219 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$1,640,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund technology improvements and replacement for public libraries, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$379,496 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,640,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$347,100	\$379,496
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.220 BOND:** Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: \$1,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund infrastructure and equipment replacement and facility repairs and sustainment, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$347,100 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$347,100	\$347,100	\$347,100
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.221 BOND:** Georgia Research Alliance: \$4,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment and fund GRA research and development infrastructure, Georgia Research Alliance, multiple locations. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$925,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,157,000	\$925,600	\$925,600
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.222 BOND:** Georgia Military College: \$8,295,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction for the rehabilitation of Historic Jenkins Hall, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

**From State General Funds, \$710,052 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University**

**System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$8,295,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$470,800	\$710,052	\$710,052
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.223 BOND:** University of Georgia: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for the renovation of the Poultry Science Research Facilities, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$214,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.224 BOND:** East Georgia State College: \$4,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for the renovation and expansion of the Student Activities Center, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.

**From State General Funds, \$419,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$209,720	\$419,440
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.225 BOND:** Georgia State University: \$600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the Alpharetta Labs and Learning Center, Georgia State University, Alpharetta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$138,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction,**

**development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$138,840	\$138,840
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.226 BOND:** Fort Valley State University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund planning, design, construction and equipment for the Student Support renovations, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$214,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.227 BOND:** University of Georgia: \$4,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund planning and design for the Interdisciplinary STEM Research Building, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,064,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$532,220	\$1,064,440
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.228 BOND:** Valdosta State University: \$1,700,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund planning, design, and construction for the renovation of the Barrow Hall and Central Warehouse, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.

**From State General Funds, \$145,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance**

**of not more than \$1,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$145,520	\$145,520
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.229 BOND:** Columbus State University: \$500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund planning and design for the Schwob Memorial Library Renovation and Addition, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.

**From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$115,700	\$115,700
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.230 BOND:** Kennesaw State University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund Science Lab Addition, Kennesaw State University - Marietta campus, Marietta, Cobb County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.231 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$1,385,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Moultrie-Colquitt Library, Moultrie, Colquitt County.

**From State General Funds, \$118,556 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,385,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$118,556	\$118,556
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.232 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Roddenberry Memorial Library, Cairo, Grady County.

**From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$85,600	\$171,200
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.233 BOND:** University of West Georgia: \$2,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund design and equipment for the IT Fiber Backbone Improvements Phase I, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.

**From State General Funds, \$578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$289,250	\$578,500
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.234 BOND:** Georgia State University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund Kell Hall demolition and infrastructure, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,157,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$578,500	\$1,157,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.235 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Brunswick Central Library, Brunswick, Glynn County.

**From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$171,200

**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.236 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$1,300,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Jones County Public Library, Gray, Jones County.

**From State General Funds, \$111,280 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$111,280

**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.237 BOND:** Dalton State College: \$2,050,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Sequoya Hall Renovation, Dalton, Whitfield County.

**From State General Funds, \$175,480 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,050,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$175,480

**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.251 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$8,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$726,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more**

**than \$8,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$726,400	\$726,400	\$726,400
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.252 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund world class lab equipment and renovations, multiple locations. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,157,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.253 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment to replace obsolete equipment, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,157,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.254 BOND:** Southern Crescent Technical College: \$3,880,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the new Industrial Training and Technology Building, Southern Crescent Technical College, McDonough, Henry County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$897,832 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,880,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$897,832	\$897,832	\$897,832
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.255 BOND:** North Georgia Technical College: \$2,200,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the Clarkesville campus expansion, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Habersham County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$509,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$509,080	\$509,080	\$509,080
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.256 BOND:** Lanier Technical College: \$73,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction and equipment of a new Hall County campus to replace the Oakwood campus, Lanier Technical College, Gainesville, Hall County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$6,628,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$73,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$6,628,400	\$6,628,400	\$6,628,400
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.257 BOND:** Georgia Northwestern Technical College: \$18,780,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of the new Education Building on the Whitfield Murray campus, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Dalton, Whitfield County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,705,224 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$18,780,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,705,224	\$1,705,224	\$1,705,224
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.258 BOND:** Ogeechee Technical College: \$860,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of truck driving pad, Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County.

**From State General Funds, \$73,616 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$860,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$36,808	\$73,616
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.259 BOND:** Albany Technical College: \$2,490,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the construction of the Phase II Carlton Construction Academy, Albany, Dougherty County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$226,092 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,490,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$226,092
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.260 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$9,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of College and Career Academies, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$817,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$817,200
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.261 BOND:** Ogeechee Technical College: \$4,765,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of the Plant Operations and Workforce Training Center, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$432,662 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,765,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds \$432,662

**Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**348.301 BOND:** Savannah Regional Hospital: \$5,085,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction for renovation and improvements of former Gymnasium Building to construct Treatment Mall, Georgia Regional Hospital, Savannah, Chatham County.

**From State General Funds, \$435,276 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,085,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds \$435,276      \$435,276      \$435,276

**Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**348.302 BOND:** DBHDD Multi-projects: \$2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds \$462,800      \$462,800      \$462,800

**Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**348.303 BOND:** DBHDD Multi-projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund major improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith,**

**through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**Human Services, Department of**

**348.321 BOND:** Human Service Multi-Projects: \$1,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund property acquisition, design and construction of new Division of Family & Children Services Building, LaGrange, Troup County.

**From State General Funds, \$85,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$85,600	\$85,600	\$85,600
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**Human Services, Department of**

**348.322 BOND:** Human Service Multi-Projects: \$325,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund property acquisition, design and construction of new Division of Family & Children Services Building, Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County.

**From State General Funds, \$27,820 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$27,820	\$27,820	\$27,820
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**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency**

**348.331 BOND:** Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute: \$1,800,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, match federal funds, Warm Springs, Meriwether County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$163,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$163,440	\$163,440	\$163,440
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**Veterans Service, Department of**

**348.351 BOND:** Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, Milledgeville: \$3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund renovation of Skilled Nursing Facility, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

**From State General Funds, \$256,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$256,800	\$256,800	\$256,800
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**Community Supervision, Department of**

**348.361 BOND:** DCS - Multi - Projects: \$340,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$78,676 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Supervision by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$340,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$78,676	\$78,676	\$78,676
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.371 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$7,035,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund emergency repairs, sustainment and equipment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$1,627,899 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$7,035,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,627,899	\$1,627,899	\$1,627,899
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.372 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility hardening, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and**



**facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.373 BOND:** Georgia State Prison: \$4,095,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund replacement of inmate cell doors at Georgia State Prison, Reidsville, Tattnall County.

**From State General Funds, \$350,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,095,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$350,532	\$350,532	\$350,532
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.374 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$7,650,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund locking controls and perimeter detection improvements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$1,770,210 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$7,650,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,770,210	\$1,770,210	\$1,770,210
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.375 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$10,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund major repairs, renovations and improvements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$856,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$856,000	\$856,000	\$856,000
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.376 BOND:** Metro State Prison: \$9,945,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment to renovate and remission Metro State Prison as a reentry and transition prison, Phase II, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$851,292 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,945,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$851,292	\$851,292	\$851,292
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**Defense, Department of**

**348.381 BOND:** Defense Multi-projects: \$750,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, match federal funds, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$173,550 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$173,550	\$173,550	\$173,550
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**Defense, Department of**

**348.382 BOND:** Defense Multi-projects: \$185,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund site improvements at Gainesville Readiness Center, match federal funds, Gainesville, Hall County.

**From State General Funds, \$15,836 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$15,836	\$15,836	\$15,836
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**Defense, Department of**

**348.383 BOND:** Defense Multi-projects: \$185,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund site improvements at Winder Readiness Center, match federal funds, Winder, Barrow County.

**From State General Funds, \$15,836 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$15,836	\$15,836	\$15,836
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**Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**348.391 BOND:** Savannah Branch Crime Lab: \$36,375,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction and equipment for the new Savannah Crime lab, Savannah, Chatham County.

**From State General Funds, \$3,113,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$36,375,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$3,113,700	\$3,113,700	\$3,113,700
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**Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**348.392 BOND:** GBI Multi-Projects: \$1,405,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$120,268 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,405,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$120,268	\$120,268	\$120,268
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**Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**348.393 BOND:** GBI Multi-Projects: \$505,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$116,857 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$505,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$116,857	\$116,857	\$116,857
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.401 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$3,290,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$761,306 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,290,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$761,306	\$761,306	\$761,306
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.402 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$3,510,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$300,456 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,510,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$359,520	\$300,456	\$300,456
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.403 BOND:** Regional Youth Detention Center: \$22,745,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction for the conversion of the Central Probation Detention Center to a 56 bed Regional Youth Detention Center, Cadwell, Laurens County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,946,972 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and**

**facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$22,745,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,946,972	\$1,946,972	\$1,946,972
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.404 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$3,185,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund CCTV security upgrades and enhancements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$737,009 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$737,009	\$737,009	\$737,009
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.405 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$485,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund implementation of a new Intelligence and Investigation Management System.

**From State General Funds, \$112,229 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$485,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$112,229	\$112,229	\$112,229
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.406 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$11,725,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for a Juvenile Transition Center, Gwinnett County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,003,660 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$11,725,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$1,003,660	\$1,003,660
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.421 BOND:** Patrol Posts Various: \$725,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility major maintenance and repairs, Georgia State Patrol, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$167,765 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$725,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$167,765	\$167,765	\$167,765
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.422 BOND:** Motor Carrier Compliance Division: \$1,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$102,720 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$102,720	\$102,720	\$102,720
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.423 BOND:** Georgia Public Safety Training Center: \$660,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major repairs and renovations, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Monroe County.

**From State General Funds, \$56,496 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$660,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$56,496	\$56,496	\$56,496
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.424 BOND:** Georgia Public Safety Training Center: \$235,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund classroom instructional equipment upgrades, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Monroe County.

**From State General Funds, \$54,379 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$235,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379
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**Driver Services, Department of**

**348.491 BOND:** Department of Driver Services - Multi-Projects: \$0 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for new Gainesville Customer Service Center, Gainesville, Hall County.

State General Funds	\$302,596	\$0	\$0
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**Building Authority, Georgia**

**348.521 BOND:** GBA multi-projects: \$105,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of new Judicial Complex Building, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$8,988,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$105,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$8,988,000	\$8,988,000	\$8,988,000
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**Building Authority, Georgia**

**348.522 BOND:** GBA multi-projects: \$1,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$128,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$256,800	\$128,400	\$128,400
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**Financing and Investment Commission, Georgia State**

**348.531 BOND:** Americans with Disabilities Act: \$680,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund Americans with Disabilities Act related improvements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$58,208 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$680,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$58,208	\$58,208	\$58,208
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**Revenue, Department of**

**348.561 BOND:** Department of Revenue - Multi-Projects: \$25,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund DRIVES system implementation, Atlanta, DeKalb County.

**From State General Funds, \$5,785,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Revenue by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$25,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$5,785,000	\$5,785,000	\$5,785,000
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**Agriculture, Department of**

**348.581 BOND:** Agriculture - Multi-Projects: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**



State General Funds	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400
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**Agriculture, Department of**

**348.582 BOND:** Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority: \$5,850,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for a covered equine area, Perry, Houston County.

**From State General Funds, \$500,760 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,850,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$250,380	\$500,760
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**Agriculture, Department of**

**348.583 BOND:** Agriculture - Multi-Projects: \$1,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for the Georgia Grown Expansion Building, Perry, Houston County.

**From State General Funds, \$102,720 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$102,720	\$102,720
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**Soil and Water Conservation Commission, State**

**348.591 BOND:** Soil & Water Conservation Watershed: \$6,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the rehabilitation of flood control structures, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$556,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$556,400	\$556,400	\$556,400
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**Environmental Finance Authority, Georgia**

**348.631 BOND:** Local Government Infrastructure: \$8,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund Federal State Revolving Fund Match, Clean and Drinking Water Programs, match federal funds, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$684,800 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than \$8,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$684,800	\$684,800	\$684,800
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**Economic Development, Department of**

**348.641 BOND:** Georgia World Congress Center: \$55,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund planning, construction and equipment for new exhibition facility, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$4,994,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$55,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,994,000	\$4,994,000	\$4,994,000
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.661 BOND:** DNR multi-projects: \$19,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,806,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$19,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,362,000	\$1,625,320	\$1,806,920
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.662 BOND:** DNR multi-projects: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and**

**facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.663 BOND:** DNR multi-projects: \$1,670,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of two new boat houses and one regional office building to support law enforcement activities, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$142,952 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,670,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$142,952	\$142,952	\$142,952
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.664 BOND:** DNR Land Acquisition: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund land acquisition for the preservation of wildlife and natural resources, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$856,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**Jekyll Island-State Park Authority**

**348.671 BOND:** Jekyll Island: \$1,600,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund historic district ADA and safety improvements, Jekyll Island, Glynn County.

**From State General Funds, \$136,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or**

facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	\$136,960	\$136,960	\$136,960
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Transportation, Department of

**348.691 BOND:** Roads and Bridges: \$100,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund repair, replacement, and renovation of bridges, statewide.

From State General Funds, \$8,560,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$100,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	\$8,560,000	\$8,560,000	\$8,560,000
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Transportation, Department of

**348.692 BOND:** Georgia Regional Transportation Authority: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund property acquisition, design and construction for Xpress Bus Park and Ride Lot Expansion, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.

From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Transportation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	\$171,200	\$171,200	\$171,200
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Transportation, Department of

**348.693 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation of state-owned rail, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

From State General Funds, \$272,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds		\$272,400	\$272,400
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.694 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Georgia Southwestern and Chattooga and Chickamauga Railway state-owned rail, Chickamauga, Walker County to Summerville, Chattooga County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$181,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$181,600

**Transportation, Department of**

**348.695 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$500,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund equipment, extension and development of the Bainbridge Transload terminal infrastructure project on Georgia Southwestern state-owned rail, Bainbridge, Decatur County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$45,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$45,400

**Transportation, Department of**

**348.696 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Heart of Georgia state-owned rail (\$2,000,000) from Americus, Sumter County to Rhine, Dodge County and (\$1,000,000) from Nunez, Emanuel County to Vidalia, Toombs County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$272,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$272,400

**Transportation, Department of**

**348.697 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$800,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Ogeechee Railway state-owned rail, from Swainsboro, Emanuel County to Sylvania, Screven County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$72,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds

\$72,640

*Section 51: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated*  
Reserved.

*Section 52: Salary Adjustments*

The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, to be administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:

- 1.) Additional funds for personal services for employees of the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches, excluding Board of Regents faculty and Technical College System of Georgia teachers and support personnel, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.
- 2.) Before Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address employee retention needs for certain employees in the job titles specified in the appropriations stated above to the Department of Defense, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, Prosecuting Attorneys, Georgia Public Defender Council, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.

- 3.) In lieu of other numbered items, funds to provide a twenty percent salary adjustment to law enforcement personnel and to provide salary enhancements for criminal investigators. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.
- 4.) In lieu of other numbered items, funds for the State Board of Education for the Quality Basic Education program, such funds to be used by the Quality Basic Education program for the purpose of providing a two percent increase to the state base salary schedule for certified personnel, school bus drivers, and school nurses. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2017.
- 5.) In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for non-faculty employees of the Board of Regents, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or to keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.
- 6.) In lieu of other numbered items, to provide funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address needs for the recruitment and retention of Board of Regents faculty, funded through the Teaching program appropriation stated above. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.
- 7.) In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for public librarians, funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or keep successful performers in critical jobs as administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.
- 8.) In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for teachers and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or to keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.

*Section 53: Refunds*

In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.

*Section 54: Leases*

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

*Section 55: Budgetary Control and Interpretation*

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number that has a 100 or a higher number after the decimal and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. For authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 50, the indented, bold-faced paragraphs following each Bond number are the lowest level of detail and constitute appropriations in accordance with Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph III(a)(1) of the Georgia Constitution. The caption above the Bond number, the light-faced text immediately following the Bond number before the bold-faced text, and the light-faced after the bold-faced text are information only.

Similarly, text in a group of lines that has a number less than 100 after the decimal (01 through 99) is not part of a statement of purpose but constitutes information as to how the appropriation was derived. Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total Intra-State Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" are for informational purposes only. Sections 51, 52, 53 and 54 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.



***Section 56: Flex***

**Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.**

**In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.**

**For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.**

**For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.**

***Part II: Effective Date***

**This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.**

***Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws***

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 55, nays 0.

HB 44, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Hill of the 4th moved that HB 44 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 44 was immediately transmitted.

The President recognized U.S. Representative Buddy Carter who addressed the Senate briefly.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 83. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investment and real estate investments, so as to provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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**GREG S. GRIFFIN**  
STATE AUDITOR  
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January 12, 2017

The Honorable Howard Maxwell  
State Representative  
State Capitol, Room 402  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
House Bill 83 (LC 43 0462)

Dear Representative Maxwell:

This bill would amend provisions relating to alternative investments under the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Specifically, this bill would authorize the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest up to 10 percent of the Fund's total assets in real estate. In the event the Fund's assets decrease in value, the Fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of the

assets. Currently, this investment is only authorized for the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System.

This is to certify that this bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

The Senate Committee on Retirement offered the following substitute to HB 83:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public retirement systems investment authorities law, so as to provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate and 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public retirement systems investment authorities law, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 47-20-83, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investment and real estate investments, as follows:

"(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System and any association of like political subdivisions which contracts with its members for the pooling of assets may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the association shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets; and provided, further, that any such association shall be entitled to retain all real estate assets it owned on July 1, 1999, without regard to the limitation imposed by this subsection.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; provided, however, that in the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets."

**SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 47-20-87, relating to eligible large retirement systems authorized to invest in certain alternative investments, as follows:

"(d)(1)(A) Alternative investments by an eligible large retirement system shall not in the aggregate exceed 5 percent of the eligible large retirement ~~system~~ system's assets at any time.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, alternative investments by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 percent of its assets at any time.

(2) The board of trustees of an eligible large retirement system shall have the discretion to designate whether any investment that is permitted to be made as an alternative investment pursuant to this Code section and that is also permitted to be made as an investment pursuant to Code Section 47-20-83 shall be treated for purposes of the 5 percent or 10 percent limitation and otherwise as an alternative investment made pursuant to this Code section or as an investment made pursuant to Code Section 47-20-83.

(3) If ~~the~~ an eligible large retirement system is not in compliance with the limitations imposed by this subsection, it shall make a good faith effort to come into compliance within two years and in any event as soon as practicable thereafter; provided, however, that during any period of noncompliance, the eligible large retirement system shall not increase the percentage of its assets committed to be invested in alternative investments but shall be permitted during such period to continue to make investments as required by the then existing commitments of the eligible large retirement system to alternative investments made before the period of noncompliance."

**SECTION 3.**

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

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:

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**GREG S. GRIFFIN**  
STATE AUDITOR  
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February 15, 2017

The Honorable Howard Maxwell  
State Representative  
State Capitol, Room 402  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
Substitute to House Bill 83  
(LC 43 0589S)

Dear Representative Maxwell:

This substitute bill would amend provisions under the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Specifically, this bill would authorize the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest up to 10 percent of the Fund's total assets in real estate. In the event the Fund's assets decrease in value, the Fund shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of the assets. Currently, this investment is only authorized for the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System. Additionally, this bill would authorize the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest, in the aggregate, up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments. Currently, the Fund may invest no more than five percent of their assets in alternative investments.

This is to certify that this substitute bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 83, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

03/15/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the HB 83. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Harold V. Jones II  
District 22

3/15/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 83. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

HB 213. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Cooper of the 43rd, Reeves of the 34th, Gravley of the 67th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules,

offenses, and penalties, so as to include the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

Senator Hill of the 6th asked unanimous consent that HB 213 be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and HB 213 was placed on the Table.

Senator Walker III of the 20th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 359. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Quick of the 117th, Duncan of the 26th, Kelley of the 16th, Hanson of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide for the creation, authorization, procedure, revocation, rescission, and termination of a power of attorney from a parent to an agent for the temporary delegation of certain power and authority for the care and custody of his or her child; to repeal the "Power of Attorney for the Care of a Minor Child Act"; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to grandfather certain provisions relating to a power of attorney given to a grandparent; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Unterman of the 45th.

Senator Lucas of the 26th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 359 by:

striking on lines 37-39, 63-65, and lines 306-308: "or a nonprofit entity that is focused on child or family services and that is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service"

striking on lines 75-77: "or nonprofit entities that are focused on child or family services and that are in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service"

striking lines 160-164

on line 165 replacing "(d)" with "©"



On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Unterman of the 45th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 14, nays 30, and the Lucas amendment #1 lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	E Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 11.

HB 359, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Thirty-fifth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:17 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 546. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Clark of the 98th and Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Sugar Hill Building Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 567. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 568. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of

\$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 569. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are disabled and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 570. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 572. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Gordon of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5156), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3557), so as to revise the responsibilities of the chief judge; to revise the method of selection of the chief judge; to provide for a court administrator; to provide for the hiring and discharge of same; to provide for the court administrator's responsibilities; to require the court administrator to provide a bond; to provide personnel policies and procedures of employees of the court; to authorize the adoption of rules, policies, or regulations; to provide for judges pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 573. By Representative Houston of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook County shall have jurisdiction to try misdemeanor cases arising in the county where the defendant waives a jury trial and pleads guilty to such misdemeanor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 47. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for visiting sports teams' physicians; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 284. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), so as to change the position of city clerk from an elective to an appointive position; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the remainder of his or her term of office; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 285. By Senators Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Lucas of the 26th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to prohibit the creation of new municipalities from territory

located in existing municipalities; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations (General).

SB 286. By Senators Brass of the 28th and McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Troup County (formerly the Civil and Criminal Court of Troup County), approved March 6, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 3020), as amended, so as to authorize the court to charge and collect a technology fee for certain filings; to specify the uses to which said technology fees may be put; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 287. By Senators Hill of the 4th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to clarify the eligibility status of the Georgia Military College for certain grants and scholarships; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

SB 288. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th and McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to provide for a refundable income tax credit for taxpayers who earn full-time law enforcement income below a certain threshold; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SR 448. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 450. By Senator Black of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SR 453. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Massage Therapy Practices; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 546. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Clark of the 98th and Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Sugar Hill Building Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 567. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to

provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are disabled and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 570. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Battles of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 572. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Gordon of the 163rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County, approved March 31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5156), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3557), so as to revise the responsibilities of the chief judge; to revise the method of selection of the chief judge; to provide for a court administrator; to provide for the hiring and discharge of same; to provide for the court administrator's responsibilities; to require the court administrator to

provide a bond; to provide personnel policies and procedures of employees of the court; to authorize the adoption of rules, policies, or regulations; to provide for judges pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 573. By Representative Houston of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook County shall have jurisdiction to try misdemeanor cases arising in the county where the defendant waives a jury trial and pleads guilty to such misdemeanor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 50      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Wilkinson of the 50th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 192      Do Pass  
HB 266      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd District, Chairman



Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 114	Do Pass	HB 224	Do Pass
HB 246	Do Pass	HB 463	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 73	Do Pass by substitute	HB 199	Do Pass by substitute
HB 238	Do Pass by substitute	HB 247	Do Pass
HB 342	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 153	Do Pass
HB 208	Do Pass by substitute
HR 362	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 403	Do Pass
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Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 306	Do Pass	HB 393	Do Pass
HB 394	Do Pass	HB 404	Do Pass
HB 460	Do Pass	HB 477	Do Pass
HB 534	Do Pass by substitute	HB 537	Do Pass
HB 539	Do Pass	HB 551	Do Pass
HB 559	Do Pass	SB 269	Do Pass
SB 278	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 64	HB 87	HB 92	HB 160	HB 234	HB 257
HB 320	HB 390	HB 412	HB 452	HB 470	HB 472
HB 506	SB 229				

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Jones II of the 22nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jones II was excused.

Senator Brass of the 28th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hufstetler was excused.

Senator Sims of the 12th asked unanimous consent that Senator Jackson of the 2nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Orrock
Anderson, L	Henson	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, H	Payne
Beach	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Black	James	Seay
Brass	Jeffares	Shafer

Burke	Jones, B	Sims
Butler	Jones, E	Stone
Cowsert	Kennedy	Tate
Davenport	Kirk	Thompson, B
Dugan	Ligon	Tillery
Fort	Lucas	Tippins
Ginn	Martin	Unterman
Gooch	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Millar	Watson
Harbison	Miller	Wilkinson
Harper	Mullis	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Hufstetler (Excused)	Jackson (Excused)	Jones, H. (Excused)
Thompson, C. (Excused)		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Hill of the 6th introduced the chaplain of the day, Major Shelby C. Grant of Dacula, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jonathan G. Ownby.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th recognized former Atlanta Braves pitching coach Mr. Leo David Mazzone, commended by SR 444, adopted previously. Mr. Mazzone addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Beach of the 21st recognized March 16, 2017, as Council for Quality Growth Day at the state capitol, commended by SR 359, adopted previously. Vice Chairman of the Board Steven J. Labovitz addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Sims of the 12th recognized Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, commended by SR 208, adopted previously. Shaneesa Ashford addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 445. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the 1963 Leesburg Stockade Women, heroes of the American Civil Rights Movement; and for other purposes.

SR 446. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, McKoon of the 29th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION commending the George Washington Carver High School girls basketball team as the 2017 GHSA 4A State Runner-Up; and for other purposes.

SR 447. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, McKoon of the 29th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Columbus High School girls basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA 4A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 449. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th and Cowser of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Docia Thomas Strickland; and for other purposes.

SR 451. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Police Corporal Jon P. Doherty; and for other purposes.

SR 452. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jackson of the 2nd, Hill of the 4th, Watson of the 1st, Cowser of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Georgia's first state historical song, known worldwide as "Kumbayah"; and for other purposes.

Senator Stone of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Judiciary and committed to the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor:

HB 214. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Smith of the 134th, Reeves of the 34th, Coomer of the 14th, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to forgery and related offenses, so to provide consistent punishment for the unlawful manufacture, sale, or distribution of a proof of insurance document and the issuing of fake or counterfeit insurance identification cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and HB 214 was committed to the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harbison of the 15th            Martin of the 9th            Tippins of the 37th

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

**SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Thursday March 16, 2017  
Thirty-fifth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 269                    Hill of the 6th  
                             Orrock of the 36th  
                             Tate of the 38th  
                             Fort of the 39th  
                             Millar of the 40th  
                             Parent of the 42nd  
                             Davenport of the 44th  
**CITY OF ATLANTA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to provide for the creation of the office of inspector general; to provide for the manner of appointment, qualifications, compensation, term, removal, and powers and duties of the inspector general; to provide for a deputy, support personnel, office space, and furnishings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 278                    Stone of the 23rd  
                             Anderson of the 24th  
**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize Columbia County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 306

Thompson of the 14th  
Beach of the 21st  
Albers of the 56th  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the membership of the Board of Education of Cherokee County, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3207), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the compensation of the members of said board of education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 393

Jeffares of the 17th  
Anderson of the 43rd  
**CITY OF OXFORD & CITY OF COVINGTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate and to grant a new charter to the City of Covington, approved January 30, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 2003), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 394

Jeffares of the 17th  
Anderson of the 43rd  
**CITY OF OXFORD & CITY OF COVINGTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Oxford, approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4195), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 404

Jeffares of the 17th  
Anderson of the 43rd  
**ROCKDALE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to the Rockdale Judicial Circuit and the judges thereof, approved March 27, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 276), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3854), so as make certain provisions for the court reporter or court reporters for the judicial

circuit; to provide that the court reporter or court reporters for the circuit shall receive a stated salary in lieu of per diem compensation; to provide for conformity with other provisions of law and rules; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 460

Hill of the 4th  
**CITY OF SWAINSBORO**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 477

Tillery of the 19th  
**APPLING COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Appling County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 534

Albers of the 56th  
Millar of the 40th  
**CITY OF ROSWELL**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Roswell in the County of Fulton, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3844), as amended, so as to provide that no person shall hold the office of councilmember for more than three consecutive terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**SUBSTITUTE**

HB 537

Dugan of the 30th  
**CITY OF VILLA RICA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Villa Rica to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 539

Jeffares of the 17th  
**CITY OF HAMPTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Hampton in Henry County, Georgia, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3613), so as to provide for the ability of the mayor pro tem or members selected to serve in the absence of the mayor and mayor pro tem to vote on matters before the council while serving in the absence of the mayor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 551

Hill of the 4th  
**CANDLER COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Candler County, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3707); to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 559

Harbin of the 16th  
**LAMAR COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Lamar County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority payable from the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, and earnings of the authority, contract payments to the authority, and from other money pledged therefor and to authorize the collection and pledging of the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, earnings, and contract payments of the authority for the payment of such revenue bonds; to authorize the execution of resolutions and trust indentures to secure the payment of the revenue bonds of the authority; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

\*HB 534:



The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to HB 534:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Roswell in the County of Fulton, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3844), as amended, so as to provide that no person shall hold the office of councilmember for more than three consecutive terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act to reincorporate the City of Roswell in the County of Fulton, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3844), as amended, is amended by revising Section 3.60, which is reserved, as follows:

"SECTION 3.60.  
Terms of city council.

No person elected as a councilmember in the general municipal election of 2017, or any election thereafter, shall serve as a councilmember for more than three consecutive four-year terms of office and shall not include any partial term of office. No terms of office served prior to January 1, 2018, shall be considered in determining if a person has served more than three consecutive four-year terms of office."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett

Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	E Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 46, nays 2.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except HB 534, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

HB 534, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 268, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and HB 268 was engrossed.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Ginn of the 47th                      Hill of the 6th

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017  
THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 1            Georgia Space Flight Act; enact (Substitute)(S&T-14th) Spencer-180th

HB 276        The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Act; enact (I&L-53rd) Knight-130th

- HB 49 Livestock dealers and auctions; license and surety requirements; update (AG&CA-7th) Pirkle-155th
- HB 75 Social services; certain records from disclosure; exclude (JUDY-23rd) Willard-51st
- HB 143 Financial institutions; provide for definitions; provisions (B&FI-18th) Williamson-115th
- HB 268 Elections; time period for certification of election officials; provide (Substitute) (ETHICS-11th) Fleming-121st

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- HB 1. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stephens of the 164th, Corbett of the 174th, Setzler of the 35th, Jones of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Thompson of the 14th.

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology offered the following substitute to HB 1:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being

provided with certain warnings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended by adding a new article to Chapter 3, relating to liability of landowners and occupiers of land, to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 4

51-3-41.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Crew member' means any employee of a space flight entity or any contractor or subcontractor of a space flight entity who performs activities directly relating to the launch, reentry, or other operation of or in a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle.

(2) 'Launch' means a placement or attempted placement of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft in a suborbital trajectory, in Earth orbit, or in outer space, including activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft for such placement or attempted placement.

(3) 'Launch vehicle' means any contrivance and its stages or components designed to operate or place a spacecraft in a suborbital trajectory, in Earth orbit, or in outer space.

(4) 'Local government' means a county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government of the State of Georgia.

(5) 'Local governmental unit' means a local government and any office, agency, department, commission, board, body, division, instrumentality, or institution thereof.

(6) 'Person' means an individual, proprietorship, corporation, firm, partnership, association, or other such entity.

(7) 'Reentry' means a return or attempt to return of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft from a suborbital trajectory, from Earth orbit, or from outer space to Earth, including activities involved in the recovery of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, or spacecraft.

(8) 'Reentry vehicle' means any contrivance and its stages or components designed to return from Earth orbit or outer space to Earth substantially intact. The term 'reentry vehicle' shall include a reusable launch vehicle.

(9) 'Reusable launch vehicle' means a launch vehicle that is designed to return to Earth substantially intact for use in more than one launch or that contains vehicle stages that may be recovered for future use in the operation of a substantially similar launch vehicle.

(10) 'Spacecraft' means any object and its components designed to be launched for operations in a suborbital trajectory, in Earth orbit, or in outer space, including, but not limited to, a satellite, a payload, an object carrying a crew member or space flight participant, and any subcomponents of the launch vehicle or reentry vehicle specifically designed or adapted for such object.

(11) 'Space flight activities' means activities and training in any phase of preparing for or undertaking space flight, including, but not limited to, the:

(A) Preparation of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, payload, spacecraft, crew member, or space flight participant for launch, space flight, or reentry;

(B) Conduct of the launch;

(C) Conduct occurring between the launch and reentry;

(D) Conduct of reentry and descent;

(E) Conduct of the landing;

(F) Conduct of post landing recovery of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, payload, spacecraft, crew member, or space flight participant; and

(G) Conduct of embarking or disembarking of a launch vehicle, reentry vehicle, payload, spacecraft, crew member, or space flight participant.

(12) 'Space flight entity' means:

(A) A person which conducts space flight activities and which, to the extent required by federal law, has obtained the appropriate Federal Aviation Administration license or other authorization, including any safety approval and a payload determination that may be required under federal law or the laws of the State of Georgia;

(B) A manufacturer or supplier of components, services, spacecrafts, launch vehicles, or reentry vehicles used in space flight activities;

(C) An employee, officer, director, owner, stockholder, member, manager, advisor, or partner of the entity, manufacturer, or supplier;

(D) An owner or lessor of real property on which space flight activities are conducted;

(E) A state agency or local governmental unit with a contractual relationship with any person described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this paragraph; or

(F) A state agency or local governmental unit having jurisdiction in the territory in which space flight activities are conducted.

(13) 'Space flight participant' means an individual who:

(A) Is not a crew member; and

(B)(i) Is carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle; or

(ii) Has indicated a desire to be carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle as demonstrated by paying any deposit or fee required, if any, to be carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or reentry vehicle or by participating in any training program or orientation session that may be required by a space flight entity.

(14) 'Space flight participant injury' means harm or damage sustained by a space flight participant, including bodily harm, emotional distress, death, disability, or any other loss.

(15) 'State agency' means any department, commission, or other institution of the executive branch of the government of the State of Georgia.

(16) 'This state' means the State of Georgia, all land and water over which it has either exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction, and the airspace above such land and water.

51-3-42.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a space flight entity shall not be civilly liable to or criminally responsible for any person for a space flight participant injury arising out of inherent risks associated with any space flight activities occurring in or originating from this state if the space flight participant has:

- (1) Signed the warning and agreement required by Code Section 51-3-43; and
- (2) Given written informed consent as may be required by 51 U.S.C. Section 50905 or other federal law.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall:

- (1) Limit liability for a space flight participant injury:
  - (A) Proximately caused by the space flight entity's gross negligence for the safety of the space flight participant; or
  - (B) Intentionally caused by the space flight entity;
- (2) Limit the liability of any space flight entity against any person other than a space flight participant who meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section;
- (3) Limit liability for the breach of a contract for use of real property by a space flight entity; or
- (4) Preclude an action by the federal government, the State of Georgia, or any state agency to enforce a valid statute or rule or regulation.

(c) The limitations on legal liability afforded to a space flight entity by the provisions of this article shall be in addition to any other limitations of legal liability provided by federal law or the laws of this state.

51-3-43.

(a) A space flight participant shall sign a warning and agreement before participating in any space flight activity. Such warning and agreement shall be in writing and include the following language:

'WARNING AND AGREEMENT

UNDER GEORGIA LAW THERE IS NO LIABILITY FOR INJURY, DEATH, OR OTHER LOSS RESULTING FROM ANY INHERENT RISKS OF SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES. SUCH INHERENT RISKS OF SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS BODILY

INJURY, SICKNESS, PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND LOSS OF LIFE; EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES; ACCIDENTS, CONTACT, OR COLLISION WITH OTHER SPACE FLIGHT PARTICIPANTS, SPACE FLIGHT VEHICLES, AND EQUIPMENT; AND DANGERS ARISING FROM ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY SIGNING THIS WARNING AND AGREEMENT, I HAVE EXPRESSLY ACCEPTED AND ASSUMED ALL RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INJURY, DEATH, AND OTHER LOSS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE INHERENT RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT BY SIGNING THIS WARNING AND AGREEMENT, I HAVE EXPRESSLY WAIVED ALL CLAIMS OF MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNEES FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH, AND OTHER LOSS THAT MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES DUE TO THE INHERENT RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN SPACE FLIGHT ACTIVITIES.

FURTHER WARNING: DO NOT SIGN UNLESS YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS WARNING AND AGREEMENT.'

(b) The warning and agreement under subsection (a) of this Code section shall be considered effective and enforceable if it is:

(1) In writing;

(2) In a document separate from any other agreement between the space flight participant and the space flight entity other than a warning, consent, or assumption of risk statement required under federal law or under applicable laws of another state;

(3) Printed in capital letters in not less than 10-point bold type;

(4) Signed by the space flight participant;

(5) Signed by a competent witness; and

(6) Provided to the space flight participant at least 24 hours prior to such space flight participant's participation in any space flight activity.

(c) A warning and agreement that is in writing and signed by a space flight participant that is in compliance with the requirements of this Code section shall be considered effective and enforceable as to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assignees of the space flight participant with respect to a space flight entity's civil liability or criminal responsibility for a space flight participant injury to such space flight participant.

(d) A warning and agreement executed pursuant to this Code section shall not limit liability for a space flight participant injury:

(1) Proximately caused by the space flight entity's gross negligence evidencing willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the space flight participant; or

(2) Intentionally caused by a space flight entity.

(e) A warning and agreement executed in compliance with this Code section shall not be deemed unconscionable or against public policy.

51-3-44.

Any litigation, action, suit, or other arbitral, administrative, or judicial proceeding at law or equity against a space flight entity pertaining to space flight activities shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia."

## SECTION 2.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 6.

HB 1, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.



The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 276. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Hatchett of the 150th, Meadows of the 5th, Abrams of the 89th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to examine and investigate certain matters with regard to pharmacy benefits managers; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies under certain conditions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Mullis of the 53rd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 276, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 49. By Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to livestock dealers and auctions, so as to update license and surety requirements of livestock dealers and livestock market operators; to provide for publication of duly licensed dealers and operators; to eliminate requirement for submission of certain reports; to correct cross-references and provide for uniformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 49, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hill of the 4th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 44.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 44.

Senator Hill of the 4th moved that HB 44 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 44 was immediately transmitted.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 75. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, Beskin of the 54th and Silcox of the 52nd:

A BILL to amend Code Section 49-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, so as to exclude certain records from disclosure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Stone of the 23rd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
E Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 75, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 143. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Morris of the 156th, Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 119th and Hilton of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the O.C.G.A., relating to financial institutions; to amend Code Section 13-1-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the charging of convenience fees by a lender or merchant, so as to allow for such fees on loans made pursuant to Chapter 1 of Title 7; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trusts, so as to revise a definition; to provide for the authority of a foreign entity to act in a fiduciary capacity; to prohibit the establishment of a place of business by a foreign entity acting as a fiduciary not transacting business in the state; to provide for a filing statement with the Secretary of State and appointment of an agent for service by a foreign entity; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker

E Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 Y Henson

Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 8.

HB 143, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives England of the 116th, Burns of the 159th, and Jones of the 47th.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Dugan of the 30th                      Hufstetler of the 52nd

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 268. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Rynders of the 152nd, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the time period for certification of election officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burke of the 11th.

The Senate Committee on Ethics offered the following substitute to HB 268:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the time period for certification of election officials; to repeal obsolete provision; to provide for additional training and sanctions for election superintendents who violate provisions of law or rules and regulations; to revise manner and times for certain qualifying for office; to provide for certain authorization for certain write-in candidate intention of candidacies; to repeal provisions regarding municipal registrars; to revise the types of identification acceptable for voting; to require certain information for voter registration; to revise provisions regarding change of address for electors; to limit when polling places may be moved; to require certain reports regarding polling places established outside of precinct boundaries; to provide for the manner of voting in advance voting locations; to provide for correction of mistakes and omissions on ballot; to provide for the manner of applying for absentee ballots for certain voters; to change the oath form for absentee ballots; to revise the period for certain advance voting; to provide limitations regarding certain activities within close proximity to polling locations when voting is occurring; to provide for the manner of obtaining a provisional ballot; to provide for the delivery, presentation, preservation, and destruction of voting materials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, is amended by revising Code Section 21-2-101, relating to certification program for county and municipal election superintendents or election board designee, waiver of certification, and failure to comply, as follows:

"21-2-101.

(a) All county and municipal election superintendents, chief registrars, and absentee ballot clerks or, in the case of a board of elections or a board of elections and registration, the designee of such board charged with the daily operations of such board shall become certified by completing a certification program approved by the Secretary of State ~~by no later than December 31 of the year in which they are appointed~~ within six months following their appointment. Such program may include instruction on, and may require the superintendent to demonstrate proficiency in, the operation of the state's direct recording electronic voting equipment, the operation of the voting equipment used in such superintendent's jurisdiction, and in state and federal law and procedures related to elections. The local government employing the superintendent or designee shall cover the costs, if any, incurred by such superintendent's or designee's participation in the certification program. Such certification programs shall be offered by the Secretary of State on multiple occasions before December 31 of the year in which such superintendents or designees are appointed and shall not exceed 64 hours of classroom, online, and practical instruction as authorized and approved by the Secretary of State.

~~(b) Any county chief registrar or municipal absentee ballot clerk appointed prior to January 1, 2010, who has not met the certification requirement shall complete a certification program approved by the Secretary of State by no later than December 31, 2011~~ Reserved.

(c)(1) A full, partial, or conditional waiver of the certification requirement may be granted by the Secretary of State, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, upon the presentation of evidence by the election superintendent or board that the individual was unable to complete such training due to medical disability, providential cause, or other reason deemed sufficient by the Secretary of State.

(2) In the event that a municipality authorizes a county to conduct its elections pursuant to Code Section 21-2-45, the municipality may be granted by the Secretary of State, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, a waiver of the certification requirement, provided that the superintendent in charge of running the municipal election shall have previously completed a certification program approved by the Secretary of State and has demonstrated a proficiency in the operation of the voting equipment used in said municipality.

(d) A superintendent and the county or municipal governing authority which employs such superintendent may be fined by the State Election Board for failure to attain the certification required in this Code section.

(e) After notice and hearing as provided in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act', the State Election Board may require additional or remedial training or limit, suspend, or revoke the certification of a superintendent if such superintendent is found to have violated any provision of this chapter or any rule, regulation, or order issued by the State Election Board. In its discretion, the State Election Board may reinstate such certification.



(f) The State Election Board is authorized to promulgate, amend, or repeal rules and regulations for the implementation of this Code section. Such rules and regulations may include provisions related to additional or remedial training or the limitation, suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of a superintendent's certification issued by the Secretary of State."

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-130, relating to procedures for qualification of candidates generally, as follows:

"21-2-130.

Candidates may qualify for an election ~~by virtue of~~ as follows:

(1) ~~Nomination in a primary conducted by a political party~~ through a political party primary;

(2) ~~Filing a nomination petition either as an independent candidate or as a nominee of a political body, if duly certified by the chairperson and the secretary of the political body as having been nominated in a duly constituted political body convention as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-172~~ notice of candidacy and affidavit and paying a qualifying fee or filing a pauper's affidavit with a pauper's petition in conjunction with:

(A) Filing a nomination petition declared lawful pursuant to Code Section 21-2-171 either as an independent candidate or as a nominee of a political body, if duly certified by the chairperson and the secretary of the political body as having been nominated in a duly constituted political body convention as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-172;

(B) Nomination for a state-wide office by a duly constituted political body convention as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-172 if the political body making the nomination has qualified to nominate candidates for state-wide public office under the provisions of Code Section 21-2-180;

(C) Candidacy in a special election as prescribed in subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-132;

(D) Qualifying as an incumbent candidate to succeed such incumbent as prescribed in subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-132; or

(E) Candidacy for election to a nonpartisan office;

~~(3) Nomination for a state wide office by a duly constituted political body convention as prescribed in Code Section 21-2-172 if the political body making the nomination has qualified to nominate candidates for state wide public office under the provisions of Code Section 21-2-180;~~

~~(4)~~(3) In the case of an election for presidential electors, nomination as prescribed by rules of a political party and subsection (f) of Code Section 21-2-153; or

~~(5)~~(4) Substitute nomination by a political party or body as prescribed in Code Sections Section 21-2-134 and 21-2-155, respectively;

~~(6) Candidacy in a special election as prescribed in subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-132; or~~

~~(7) Being an incumbent qualifying as a candidate to succeed such incumbent as prescribed in subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-132."~~

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-132, relating to filing notice of candidacy, nomination petition, and affidavit, payment of qualifying fee, pauper's affidavit and qualifying petition for exemption from qualifying fee, and military service, as follows:

"(d) All political body and independent candidates shall file their notice of candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee by the date prescribed in this subsection in order to be eligible to have their names placed on the election ballot by the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as the case may be, in the following manner:

(1) ~~Each candidate for federal or state office elector for President or Vice President of the United States, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name the names of his or her candidates for President and Vice President placed on the election ballot shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, in the office of the Secretary of State either during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday of the thirty-fifth week immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following such Monday, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, or during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the fourth Monday in June, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, in the case of a general election. In the case of a special election to fill a federal office, each candidate shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office sought, in the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and no later than 60 days prior to the special election. In the case of a special election to fill a state office, each candidate shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office sought, in the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and no later than 25 days prior to the special election;~~

(2) Each candidate for United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, or state office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, in the office of the Secretary of State during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday of the thirty-fifth week immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following such Monday, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, in the case of a general election. In the case of a special election to fill a federal office listed in this subsection, each candidate shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, in the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the

special election and no later than 60 days prior to the special election. In the case of a special election to fill a state office, each candidate shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, in the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and no later than 25 days prior to the special election;

~~(2)(3)~~ Each candidate for a county office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot shall file notice of his or her candidacy in the office of the superintendent of his or her county ~~either~~ during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the Monday of the thirty-fifth week immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday immediately following such Monday, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays, ~~or during the period beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and ending at 12:00 Noon on the Friday following the fourth Monday in June, notwithstanding the fact that any such days may be legal holidays,~~ in the case of a general election and no earlier than the date of the call of the election and no later than 25 days prior to the election in the case of a special election;

~~(3)(4)~~ Each candidate for municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election; and

~~(4)(5)(A)~~ In extraordinary circumstances as described in Code Section 21-2-543.1, each candidate, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot shall file a notice of his or her candidacy, giving his or her name, residence address, and the office he or she is seeking, with the office of the Secretary of State no earlier than the date of the call of the special election and no later than ten days after the announcement of such extraordinary circumstances.

(B) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where, during the 75 day period beginning on the date of the announcement of the vacancy:

- (i) A regularly scheduled general election for the vacant office is to be held; or
- (ii) Another special election for the vacant office is to be held pursuant to a writ for a special election issued by the Governor prior to the date of the announcement of the vacancy.

The hours of qualifying each day shall be from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. with one hour allowed for the lunch break; provided, however, that municipalities which have normal business hours which cover a lesser period of time shall conduct qualifying during normal business hours for each such municipality. Except in the case of a special

election, notice of the opening and closing dates and the hours for candidates to qualify shall be published at least two weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period."

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-133, relating to giving notice of intent of write-in candidacy, filing of affidavit, limitations on candidacy, and certification of candidates, as follows:

"(a) No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in September prior to the election for county, state, and federal elections; no later than seven days after the close of the qualifying period for nonpartisan elections in the case of nonpartisan elections for state or county offices; no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election; or no later than seven days after the close of the special election qualifying period for a special election by the person to be a write-in candidate or by some other person or group of persons qualified to vote in the subject election, as follows:

- (1) In a state general or special election, notice shall be filed with the Secretary of State and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the state;
- (2) In a general or special election of county officers, notice shall be filed with the superintendent of elections in the county in which he or she is to be a candidate and published in the official organ of the same county; or
- (3) In a municipal general or special election, notice shall be filed with the superintendent and published in the official gazette of the municipality holding the election.

In the event that such intention of candidacy is filed and published by a person or group of persons other than the candidate, such person or group of persons shall also file a written, notarized authorization by the candidate for such filing and publication."

#### SECTION 5.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-212, relating to county registrars, appointment, certification, term of service, vacancies, compensation and expenses of chief registrar, registrars, and other officers and employees, and budget estimates, as follows:

~~"(c) The governing authority of each municipality shall appoint registrars as necessary, and the appointments shall be entered on the minutes of such governing authority. The municipal governing authority shall designate one of the registrars as chief registrar. The chief registrar will serve as such during such registrar's term of office, and such designation shall likewise be entered on the minutes of such governing authority. Such registrars shall serve at the pleasure of the municipal governing authority, and compensation of the registrars shall be fixed by such governing authority. Any registrar shall have the right to resign at any time by submitting a resignation to such governing authority. In the event of any such removal or resignation of a registrar, such registrar's~~

~~duties and authority as such shall terminate instantly. Successors to resigned registrars shall be appointed by the municipal governing authority. Each appointment or change in designation shall be entered on the minutes of such governing authority and certified by the governing authority. The municipal governing authority may furnish such employees and facilities as it deems necessary for the operation of the office and the affairs of the registrars Reserved.~~"

#### SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-214, relating to qualifications of registrars and deputy registrars, prohibited political activities, oath of office, privilege from arrest, and duties conducted in public, as follows:

"21-2-214.

(a) Members of the board of registrars shall be electors of ~~the~~ this state and ~~the~~ county in which they serve, and any deputy registrars shall be electors of the state. All registrars shall be able to read, write, and speak the English language. ~~Municipal registrars shall be registered Georgia voters and shall be able to read, write, and speak the English language.~~ Registrars and deputy registrars shall have never been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude unless such person's civil rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude and shall never have been convicted of a crime involving fraud, and the appointing authority shall be authorized to investigate the applicant's criminal history before making such appointment.

(b) The office of a member of a county ~~or municipal~~ board of registrars, a deputy registrar, member of a county or municipal board of elections or county or municipal board of elections and registration, or a member of a joint county-municipal board of elections or joint county-municipal board of elections and registration shall be vacated immediately upon such officer's qualifying for any nomination or office to be voted for at a primary or election or qualifying for any nomination or office or qualifying to have such officer's name placed on any primary or election ballot pursuant to Code Sections 21-2-132 and 21-2-153 or giving notice of such officer's intention of write-in candidacy; provided, however, that this Code section shall not apply to a chief deputy registrar who is also an elected public officer and who seeks to qualify for reelection to the public office such chief deputy registrar is presently holding. Nothing contained in this Code section shall cause the office of a member of a county ~~or municipal~~ board of registrars, deputy registrar, member of a county or municipal board of elections or county or municipal board of elections and registration, or a member of a joint county-municipal board of elections or joint county-municipal board of elections and registration to be vacated upon qualifying for or having such officer's name placed on the ballot or holding office in a political party or body or serving as a presidential elector.

(c) No member of a county ~~or municipal~~ board of registrars, deputy registrar, member of a county or municipal board of elections or county or municipal board of elections

and registration, or a member of a joint county-municipal board of elections or joint county-municipal board of elections and registration, while conducting the duties of such person's office, shall engage in any political activity on behalf of a candidate, political party or body, or question, including, but not limited to, distributing campaign literature, engaging in any communication that advocates or criticizes a particular candidate, officeholder, or political party or body, and wearing badges, buttons, or clothing with partisan messages.

(d) Before entering upon the duties of office, each registrar and deputy registrar shall take the following oath before some officer authorized to administer oaths under the laws of this state:

'I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge, to the best of my ability, the duties imposed upon me by law as (deputy) registrar.'

(e) Registrars, deputy registrars, election superintendents, and poll officers shall be privileged from arrest upon days of primaries and elections, except for fraudulent misconduct of duty, felony, larceny, or breach of the peace.

(f) The registrars shall conduct their duties in public and all hearings on the qualifications of electors shall be conducted in public."

#### SECTION 7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of Code Section 21-2-216, relating to qualifications of electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list, eligibility of nonresidents who vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for standing as elector, evidence of citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased persons databases, as follows:

"(2) Satisfactory evidence of citizenship shall include any of the following:

(A) The number of the applicant's Georgia driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services if the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship to the Department of Driver Services or a legible photocopy of the applicant's driver's license or identification card issued by an equivalent government agency of another state if the agency indicates on the driver's license or identification card that the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship to the agency;

(B) A legible photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that verifies citizenship to the satisfaction of the board of registrars;

(C) A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of the applicant's United States passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number or presentation to the board of registrars of the applicant's United States passport;

(D) A presentation to the board of registrars of a legible copy of the applicant's United States naturalization documents or the alien registration number from the applicant's naturalization documents. If only the applicant's alien registration number is provided, the applicant shall not be found eligible to vote until the applicant's alien registration number is verified with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services by the board of registrars;

(E) Other documents or methods of proof that are established pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (P. L. 99-603); and  
~~(F) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number; and~~  
~~(G)~~(F) For residents of this state who are United States citizens but are not in possession of any of the documents or methods of proof enumerated under subparagraphs (A) through ~~(F)~~(E) of this paragraph, other documents or methods of proof for establishing evidence of United States citizenship which shall be promulgated by rule and regulation of the State Election Board."

### SECTION 8.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"21-2-220.1.

(a) Any person applying to register to vote shall provide his or her Georgia driver's license number or identification card number for an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 on the voter registration application. If a person does not have a Georgia driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, such person shall provide the last four digits of his or her social security number on the voter registration application. If a person does not have a Georgia driver's license, a Georgia identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or a social security number, the person shall affirm this fact in the manner prescribed in the voter registration application.

(b) A voter registration application may be accepted as valid only after the board of registrars has verified the authenticity of the Georgia driver's license number, the identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or the last four digits of the social security number provided by the applicant.

(c) The authenticity of an applicant's Georgia driver's license number, identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or the last four digits of the social security number may be verified by:

(1) The board of registrars matching the Georgia driver's license number, identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or the last four digits of the social security number provided by the applicant with the applicant's record on file with the Department of Driver Services or the federal Social Security Administration; or

(2) The applicant providing sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the authenticity of the applicant's Georgia driver's license number, the identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or the last four digits of the social security number, which sufficient evidence may include, but not be limited to, the forms of identification listed in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-417.

(d)(1) If a completed voter registration application has been received by the registration deadline set by Code Section 21-2-224 but the Georgia driver's license

number, the identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or the last four digits of the social security number provided by the applicant cannot be verified, the applicant shall be notified that the number cannot be verified and that the applicant must provide sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the authenticity of the applicant's Georgia driver's license number, identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or last four digits of the social security number in order to have his or her application processed by the board of registrars.

(2) If the applicant provides such sufficient evidence on or before the date of a primary or election, and if the applicant is found eligible to vote, the applicant shall be added to the list of electors and shall be permitted to vote in the primary or election and any runoff resulting therefrom and subsequent primaries and elections.

(3) If the applicant has not provided such sufficient evidence or such number has not otherwise been verified on or before the date of a primary or election, the applicant presenting himself or herself to vote shall be provided a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot shall be counted only if such number is verified by the end of the time period set forth in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-419 or if the applicant presents sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the authenticity of the applicant's Georgia driver's license number, identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or last four digits of the social security number by the end of the time period set forth in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-419.

(4) The voter application shall be rejected if the Georgia driver's license number, identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or last four digits of the social security number provided by the applicant is not verified and the applicant fails to present sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the authenticity of the applicant's Georgia driver's license number, identification card number of an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or last four digits of the social security number within 26 months following the date of the application.

(5) This subsection shall not apply to an electronic voter registration application submitted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-221.2."

#### **SECTION 9.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-224, relating to registration deadlines, restrictions on voting in primaries, official list of electors, and voting procedure when portion of county changed from one county to another, as follows:

"(e) The county board of registrars shall deliver to ~~the chief registrar~~ of the municipality, upon a basis mutually agreed upon between the county board of registrars and the governing authority of the municipality, a copy of the list of electors for the municipality for the primary or election. Such list shall be delivered not earlier than the fifth Monday prior to a primary or election and not later than 21 days prior to such



primary or election for the purpose of permitting ~~the chief registrar of~~ the municipality to check the accuracy of the list. The ~~municipal registrar~~ municipality shall, upon receipt of the county registration list, or as soon as practicable thereafter but in no event later than five days prior to such primary or election, review such list and identify in writing to the county board of registrars any names on the electors list of persons who are not qualified to vote at such primary or election, stating the reason for disqualification. The county board of registrars shall challenge the persons identified in accordance with Code Section 21-2-228. In addition, the county board of registrars shall provide a list of inactive electors for the municipality. The ~~municipal registrar~~ municipality shall certify such lists and file with the city clerk a copy showing the names of electors entitled to vote at such primary or election."

#### SECTION 10.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-226, relating to duties of county board in determining eligibility of voters; maps of municipal boundaries, notice of ineligibility, issuance of registration cards, and reimbursement for postage cost, as follows:

"(c) It shall be the duty of each incorporated municipality located wholly or partially within the boundaries of a county to provide a detailed map showing the municipal boundaries, municipal precinct boundaries, and voting district boundaries to the county board of registrars no later than January 1, 1995, and within 15 days of any changes in such municipal boundaries, precinct boundaries, or voting district boundaries. Upon receiving any changes in municipal boundaries, the county board of registrars shall provide to the ~~municipal registrar~~ municipality a list of all voters affected by such changes with the street addresses of such electors for the purpose of verifying the changes with the municipality. Upon receiving the list of electors affected by changes in municipal boundaries, the ~~municipal registrar~~ municipality shall immediately review the information provided by the county registrars and advise the county registrars of any discrepancies."

#### SECTION 11.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-233, relating to comparison of change of address information supplied by United States Postal Service with electors list, removal from list of electors, and notice to electors, as follows:

"(d) Whenever an elector's name is removed from the list of electors by the county registrars because the elector has furnished in writing to the registrar a residence address that is located outside of the State of Georgia, the registrars shall notify the elector in writing at the elector's new address that the elector's name is being deleted from the list of electors. ~~Whenever an elector's registration is transferred by the county registrars to another county in this state because the elector has furnished in writing to the registrar a residence address that is located in this state outside of the elector's present county of registration in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section, the registrars of the county of the elector's former residence shall notify the elector in~~

~~writing at the elector's new address that the elector's registration is being transferred to the new address. The registrars of the county of the elector's new address shall provide the elector with a new registration card pursuant to Code Section 21-2-226."~~

#### SECTION 12.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-234, relating to electors who have failed to vote and with whom there has been no contact in three years, confirmation notice requirements and procedure, and time for completion of list maintenance activities, as follows:

"(d) If the elector returns the card and shows that he or she has changed residence to a place outside of the State of Georgia, the elector's name shall be removed from the appropriate list of electors. If the elector confirms his or her change of address to an address outside of the boundaries of the county or municipality in which the elector is currently registered, the elector's name shall be removed from the appropriate list of electors and information shall be sent to the elector explaining how the elector can continue to be eligible to vote but still within the State of Georgia, the elector's registration shall be transferred to the new county or municipality. The Secretary of State or the registrars shall forward the confirmation card to the registrars of the county in which the elector's new address is located, and the registrars of the county of the new address shall update the voter registration list to reflect the change of address."

#### SECTION 13.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 21-2-265, relating to duty of superintendent to select polling places, change, petition objecting to proposed change, space for political parties holding primaries, facilities for disabled voters, and selection of polling place outside precinct to better serve voters, as follows:

"(e) ~~The~~ On and after January 1, 2018, the superintendent may establish the polling place for a precinct outside the boundaries of the precinct if there is no suitable facility within the precinct which could be used as a polling place and if, by so doing, such polling place would better serve the needs of the voters; provided, however, that no polling place shall be established outside of the boundaries of the precinct within 90 days of a primary or election, and the superintendent shall submit a report to the State Election Board to demonstrate that there is no suitable facility within the precinct prior to establishing the polling place outside the boundaries of the precinct."

#### SECTION 14.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-293, relating to correction of mistakes and omissions on ballot, as follows:

"21-2-293.

(a) If the election superintendent discovers that a mistake or omission has occurred in the printing of official ballots or in the programming of the display of the official ballot on DRE voting equipment for any primary or election, the superintendent is authorized on his or her own motion to take such steps as necessary to correct such mistake or

omission if the superintendent determines that such correction is feasible and practicable under the circumstances; provided, however, that the superintendent gives at least 24 hours notice to the Secretary of State and any affected candidates of the mistake or omission prior to making such correction.

(b) When it is shown by affidavit that a mistake or omission has occurred in the printing of official ballots or in the programming of the display of the official ballot on DRE voting equipment for any primary or election, the superior court of the proper county may, upon the application of any elector of the county or municipality, require the superintendent to correct the mistake or omission or to show cause why he or she should not do so."

#### SECTION 15.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 21-2-380.1, relating to appointment of absentee ballot clerk, as follows:

"21-2-380.1.

The governing authority of a municipality shall appoint an absentee ballot clerk who may be the county registrar, ~~municipal registrar~~, or any other designated official and who shall perform the duties set forth in this article."

#### SECTION 16.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(G) and paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-381, relating to making of application for absentee ballot, determination of eligibility by ballot clerk, furnishing of applications to colleges and universities, and persons entitled to make application, as follows:

"(G) Any elector meeting criteria of advanced age or disability specified by rule or regulation of the State Election Board or any elector who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff, et seq., as amended, may request in writing on one application a ballot for a presidential preference primary held pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter and for a primary as well as for any runoffs resulting therefrom and for the election for which such primary shall nominate candidates as well as any runoffs resulting therefrom. If not so requested by such person, a separate and distinct application shall be required for each primary, run-off primary, election, and run-off election. Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, a separate and distinct application for an absentee ballot shall always be required ~~for the presidential preference primary held pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter and for any special election or special primary.~~"

"(2) If found eligible, the registrar or absentee ballot clerk shall certify by signing in the proper place on the application and then:

(A) Shall mail the ballot as provided in this Code section;

(B) If the application is made in person, shall issue the ballot to the elector to be voted on a direct recording electronic (DRE) voting system within the confines of the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office as required by Code Section 21-2-383

if the ballot is issued during the advance voting period established pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385; or

(C) May deliver the ballot in person to the elector if such elector is confined to a hospital."

#### SECTION 17.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-384, relating to preparation and delivery of supplies, mailing of ballots, oath of absentee electors and persons assisting absentee electors, master list of ballots sent, challenges, and electronic transmission of ballots, as follows:

"(c)(1) The oaths referred to in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be in substantially the following form:

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Georgia; that my residence address, for voting purposes, is \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia; that I possess the qualifications of an elector required by the laws of the State of Georgia; that I am entitled to vote in the precinct containing my residence in the primary or election in which this ballot is to be cast; that I am eligible to vote by absentee ballot; that I have not marked or mailed any other absentee ballot, nor will I mark or mail another absentee ballot for voting in such primary or election; nor shall I vote therein in person; and that I have read and understand the instructions accompanying this ballot; and that I have carefully complied with such instructions in completing this ballot. I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elector's Residence  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~Month and Day~~ Year of  
Elector's Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature or Mark of Elector

Oath of Person Assisting Elector (if any):

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I assisted the above-named elector in marking such elector's absentee ballot as such elector personally communicated such elector's preference to me; and that such elector is entitled to receive assistance in voting under provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-409.

This, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Person Assisting  
Elector -- Relationship

Reason for assistance (Check appropriate square):

- Elector is unable to read the English language.
- Elector requires assistance due to physical disability.

The forms upon which such oaths are printed shall contain the following information:

Georgia law provides, in subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-409, that no person shall assist more than ten electors in any primary, election, or runoff in which there is no federal candidate on the ballot.

Georgia law further provides that any person who knowingly falsifies information so as to vote illegally by absentee ballot or who illegally gives or receives assistance in voting, as specified in Code Section 21-2-568 or 21-2-573, shall be guilty of a felony."

### SECTION 18.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, relating to procedure for voting by absentee ballot and advance voting, as follows:

"(d)(1) There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence:

- (A) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election;
- (B) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to a runoff from a general primary;
- (C) On the fourth Monday immediately prior to a runoff from a general election in which there are candidates for a federal office on the ballot in the runoff; and
- (D) As soon as possible prior to a runoff from any other general election in which there are only state or county candidates on the ballot in the runoff

and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. Voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and shall be conducted on the second Saturday prior to a primary or election during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.; provided, however, that in primaries and elections in which there are no federal or state candidates on the ballot, no Saturday voting hours shall be required; and provided, further, that, if such second Saturday is a public and legal holiday pursuant to Code Section 1-4-1, if such second Saturday follows a public and legal holiday occurring on the Thursday or Friday immediately preceding such second Saturday, or if such second Saturday immediately precedes a public and legal holiday occurring on the following Sunday or Monday, such advance voting shall not be held on such second Saturday but shall be held on the third Saturday prior to such primary, or election, ~~or runoff~~. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, counties and municipalities may extend the hours for voting beyond regular business hours and may provide for additional voting locations pursuant to Code Section 21-2-382 to suit the needs of the electors of the jurisdiction at their option."

**SECTION 19.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 21-2-414, relating to restrictions on campaign activities and public opinion polling within the vicinity of a polling place, cellular phone use prohibited, prohibition of candidates from entering certain polling places, and penalty, as follows:

"(a) No person shall solicit votes in any manner or by any means or method, nor shall any person distribute or display any campaign material, nor shall any person solicit signatures for any petition ~~or conduct any exit poll or public opinion poll~~ with voters, nor shall any person establish or set up any voter information or assistance tables, booths, or stations on any day in which ballots are being cast:

- (1) Within 150 feet of the outer edge of any building within which a polling place is established;
- (2) Within any polling place; or
- (3) Within 25 feet of any voter standing in line to vote at any polling place.

These restrictions shall not apply to conduct occurring in private offices or areas which cannot be seen or heard by such electors."

"(c)(1) ~~Reserved~~ No person shall conduct any exit poll or public opinion poll with voters within 25 feet of the exit of any building in which a polling place is established on any day in which ballots are being cast.

(2) Except for credentialed poll watchers, poll workers, and law enforcement officers, poll officers may manage the number of persons allowed in the polling place to prevent confusion, congestion, and inconvenience to voters."

**SECTION 20.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-418, relating to provisional ballots, as follows:

"(a) If a person presents himself or herself at a polling place, absentee polling place, or registration office in his or her county of residence in this state for the purpose of casting a ballot in a primary or election ~~believing~~ stating a good faith belief that he or she has timely registered to vote in such county of residence in such primary or election and the person's name does not appear on the list of registered electors, the person shall be entitled to cast a provisional ballot in his or her county of residence in this state as provided in this Code section."

**SECTION 21.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-500, relating to delivery of voting materials, presentation to grand jury in certain cases, preservation and destruction, and destruction of unused ballots, as follows:

"(c) Immediately upon completing the returns required by this article, the municipal superintendent shall deliver in sealed containers to the city clerk the used and void ballots and the stubs of all ballots used; one copy of the oaths of poll officers; and one copy of each numbered list of voters, tally paper, voting machine paper proof sheet, and return sheet involved in the primary or election. In addition, the municipal

superintendent shall deliver copies of the voting machine ballot labels, computer chips containing ballot tabulation programs, copies of computer records of ballot design, and similar items or an electronic record of the program by which votes are to be recorded or tabulated, which is captured prior to the election, and which is stored on some alternative medium such as a CD-ROM or floppy disk simultaneously with the programming of the PROM or other memory storage device. Such ballots and other documents shall be preserved under seal in the office of the city clerk for at least 24 months; and then they may be destroyed unless otherwise provided by order of the mayor and council if a contest has been filed or by court order, provided that the electors list, voter's certificates, and duplicate oaths of assisted electors shall be immediately returned by the superintendent to the county ~~or municipal~~ registrar as appropriate."

### SECTION 22.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
E Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	E Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 32, nays 18.

HB 268, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/16/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 268. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ William Ligon, Jr.  
District 3

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hill of the 4th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 44 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th and Cowsert of the 46th.

Senator Hill of the 4th moved that HB 44 be immediately transmitted to the House.

On the motion, there was no objection, and HB 44 was immediately transmitted.



The following communication was received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 16, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Burt Jones to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Science and Technology Committee meeting on March 16, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Monday, March 20, 2017  
Thirty-sixth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:14 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Albers of the 56th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 574. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Jones of the 25th, Willard of the 51st, Hilton of the 95th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Johns Creek in Fulton County, Georgia, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3503), as amended, so as to provide for vacancies on the governing authority; to provide for a city manager; to provide for a mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 575. By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Hanson of the 80th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Brookhaven to levy an excise tax pursuant to the authority of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a conditional effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 576. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute the board of elections and registration for Habersham County; to provide for the composition, powers, duties, and responsibilities of said board; to repeal the Act creating a board of elections and registration for Habersham County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3678); to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 577. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Teasley of the 37th, Smith of the 41st, Evans of the 42nd, Cooper of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Marietta, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3541), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4561), so as to revise the provisions for the mayor pro tem and presiding officer, organizational meetings, and the board of lights and waterworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 103. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Ginn of the 47th, Beach of the 21st, Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to examine and investigate certain matters with regard to pharmacy benefits managers; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies under certain conditions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for enforcement; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 169. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with

constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 109. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the enactment of the "Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact" ("REPLICA"); to establish the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice; to provide for a coordinated database; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for contingent effectiveness of the compact; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 146. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th, Strickland of the 111th, Meadows of the 5th, Coomer of the 14th, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general requirements for legally organized fire departments, so as to require such fire departments to purchase and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters; to provide methods for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of Georgia taxable net income, so as to provide an exemption for benefits received under said insurance coverage for firefighters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Resolutions of the Senate:

SR 152. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 224. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Jeffares of the 17th, Gooch of the 51st, Harper of the 7th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 289. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Fort of the 39th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Jackson of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a Resolution Act censuring the President of the United States, approved February 14, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 13); to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 290. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Fort of the 39th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Jackson of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a Resolution Act which declared certain United States Supreme Court decisions of 1954 and 1955 in school segregation cases and similar decisions by the Supreme Court to be null, void, and of no effect in this State, approved March 9, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 642); to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 291. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Fort of the 39th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Jackson of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a Resolution Act censuring the Attorney-General of the United States, Herbert Brownell, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 126); to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SB 292. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to

provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 454. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Tippins of the 37th, Anderson of the 24th, Brass of the 28th and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Cyber Security Education Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 465. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Reforming HIV Related Criminal Laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 467. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Service Animals for Physically or Mentally Impaired Persons; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 468. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 27th, Jones of the 25th, Thompson of the 14th and others:

A RESOLUTION extending apologies to Dr. Eric Walsh; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 470. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Title Ad Valorem Tax; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 574. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Jones of the 25th, Willard of the 51st, Hilton of the 95th and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Johns Creek in Fulton County, Georgia, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3503), as amended, so as to provide for vacancies on the governing authority; to provide for a city manager; to provide for a mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 575. By Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Hanson of the 80th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Brookhaven to levy an excise tax pursuant to the authority of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a conditional effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 576. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute the board of elections and registration for Habersham County; to provide for the composition, powers, duties, and responsibilities of said board; to repeal the Act creating a board of elections and registration for Habersham County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3678); to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 577. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Teasley of the 37th, Smith of the 41st, Evans of the 42nd, Cooper of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Marietta, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3541), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p.

4561), so as to revise the provisions for the mayor pro tem and presiding officer, organizational meetings, and the board of lights and waterworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 165	Do Pass	HB 241	Do Pass
HB 249	Do Pass by substitute	HB 427	Do Pass
HB 486	Do Pass	SR 352	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 15	Do Pass by substitute	HB 67	Do Pass by substitute
HB 76	Do Pass by substitute	HB 138	Do Pass by substitute
HB 159	Do Pass by substitute	HB 162	Do Pass
HB 221	Do Pass by substitute	HB 231	Do Pass
HB 261	Do Pass	HB 279	Do Pass
HB 280	Do Pass by substitute	HB 292	Do Pass by substitute
HB 319	Do Pass	HB 323	Do Pass
HB 341	Do Pass by substitute	HB 343	Do Pass by substitute
HB 406	Do Pass	HB 434	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman



The following communications were received by the Secretary:

To: David Cook, Secretary of the Senate  
From: Sen. Elena Parent  
Re: Minority Report on HB 159  
Date: March 20, 2017

Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 159.

/s/ Elena C. Parent  
Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd District

To: David Cook, Secretary of the Senate  
From: Sen. Elena Parent  
Re: Minority Report on HB 280  
Date: March 20, 2017

Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6, I hereby give notice that I will introduce a minority report to be read along with the majority report of House Bill 280.

/s/ Elena C. Parent  
Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd District

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 251 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 469     Do Pass by substitute  
 HB 475     Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Science and Technology has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 410     Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Thompson of the 14th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 355	Do Pass	HB 356	Do Pass
HB 378	Do Pass	HB 384	Do Pass
HB 407	Do Pass	HB 420	Do Pass
HB 424	Do Pass	HB 556	Do Pass
HB 560	Do Pass	HB 572	Do Pass
SB 271	Do Pass	SB 273	Do Pass by substitute
SB 276	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 15	HB 50	HB 67	HB 73	HB 76	HB 114
HB 138	HB 153	HB 159	HB 162	HB 165	HB 192
HB 199	HB 208	HB 221	HB 224	HB 231	HB 238
HB 241	HB 246	HB 247	HB 249	HB 251	HB 261
HB 266	HB 279	HB 280	HB 292	HB 319	HB 323
HB 341	HB 342	HB 343	HB 406	HB 427	HB 434
HB 463	HB 469	HB 475	HB 486	HR 362	SR 352
SR 403	SR 410				

Senator Davenport of the 44th asked unanimous consent that Senator James of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator James was excused.

Senator Anderson of the 24th asked unanimous consent that Senator Stone of the 23rd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Stone was excused.

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that Senator Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Martin was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Payne
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson, L	Seay
Brass	Jeffares	Shafer
Burke	Jones, B	Sims
Butler	Jones, E	Tate
Cowsert	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Davenport	Kennedy	Thompson, C
Dugan	Kirk	Tillery
Fort	Ligon	Tippins
Ginn	Lucas	Unterman
Gooch	McKoon	Walker
Harbin	Millar	Watson
Harbison	Miller	Wilkinson
Harper	Mullis	Williams, M
Heath		

Not answering were Senators:

James (Excused)

Martin (Excused)

Stone (Excused)

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Davenport of the 44th introduced the chaplain of the day, Dr. Robert Franklin of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Matthew Klopman.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 471. By Senator Jeffares of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION commending Shane's Rib Shack; and for other purposes.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th recognized Shane's Rib Shack. Shane and Stacy Thompson addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Brass of the 28th recognized the Newnan Southern Stars "Super Stars" Cheer Team on winning the 2017 Cheersport National Championship in the Special Needs Division, commended by SR 418, adopted previously. Coach Serik Barrios addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Ginn of the 47th recognized the McDuffie-Warren Forestry Unit on being named the Georgia Forestry Commission's 2016 North Georgia Unit of the Year, commended by SR 225, adopted previously. Chief of Operations Devonn Dartnell addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 469. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Walker III of the 20th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Deb Bailey on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

The President and Senator Miller of the 49th recognized Deb Bailey who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator James of the 35th recognized the Langston Hughes High School boys varsity basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA 6A State Basketball Championship, commended by SR 442, adopted previously. Coach Rory Welsh addressed the Senate briefly.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 461. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Tippins of the 37th, Tate of the 38th, Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the McEachern High School girls basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA 7A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd recognized the McEachern High School girls basketball team.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 455. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jones of the 25th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 4th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia Bankers Association for its 125th year of service to the Georgia banking industry and the state of Georgia; and other purposes.

SR 456. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Samuel Sakyi-Hyde for his outstanding achievements; and for other purposes.

SR 457. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Glinnis Solomon; and for other purposes.

SR 458. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring heroine Joyce Harvin-Banks in service to her country as a member of the United States armed forces; and for other purposes.

SR 459. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and recognizing May 5, 2017, as Georgia STEM Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 460. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Gregory Anthony Sutton; and for other purposes.

SR 462. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Albert E. Love; and for other purposes.

SR 463. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Women of Faith Tea Party at the capitol on March 24, 2017; and for other purposes.

SR 464. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Lucas of the 26th, Jones of the 25th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the many contributions Caribbean Americans have made to the State of Georgia and recognizing March 22, 2017, as Caribbean American Legislative Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 466. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Cowser of the 46th, Jones of the 25th, Watson of the 1st, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May, 2017, as Brain Tumor Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Monday March 20, 2017  
Thirty-sixth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 271

Mullis of the 53rd

#### **CITY OF TRENTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Trenton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 273

Jones of the 10th  
Millar of the 40th  
Henson of the 41st  
Parent of the 42nd  
Anderson of the 43rd  
Davenport of the 44th  
Butler of the 55th  
**DEKALB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), so as to change the jurisdiction and manner of appointment of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; to revise definitions; to revise proscribed conduct; to revise conflict of interest provisions; to revise complaint procedures; to increase sanctions for violations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**SUBSTITUTE**

SB 276

Gooch of the 51st  
**LUMPKIN COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Lumpkin County Airport Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 355

Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3702), an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4150), an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4269), and

an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4281), so as to change the compensation of the chief deputy, the assistant chief deputy, and the executive assistant to the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 356

Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, approved June 19, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3691) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4048), so as to change the provisions relating to the compensation of the chairperson and the other commissioners of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 378

Thompson of the 14th  
Tippins of the 37th  
**CITY OF KENNESAW**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4106), by an Act approved May 6, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3737), and by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4210), so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 384

Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act consolidating the offices of tax collector and tax receiver into the office of tax



commissioner of Cobb County, approved February 17, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 790), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3725) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4046), so as to change the compensation of certain employees of such office; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 407

Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 28, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3899), so as to change the salary of the clerk of the superior court, the deputy clerk, the executive assistant, and the executive secretary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 420

Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act changing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the sheriff, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, approved February 9, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 427), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3732) and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4050), so as to change the compensation of the judge of the probate court; to change the compensation of the clerk of the probate court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 424

Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3964), so as to change the compensation of judges of the State Court of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 556

Cowsert of the 46th  
Ginn of the 47th  
**CITY OF ATHENS; CLARKE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the merger of the existing independent school system of the City of Athens and the existing school district in the County of Clarke, approved March 7, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 3057), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 25, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4743), so as to provide for the authority of the superintendent to make certain purchases; to provide for performance bonds related to certain construction projects; to provide for approval of certain purchases by the board of education; to provide for the board of education to modify maximum expenditure amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 560

Brass of the 28th  
**COWETA COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Coweta County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 572

Watson of the 1st  
Jackson of the 2nd  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a chief judge of the Recorder's Court of Chatham County, approved March

31, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5156), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3557), so as to revise the responsibilities of the chief judge; to revise the method of selection of the chief judge; to provide for a court administrator; to provide for the hiring and discharge of same; to provide for the court administrator's responsibilities; to require the court administrator to provide a bond; to provide personnel policies and procedures of employees of the court; to authorize the adoption of rules, policies, or regulations; to provide for judges pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

\*SB 273:

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to SB 273:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), so as to change the jurisdiction and manner of appointment of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; to revise definitions; to revise proscribed conduct; to revise conflict of interest provisions; to revise complaint procedures; to increase sanctions for violations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), is amended by revising Section 22A as follows:

"SECTION 22A.  
Code of Ethics

## (a) Purpose.

(1) It is essential to the proper administration and operation of the DeKalb County government that its officials and employees be, and give the appearance of being, independent and impartial, that public office not be used for private gain, and that there be public confidence in the integrity of DeKalb County officials and employees. Because the attainment of one or more of these ends is impaired whenever there exists in fact, or appears to exist, a conflict between the private interests and public responsibilities of officials and employees, the public interest requires that the General Assembly protect against such conflicts of interest by establishing by law appropriate ethical standards with respect to the conduct of the officials and employees of DeKalb County in situations where a conflict may exist.

(2) The General Assembly recognizes that an appropriate and effective code of ethics for appointed officials and employees of DeKalb County is also essential for the proper administration and operation of the DeKalb County government.

## (b) Definitions. As used in this section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means any board, bureau, body, commission, committee, department, or office of DeKalb County to which any official has appointment powers.

(2) 'Business' means any corporation, partnership, organization, sole proprietorship, and any other entity operated for economic gain, whether professional, industrial, or commercial, and entities which for purposes of federal income taxation are treated as nonprofit organizations.

(3) 'Confidential information' means information which has been obtained in the course of holding public office, employment, acting as an independent contractor, or otherwise acting as an official or employee and which information is not available to members of the public under state law or other law or regulation and which the official, independent contractor, or employee is not authorized to disclose.

(4) 'Contract' means any lease, account, or agreement with any person, whether express or implied, executed or executory, verbal or in writing.

(5) 'Emergency situation' means any circumstance or condition giving rise to an immediate necessity for the execution of a contract by and between DeKalb County and an official or employee or between DeKalb County and a business in which an official or employee has an interest and where, upon review by the Chief Executive and upon advice by the Board of Ethics, it is evident that such person or organization is the sole source of the services to be provided.

(6) 'Gratuity' means anything of value given by or received from a prohibited source; provided, however, that the term shall not include any of the following:

(A) Payment by the county of salaries, compensation, expenses, or employee benefits; or payment by an employer or business other than the county of salaries, compensation, expenses, or employee benefits or payments of fees for services rendered pursuant to a contract, when the payment is unrelated to the official's or employee's status with the county and is not made for the purpose of influencing, directly or indirectly, the vote, official action, or decision of the official or employee;

- (B) Campaign or political contributions made and reported in accordance with state law;
  - (C) Reasonable means or refreshments or tokens of minimal value furnished in connection with an official's or employee's appearance in an official capacity at a public, civic, charitable, or nonprofit ceremony, event, convention, or conference, whether or not the sponsor of the event does business with the county;
  - (D) Hospitality or meals extended for a social, charitable, nonprofit, convention, conference, or business purpose unrelated to the official business of the county;
  - (E) Reimbursements from noncounty sources of reasonable hosting expenses, including travel, meals, and lodging, provided to an official or employee in connection with speaking engagements, participation on professional or civic panels, teaching, or attendance at conferences in an official capacity;
  - (F) An award, plaque, certificate, memento, novelty, or similar item given in recognition of the recipient's civic, charitable, political, professional, or public service;
  - (G) Nominal gifts or other tokens of recognition presented by representatives of governmental bodies or political subdivisions who are acting in their official capacities so long as the acceptance of such gifts complies with paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this section;
  - (H) Anything of value when the thing of value is offered to the county, is accepted on behalf of the county, and is to remain the property of the county, provided that the recipient complies with the provisions governing solicitation found in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this section;
  - (I) Commercially reasonable loans made in the ordinary course of the lender's business in accordance with prevailing rates and terms and which do not discriminate against or in favor of an official or employee because of such individual's status;
  - (J) Anything of value received as a devise, bequest, or inheritance; and
  - (K) A gift received from the official's or employee's immediate family or from a source which is not prohibited and is based solely on a personal relationship and outside of county business.
- (7) 'Immediate family' of an official or employee shall include a person who is a member of the official's or employee's household or who is within the third degree of consanguinity under the civil law computational method.
- (8) 'Interest' means any direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit held by or accruing to the official or employee as a result of a contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action by or with DeKalb County. Unless otherwise provided in this section, the term 'interest' does not include any remote interest. An official or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in transactions involving:
- (A) Any person in the official's or employee's immediate family;
  - (B) Any person, business, or entity that the official or employee knows or should know is seeking official action with DeKalb County, is seeking to do or does

business with DeKalb County, has interests that may be substantially affected by performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties, or with whom a contractual relationship exists whereby the official or employee may receive any payment or other benefit;

(C) Any business in which the official or employee is a director, officer, employee, shareholder, or consultant; or

(D) Any person with whom the official or employee is a creditor or debtor, whether secured or unsecured.

(9) 'Official or employee' means any person elected or appointed to or employed or retained by DeKalb County or any agency, whether paid or unpaid and whether part time or full time. This definition includes retired and former county officials and employees. This definition does not include superior and state court judges and their immediate staffs, the district attorney, the solicitor of the state court, the clerks of the superior and state courts, magistrates, the judges of the recorders court, or the judges of the probate court and their immediate staffs.

(10) 'Official act or action' means any legislative, administrative, appointive, or discretionary act of an official or employee.

(11) 'Paid' means the receipt of, or right to receive, a salary, commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

(12) 'Participate' means to personally take part in official acts, actions, or proceedings as an official or employee through approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, investigation, the rendering of advice, or the failure to act or perform a duty.

(13) 'Person' means any individual, business, labor organization, representative, fiduciary, trust, or association, whether paid or unpaid, and includes any official or employee of DeKalb County.

(14) 'Prohibited source' means any person or entity that:

(A) Is seeking official action from the county;

(B) Does business or seeks to do business with the county or the official's or employee's department;

(C) Conducts activities regulated by the department of the official or employee;

(D) Has interests that may be substantially affected by performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties; or

(E) Is a registered lobbyist or should be a registered lobbyist in accordance with state law.

(15) 'Property' means any property, whether real or personal or tangible or intangible, and includes currency and commercial paper.

(16) 'Remote interest' means the interest of:

(A) A nonsalaried director, officer, or employee of a nonprofit organization;

(B) A holder of less than 5 percent of the legal or beneficial ownership of the total shares of a business;

(C) Any person in a representative capacity, such as a receiver, trustee, or administrator; or

(D) Any person who, by determination of the Board of Ethics, is deemed to have such an interest.

(17) 'Transaction' means the conduct of any activity that results in or may result in an official act or action of an official or employee of DeKalb County.

(c) Proscribed Conduct. No official or employee of DeKalb County shall:

(1) By his or her conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly expect his or her favor or disfavor in the performance of his or her official acts or actions or that he or she is affected unduly by the rank or position of or kinship or association with any person;

(2) Accept any gratuity from a prohibited source. An official or employee may accept unsolicited gifts from a person or entity, other than a prohibited source, having an aggregate market value of \$40.00 or less per source and per occasion, provided that the aggregate market value of individual gifts received from any one source shall not exceed \$120.00 in a calendar year;

(3) Solicit or accept any gift which tends to influence a vote, decision, or the exercise of official authority in any manner involving the county; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit any official or employee from accepting a gift on behalf of the county where the donor is not a prohibited source;

(4) Disclose or otherwise use confidential information acquired by virtue of his or her position for his or her or another person's private gain;

(5) Appear on behalf of, represent, or advise private interests of, whether paid or unpaid, any person before any court or before any legislative, administrative, or quasi-judicial board, agency, commission, or committee of this state or of any county or municipality concerning any contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action of DeKalb County or otherwise use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or other persons. An official or employee may, however, appear on his or her own behalf or in relation to his or her own property interests, and county commissioners may appear on behalf of constituents or in the performance of public or civic obligations before any agency, but only without compensation or remuneration of any kind. In no instance shall a county commissioner appear before the zoning review board on behalf of constituents or in the performance of their public or civic obligations;

(6) Engage in, accept employment with, or render services for any agency, private business, or professional activity when such employment or rendering of services is adverse to or incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official duties. For the purposes of this paragraph, acceptance of employment by an official or employee outside of DeKalb County is not incompatible per se if the employment is unrelated to any contract or transaction by or with DeKalb County. Employees of DeKalb County shall be required to report any outside positions to their immediate supervisor;

(7) Acquire an interest in any financial, business, commercial, or other private contract or transaction at a time when he or she believes or has reason to believe that such an interest will be affected directly or indirectly by his or her official acts or

actions or by the official acts or actions of other officials or employees of DeKalb County;

(8) Participate directly or indirectly in the preparation of any part of any specifications or requests for proposal, influence the content of any specification or contract standard, render advice, investigate, audit, or review any proceeding or application, request for ruling, or other determination, claim, or other matter pertaining to any contract or subcontract and any solicitation or proposal therefor or seek to influence the votes or decisions of others with respect thereto when the official or employee knows or with reasonable investigation should know that there is a financial or personal interest possessed by:

(A) The official or employee;

(B) One or more members of the official's or employee's immediate family;

(C) A business other than a public agency in which the official or employee, or a member of the official's or employee's immediate family, serves as an officer, director, stockholder, creditor, trustee, partner, or employee; or

(D) Any other person or business with whom the official or employee, or a member of the official's or employee's immediate family, is negotiating or seeking prospective employment or other business or professional relationship;

(9) Request or permit the use of or use any county or government owned or supported property, vehicle, equipment, material, labor, service, or funds for the private advantage of such official or employee or any other person or private entity, including, but not limited to, the use of such property, vehicle, equipment, material, labor, service, or funds for the benefit of political campaigns. However, no official or employee shall be prohibited from requesting or permitting the use of or using any county or government owned or supported property, vehicle, equipment, material, labor, service, or funds which as a matter of county policy is made available to the public at large;

(10) Participate in any employment decision that may be viewed as a conflict of interest, such as one involving an immediate family member, a close friend, a business partner, or a professional, political, or commercial relationship that would lead to preferential treatment or compromise the appearance of fairness. Additionally, if any official or employee comes into a direct line of supervision over one of these persons, he or she shall have six months to come into compliance or to obtain a waiver from the Board of Ethics;

(11) Take or threaten to take, directly or indirectly, official or personal action, including, but not limited to, discharge, discipline, personal attack, harassment, intimidation, or change in job, salary, or responsibilities, against any official or employee because that person or a person acting on his or her behalf:

(A) Reports, verbally or in writing, or files a complaint with the Board of Ethics regarding an alleged violation of this section;

(B) Is requested by the Board of Ethics to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry or is involved in a court action relating either to the alleged violation or to evidence presented or given as part of a Board of Ethics investigation or hearing; or



(C) Refuses to execute a directive which is a violation of county, state, or federal law after the official or employee has given notice to the supervisor of such violation.

The provisions of this paragraph are not applicable when the complainant, witness, or reporter of a violation makes accusations or other statements that are malicious or false;

(12) For a period of two years after separation from service or employment with the county, appear before any agency or receive compensation for any services rendered on behalf of any person, business, or association in relation to any case, proceeding, or application with respect to which such former official or employee was directly concerned or in which such official or employee personally participated during the period of such official's or employee's service or employment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a former official or employee from being engaged directly by the county to provide services to or on behalf of the county during this two-year period; or

(13) Engage in any activity or transaction that is prohibited by law now existing or hereafter enacted which is applicable to him or her by virtue of his or her being an official or employee of DeKalb County.

(d) Disclosure of interests. An official or employee who has an interest that he or she has reason to believe may be affected by his or her official acts or actions or by the official acts or actions of another official or employee of DeKalb County shall disclose the precise nature and value of such interest by sworn written statement to the Board of Ethics and ask for the board's opinion as to whether the interest presents a conflict. Every official or employee who knowingly has any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract to which DeKalb County is or is about to become a party, or in any other business with DeKalb County, shall make full disclosure of such interest to the Chief Executive, the Commission, and the Board of Ethics. The information disclosed by such sworn statements, except for the valuation attributed to the disclosed interest, shall be made a matter of public record by the Board of Ethics.

(e) Participation in contracts. No official or employee shall cause DeKalb County to enter into any contract involving services or property with an official or employee of the county or with a business in which an official or employee of the county has an interest. This subsection shall not apply in the case of:

- (1) The designation of a bank or trust company as a depository for county funds;
- (2) The borrowing of funds from any bank or lending institution which offers the lowest available rate of interest for such loans;
- (3) A business which employs an official or employee where the employment of such official or employee is unrelated to any contract or transaction by or with DeKalb County;
- (4) Contracts for services entered into with a business which is the only available source for such goods or services; or
- (5) Contracts entered into under circumstances which constitute an emergency situation, provided that a record explaining the emergency is prepared by the Chief

Executive and submitted to the Board of Ethics at its next regular meeting and thereafter kept on file.

(f) Reporting violations. Any person who witnesses or becomes aware of a violation of this section may complain of the violation as follows:

(1) A complaint may be communicated anonymously to the ethics officer. Such complaint shall be made in good faith and with veracity and sufficient specificity so as to provide the ethics officer with salient and investigable facts. The ethics officer may require the anonymous complaint to be made in a manner and form that is intended only to obtain relevant facts related to the alleged violation of this section and that is not designed to reveal the identity of the complainant.

(2) A sworn written complaint may be filed with the ethics officer of the Board of Ethics, as described in this paragraph. All written complaints to be considered by the Board of Ethics and the ethics officer shall contain the following, if applicable:

(A) The name and address of the person or persons filing the complaint;

(B) The sworn verification and signature of the complainant;

(C) The name and address of the party or parties against whom the complaint is filed and, if such party is a candidate, the office being sought;

(D) A statement of acts upon which the complaint is based along with a general reference to the allegedly violated provision or provisions of this section; and

(E) Any further information which might support the allegations in the complaint including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) The names and addresses of all other persons who have first-hand knowledge of the facts alleged in the complaint; and

(ii) Any documentary evidence that supports the facts alleged in the complaint.

(3) Upon receipt of a complaint, whether by the ethics officer or by the Board of Ethics, the ethics officer or the secretary of the Board of Ethics shall send a written notice to the subject of the complaint by the next business day. Both this notice and any subsequent documents shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.

(4) Upon receipt of a written, nonanonymous complaint which does not conform to the applicable requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the ethics officer shall by letter acknowledge receipt of the complaint and advise the complainant of the defect in the complaint and that the complaint will not be considered by the Board of Ethics unless the defect is corrected.

(g) Enactment.

(1) This section shall be construed liberally to effectuate its purpose and policies and to supplement such existing laws as may relate to the conduct of officials or employees.

(2) The propriety of any official act or action taken by or transaction involving any officials or employees immediately prior to the time this section shall take effect shall not be affected by the enactment of this section.

(3) The provisions of this section are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

(h) Board of Ethics.

(1)(A) There is created the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County to be composed of seven citizens of DeKalb County to be appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Each member of the Board of Ethics shall have been a resident of DeKalb County for at least one year immediately preceding the date of taking office and shall remain a resident of the county while serving as a member of the Board of Ethics.

(C) No person shall serve as a member of the Board of Ethics if the person has, or has had within the immediately preceding two-year period, any interest in any contract, transaction, or official act or action of DeKalb County.

(D) No member of the Board of Ethics shall be a member of an agency or an official or employee of DeKalb County or shall have served in such a capacity in the two-year period immediately preceding such person's appointment to the Board of Ethics.

(E) No person shall serve as a member of the Board of Ethics if the person has been a candidate for, or was elected to, public office in the immediately preceding three-year period. Filing for an elective office shall constitute a resignation from the Board of Ethics on the date of filing.

(F) Appointees to the Board of Ethics shall have professional knowledge or expertise in matters of ethics, finance, governance, or the law.

(G) All proposed appointments to the Board of Ethics shall be subject to an education and employment background check as well as a criminal history check. Persons proposed to be appointed to the Board of Ethics shall execute all releases necessary for the appointing authority to accomplish such checks. If the nominee is determined to have committed a felony, the nomination shall be withdrawn.

(2)(A) The members of the Board of Ethics in office on the effective date of this section shall serve out the terms to which they were appointed.

(B) On and after January 1, 2018, the members of the Board of Ethics shall be selected as follows:

(i) One member shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly chosen from the attorney members of the DeKalb Bar Association and the DeKalb Lawyers Association, Inc. The DeKalb Bar Association and the DeKalb Lawyers Association, Inc., may jointly recommend individuals for such appointment;

(ii) One member shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly from the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce, which member shall not be an attorney. The DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce may recommend individuals for such appointment;

(iii) One member shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly;

(iv) One member shall be appointed by the judge of the Probate Court of DeKalb County;

(v) One member shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly from individuals associated with Leadership DeKalb. Leadership DeKalb may recommend individuals for such appointment;

(vi) One member shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly from individuals associated with the six major universities and colleges located within DeKalb County (Agnes Scott College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Emory University, Georgia State University, Mercer University, and Oglethorpe University), which member shall not be an attorney. Such major universities and colleges may recommend individuals for such appointment; and

(vii) One member shall be appointed by the chief judge of the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

(C) The members shall each serve for terms of three years; provided, however, that the initial terms of the first DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce appointee, the first Leadership DeKalb appointee, and the first DeKalb County legislative delegation appointee shall be two years; and provided, further, that the initial terms of the six major institutes of higher learning within DeKalb County appointee and the judge of the Probate Court appointee shall be one year.

(D) Successors to all members of the Board of Ethics and future successors shall be appointed by the respective appointing authorities not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of each such member's term of office, and such successors shall take office on January 1 following such appointment and shall serve terms of three years and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

(E) In making appointments under the provisions of this paragraph, the members of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly shall consider the need for diversity in the membership of the Board of Ethics.

(3) If a member of the Board of Ethics ceases to be a resident of DeKalb County, that member's position on the Board of Ethics, by operation of law, shall become vacant upon the establishment of the fact of such nonresidency, if contested, by a court of competent jurisdiction. A vacancy in the Board of Ethics shall exist by reason of death, the disability or incapacity of a member for more than 90 days, resignation, or loss of residency as described in this paragraph. A member of the Board of Ethics may be removed from office during a term if the member becomes ineligible to hold civil office within the meaning of Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. and that ineligibility is established by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction which declares the office vacant because of such ineligibility or for good cause by a majority vote of the Board of Ethics. The ethics officer shall notify the appointing authority of

a vacancy upon its occurrence, and such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority.

(4) The members of the Board of Ethics shall serve without compensation and shall elect from their own membership a chairperson and otherwise provide for their own internal organization. The Commission shall provide adequate office and meeting space and pay all administrative costs, including those specifically stipulated in this section, pertaining to the operation of the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall be authorized to employ its own staff and clerical personnel and contract for the services of a competent court reporter, an attorney, and a private investigator as it deems necessary. The members of the Board of Ethics shall have the authority to propose the budget of the board and shall recommend the budget to the Commission, who shall fund it as a priority. In the event that the proposed budget is in excess of \$300,000.00, the Commission shall have the authority to authorize the additional funds requested in accordance with standard budgetary procedures and requirements. The Board of Ethics shall be completely independent and shall not be subject to control or supervision by the Chief Executive, the Commission, or any other official or employee or agency of the county government.

(5) The Board of Ethics shall have the following duties:

(A) To establish procedures, rules, and regulations governing its internal organization and the conduct of its affairs;

(B) To render advisory opinions with respect to the interpretation and application of this section to all officials or employees who seek advice as to whether a particular course of conduct would constitute a violation of the standards imposed in this section or other applicable ethical standards. Such opinions shall be binding on the Board of Ethics in any subsequent complaint concerning the official or employee who sought the opinion and acted in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion;

(C) To prescribe forms for the disclosures required in this section and to make available to the public the information disclosed as provided in this section;

(D) To receive and hear complaints of violations of the standards required by this section over which it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction;

(E) To make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine whether any official or employee has violated or is about to violate any provisions of this section; and

(F) To hold such hearings and make such inquiries as it deems necessary for it to carry out properly its functions and powers.

(i) Ethics officer.

(1) There is hereby created as a full-time salaried position an ethics officer for DeKalb County. The ethics officer must be an active member of the Georgia Bar Association in good standing with five years' experience in the practice of law. The ethics officer shall be appointed by a majority of the members of the Board of Ethics, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Commission and approval by the Chief Executive, for a period of six years. Removal of the ethics officer before the

expiration of the designated term shall be for cause by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Ethics. The ethics officer need not be a resident of the county at the time of his or her appointment, but he or she shall reside in DeKalb County within six months of such appointment and continue to reside therein throughout such appointment.

(2) The ethics officer shall not be involved in partisan or nonpartisan political activities or the political affairs of DeKalb County.

(3) The duties of the ethics officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Educating and training all city officials and employees to have an awareness and understanding of the mandate for and enforcement of ethical conduct and advising them of the provisions of the code of ethics of DeKalb County;

(B) Maintaining the records of the Board of Ethics as required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

(C) Meeting with the Board of Ethics;

(D) Advising officials and employees regarding disclosure statements and reviewing the same to ensure full and complete financial reporting;

(E) Urging compliance with the code of ethics by calling to the attention of the Board of Ethics any failure to comply or any issues, including the furnishing of false or misleading information, that the ethics officer believes should be investigated by the Board of Ethics so that the Board of Ethics may take such action as it deems appropriate;

(F) Monitoring, evaluating, and acting upon information obtained from an 'ethics hotline' which shall be for the receipt of information about ethical violations. Each complaint, as of the time it is reported, shall be deemed to be a separate pending investigation of a complaint against a public officer or employee as provided by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

(G) Notifying the subject of a report of any alleged violation of the ethics code, whether the report is anonymous, is made by an identified individual, or is written. Such notice shall be given in writing by first-class mail, return receipt requested, by statutory overnight delivery, or by electronic mail if agreed to by the respondent. The notice shall be given at the same time and in the same form that any disclosure of information is required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;

(H) Notifying the Board of Ethics of any report of an alleged violation of the ethics code received by the ethics officer;

(I) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected ethical violations to the Board of Ethics;

(J) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected criminal violations to state or federal law enforcement agencies; and

(K) Filing with the Board of Ethics, the Chief Executive, and the Commission on the first Tuesday of each February a written report describing the activities of the ethics officer in carrying out the goals of his or her office and the code of ethics and reporting on the ethical health of DeKalb County.

(j) Investigations and hearings. The Board of Ethics shall conduct investigations into alleged violations of the code of ethics, hold hearings, and issue decisions as prescribed in this subsection:

(1) The proceedings and records of the Board of Ethics shall be open unless otherwise permitted by state law.

(2) Upon request of the Board of Ethics, the Solicitor of DeKalb County or any attorney representing the office of the Solicitor of DeKalb County, or any attorney who shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Ethics, shall advise the Board of Ethics.

(3) A complaint may be filed by the ethics officer, any resident, or a group of residents of DeKalb County by submitting to the office of the ethics officer a written, verified, and sworn complaint under the penalty of perjury or false swearing. The complaint shall be filed in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(4) Upon receipt of the complaint, the ethics officer shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether it meets the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in this section. If in the opinion of the ethics officer the complaint fails to meet these requirements, the ethics officer shall notify the person who filed the complaint and he or she shall have ten days from the date of notice to correct and refile the complaint directly with the ethics officer. A complaint which fails to satisfy the jurisdictional requirements as established by this section and by the rules and procedures established by the Board of Ethics shall be dismissed by the Board of Ethics no later than 30 days after the complaint is filed with the office of the ethics officer, unless extended by a majority vote of the Board of Ethics.

(5) The ethics officer will report his or her findings and recommendation to the Board of Ethics and advise whether there is probable cause for belief that the code of ethics has been violated, warranting a formal hearing. If the Board of Ethics determines, after the preliminary investigation of a complaint by the ethics officer, that there does not exist probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the Board of Ethics shall so notify the complainant and the subject of the investigation, and the complaint will be dismissed. After a preliminary investigation of the complaint by the ethics officer, if the ethics officer believes that there does exist probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the Board of Ethics shall give notice to the person involved to attend a hearing to determine whether there has been a violation of this section.

(6) For use in proceedings under this section, the Board of Ethics shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel any person to appear, give sworn testimony, or produce documentary or other evidence. Any person who fails to respond to such subpoenas may be subjected to the penalties set forth in subsection (k) of this section.

(7) All hearings of the Board of Ethics pursuant to this section shall be as follows:

(A) All testimony shall be under oath, which shall be administered by a member of the Board of Ethics. Any person who appears before the Board of Ethics shall have all of the due process rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a witness appearing before the courts of this state. Any person whose name is mentioned during a

proceeding of the Board of Ethics and who may be adversely affected thereby may appear personally before the Board of Ethics on such person's own behalf or may file a written sworn statement for incorporation into the record to be made part of all proceedings pursuant to this subsection.

(B) The decision of the Board of Ethics shall be governed by a preponderance of the evidence standard.

(C) At the conclusion of proceedings concerning an alleged violation, the Board of Ethics shall immediately begin deliberations on the evidence and proceed to determine by a majority vote of members present whether there has been a violation of this section. The findings of the Board of Ethics concerning a violation and the record of the proceedings shall be made public by the ethics officer as soon as practicable after the determination has been made.

(k) Violations; appeals.

(1) Any intentional violation of this section, furnishing of false or misleading information to the Board of Ethics or the ethics officer, failure to follow an opinion rendered by the Board of Ethics, or failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the Board of Ethics pursuant to this section shall subject the violator to any one or more of the following:

(A) Administrative sanction of not more than \$1,000.00 per violation assessed by the Board of Ethics;

(B) Public reprimand by the Board of Ethics; and

(C) Prosecution by the DeKalb County Solicitor in municipal court and, upon conviction, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per violation and up to six months' imprisonment, whether the official or employee is elected or appointed, paid or unpaid. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with state law. An action for violation of this section or the furnishing of false or misleading information or the failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the Board of Ethics must be brought within two years after the violation is discovered.

(2) With regard to violations by persons other than officials or employees, in addition to the remedies in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board of Ethics may recommend to the Chief Executive and the Commission any one or more of the following:

(A) Suspension of a contractor; and

(B) Disqualification or debarment from contracting or subcontracting with DeKalb County.

(3) The decision of the Board of Ethics after a hearing shall be final; provided, however, that such proceeding shall be subject to review by writ of certiorari to the DeKalb County Superior Court. The designee of the Board of Ethics shall be authorized to acknowledge service of any such writ and shall, within the time provided by law, certify and cause to be filed with the clerk of the superior court a record of the proceedings before the Board of Ethics, the decision of the Board of Ethics, and the notice of the final actions of the Board of Ethics."



**SECTION 2.**

The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of DeKalb County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2017, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which revises the Board of Ethics for DeKalb  
 ( ) NO County?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by DeKalb County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 3.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay

Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
N Heath	Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 46, nays 2.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except SB 273, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

SB 273, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 337, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and HB 337 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017  
THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 74 Insurance; life risk-based capital trend test to comply with accreditation standards; change (I&L-9th) Taylor-173rd

HB 425 Elementary and secondary education; administration of standardized assessments in paper-and-pencil format upon parental request; provide (ED&Y-40th) Chandler-105th

HB 337 State Tax Execution Modernization Act; enact (FIN-27th) Williamson-115th

- HB 391 Safe Place for Newborns Act of 2002; revise provisions (SJUDY-21st)  
Clark-98th
- HB 320 Motor vehicles; installation or reinstallation of object in lieu of air bag;  
change provisions (PUB SAF-14th) Hitchens-161st
- HB 328 Highways; uniform rules of the road; provisions (TRANS-51st)  
Watson-172nd
- HB 14 Courts; sheriff to collect and deposit certain fees; provide (JUDY-3rd)  
Jones-167th

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 74. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Smith of the 134th, Watson of the 172nd, Meadows of the 5th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to amend Code Section 33-56-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to company action level events, preparation and submission of risk-based capital level plan, so as to change the life risk-based capital trend test in order to comply with accreditation standards; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Martin of the 9th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims

Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 74, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 425. By Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Belton of the 112th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Cox of the 108th and Glanton of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for administration of standardized assessments in paper-and-pencil format upon parental request; to discourage punitive actions for students refusing to participate in federal, state, or locally mandated standardized assessments; to provide for alternative administrations of student assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Millar of the 40th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer

Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 9.

HB 425, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 337. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 11, 15, 44, and 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Uniform Commercial Code, clerks of superior courts, property, and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to modernize provisions relating to the transmittal, filing, recording, access to, and territorial effect of tax liens issued by the Department of Revenue; to provide for definitions; to provide for modern technological advances in electronic record keeping relating to the filing and public access to state tax liens; to provide for certificates of clearance for state tax liens; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters, to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Williams of the 27th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 337, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 391. By Representatives Clark of the 98th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Coomer of the 14th, Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to revise provisions relating to safe place for newborns; to expand the locations where a newborn child can be left to include fire stations and police stations; to provide for definitions; to allow the mother to decline to provide her name and address when a child is left in the physical custody of certain facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 391, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 320. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Tanner of the 9th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle sales and transfers, so as to change provisions relating to installation or reinstallation of object in lieu of or other than an air bag; to prohibit activities in connection with air bags; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Thompson of the 14th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 320, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3/20/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 320. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Gail Davenport  
District 44

3/20/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 320. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Bill Heath  
District 31

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.



HB 328. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Rutledge of the 109th, Williams of the 168th, Tanner of the 9th and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32 and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to provide for the maximum length and load of vehicles; to provide for methods for determining load limits for vehicles utilizing idle reduction technology; to revise provisions for FlexAuto lanes; to clarify the meaning of certain flashing signals; to provide for rules of the road when approaching or entering an intersection with a signal in unactivated dark mode; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Gooch of the 51st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 328, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 14. By Representative Jones of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees for sheriff's services, so as to provide for the sheriff to collect and deposit certain fees; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 14, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 20, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator P.K. Martin to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting on March 20, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
Thirty-seventh Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:22 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 STATE CAPITOL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

**CASEY CAGLE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 21, 2017

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Butch Miller to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Transportation Committee meeting on March 21, 2017. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle  
President of the Senate

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 555. By Representatives Cooke of the 18th, Collins of the 68th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Carrollton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 580. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th and Williams of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Putnam County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 581. By Representative Rhodes of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Taliaferro County, approved February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3643), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 582. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Holmes of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Board of Elections and Registration of Monroe County, which shall conduct primaries and elections for Monroe County, the City of Culloden, and the City of Forsyth; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 585. By Representative Pirkle of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Ocilla-Irwin County Industrial Development Authority, approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4082); to provide for members of said authority, terms, vacancies, and a quorum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 586. By Representative Bentley of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Reynolds; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority, its election, and terms; to provide for related matters; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 587. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Douglas of the 78th, Stovall of the 74th, Waites of the 60th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of the City of Jonesboro desire the governing authority of the City of Jonesboro to seek to lower the homestead exemption from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes over a period of time to the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 589. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the judge of the probate court, and the coroner of Walton County on a salary basis in lieu of a fee basis, approved February 11, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 2056), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3819), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 18. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-5-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to security police force within the

Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to provide that any member of the security police force, upon his or her retirement or upon leaving such employment as a result of a disability arising in the line of duty, shall be entitled to retain his or her weapon and badge under certain conditions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 128. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Tippins of the 37th, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding drivers' licenses, so as to allow for the sharing of personal data with the Department of Natural Resources for limited purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 173. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, McKoon of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to captive insurance companies, so as to extensively revise certain provisions; to provide for change and revision of certain definitions; to provide for scope of provisions and lines of businesses a captive insurance company may engage to add an agency captive insurance company with certain restrictions; to change certificate of authority requirements; to provide for board of managers; to provide for captive corporate organization requirements making certain captives subject to Title 14; to provide for certain exemptions; to provide for exceptions, fees, and articles of incorporation requirements; to provide for powers and requirements by the Commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 147. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to permit a cemetery or cemetery company to request a trustee to distribute income earned by an irrevocable trust fund utilizing

certain unitrust distribution method provisions; to provide for a definition; to modify a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 200. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for synchronizing patients' chronic medications; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 206. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for a short title and findings; to require health plans to provide coverage for hearing aids for certain individuals; to provide for the frequency of replacing hearing aids; to provide for coverage of services and supplies; to provide options for higher priced devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 242. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 293. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hill of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to repeal existing provisions related to the employment of beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System



of Georgia; to require certain public employers to make employer and employee contributions to such retirement system on behalf of certain employed beneficiaries; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 294. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hill of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement allowances, disability benefits, and spouses' benefits, so as to require certain public employers to make employer and employee contributions to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia on behalf of certain employed beneficiaries; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Retirement.

SB 295. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the regulation of the retail sale of marijuana; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for the regulatory authority of the Department of Revenue; to provide for licensing requirements and restrictions; to provide for regulation of the cultivation, production, and retail sale of marijuana; to prohibit certain acts; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 296. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., so as to repeal the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, so as to repeal provisions relating to use of marijuana for

treatment of cancer and glaucoma and provide for medical use of marijuana; to provide for additional debilitating conditions; to provide for the automatic registration of individuals registered under former Code Section 31-2A-18; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SB 297. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Brass of the 28th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for the effect on the Atlanta Independent School System; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SB 298. By Senator Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Skidaway Island; to provide for a charter for the City of Skidaway Island; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for a transition period; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

SR 474. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Jackson of the 2nd and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Adult Changing Stations in Commercial Public Facilities; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 475. By Senator Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the

legalization and regulation of marijuana; to permit persons 21 years of age or older to purchase limited amounts of marijuana for personal use; to provide that the fees and tax proceeds from the sale of such marijuana be dedicated equally between education and transportation infrastructure purposes; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

SR 481. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, McKoon of the 29th, Burke of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Senate Bill 86; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 555. By Representatives Cooke of the 18th, Collins of the 68th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Carrollton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 580. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th and Williams of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Putnam County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 581. By Representative Rhodes of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Taliaferro County, approved February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p.

3643), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 582. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Holmes of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Board of Elections and Registration of Monroe County, which shall conduct primaries and elections for Monroe County, the City of Culloden, and the City of Forsyth; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 585. By Representative Pirkle of the 155th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Ocilla-Irwin County Industrial Development Authority, approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4082); to provide for members of said authority, terms, vacancies, and a quorum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 586. By Representative Bentley of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Reynolds; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority, its election, and terms; to provide for related matters; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 587. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Douglas of the 78th, Stovall of the 74th, Waites of the 60th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of the City of Jonesboro desire the governing authority of the City of Jonesboro to seek to lower the

homestead exemption from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes over a period of time to the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 589. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the judge of the probate court, and the coroner of Walton County on a salary basis in lieu of a fee basis, approved February 11, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 2056), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3819), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Assignments has had under consideration the appointments to various boards, authorities, commissions, and other entities, made by Governor Nathan Deal and submitted to the Senate for confirmation by a letter dated February 15, 2017, and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

Governor's Appointments                      All appointments be approved as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Honorable Casey Cagle, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate the following action:

HB 88            Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10(b), referred by the Senate Committee on Rules to the Senate Standing Committee on Rules from the General Calendar.

- HB 150 Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10(b), referred by the Senate Committee on Rules to the Senate Committee on Transportation from the General Calendar.
- HB 159 Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10(b), referred by the Senate Committee on Rules to the Senate Committee on Judiciary from the General Calendar.
- HB 222 Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10(b), referred by the Senate Committee on Rules to the Senate Committee on Higher Education from the General Calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 338 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 59	Do Pass by substitute	HB 196	Do Pass by substitute
HB 204	Do Pass by substitute	HB 217	Do Pass by substitute
HB 237	Do Pass by substitute	HB 340	Do Pass by substitute
SR 470	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
 Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 154 Do Pass by substitute  
HB 206 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Unterman of the 45th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Insurance and Labor has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 214 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jones of the 25th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 126 Do Pass by substitute  
HB 185 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 116	Do Pass by substitute	HB 253	Do Pass by substitute
HB 419	Do Pass by substitute	HB 474	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Harper of the 7th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 118	Do Pass by substitute	HB 413	Do Pass by substitute
HB 428	Do Pass	HB 485	Do Pass
HB 510	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 88	Do Pass by substitute	SR 167	Do Pass
SR 381	Do Pass	SR 392	Do Pass
SR 407	Do Pass	SR 412	Do Pass
SR 414	Do Pass	SR 448	Do Pass
SR 453	Do Pass	SR 454	Do Pass
SR 465	Do Pass	SR 467	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 222	Do Pass by substitute
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Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Millar of the 40th District, Chairman



Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 131	Do Pass	HB 457	Do Pass
HB 504	Do Pass	HB 511	Do Pass
HB 514	Do Pass	HB 544	Do Pass
HB 546	Do Pass	HB 547	Do Pass
HB 548	Do Pass	HB 561	Do Pass
HB 563	Do Pass	HB 564	Do Pass
HB 566	Do Pass	HB 567	Do Pass
HB 568	Do Pass	HB 569	Do Pass
HB 570	Do Pass	HB 574	Do Pass
SB 281	Do Pass	SB 283	Do Pass
SB 284	Do Pass	SB 286	Do Pass
SB 292	Do Pass by substitute		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 150	Do Pass by substitute
HR 25	Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Beach of the 21st District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 59	HB 116	HB 118	HB 126	HB 154	HB 185
HB 196	HB 204	HB 206	HB 214	HB 217	HB 237
HB 253	HB 338	HB 340	HB 413	HB 419	HB 428
HB 474	HB 485	HB 510	HR 25	SR 167	SR 381
SR 392	SR 407	SR 412	SR 414	SR 448	SR 453
SR 454	SR 465	SR 467	SR 470		

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that Senators James of the 35th and Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senators James and Orrock were excused.

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Lucas of the 26th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Lucas was excused.

Senator Williams of the 27th asked unanimous consent that Senator Martin of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Martin was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Parent
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Payne
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Rhett
Beach	Hufstetler	Seay
Burke	Jackson, L	Shafer
Butler	Jeffares	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, B	Stone
Davenport	Jones, E	Tate
Dugan	Jones, H	Thompson, B
Fort	Kennedy	Tillery
Ginn	Kirk	Tippins
Gooch	Ligon	Unterman
Harbin	McKoon	Walker
Harbison	Millar	Watson
Harper	Miller	Wilkinson
Heath	Mullis	Williams, M

Not answering were Senators:

Black	Brass	James (Excused)
Lucas (Excused)	Martin (Excused)	Orrock (Excused)
Thompson, C. (Excused)		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators: Brass of the 28th Lucas of the 26th

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Anderson of the 24th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Robert Anderson of Duluth, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Gulshan Harjee.

Senator Walker III of the 20th recognized Lieutenant General Lee Levy who addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator James of the 35th recognized Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard for being awarded the Legislative Women's Caucus Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership award, commended by SR 350, adopted previously. Mayor Hilliard addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Millar of the 40th recognized the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education and commending its 25 years of service to the people of this state, commended by SR 362, adopted previously. President Stephen D. Dolinger addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Hill of the 6th recognized The Jeff and Jenn Show, on Star 94.1, on its one-year anniversary, commended by SR 402, adopted previously. Jenn Hobby and Jeff Dauler addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Anderson of the 24th recognized the Georgia Teen Republicans for their history and accomplishments within the State of Georgia, commended by SR 339, adopted previously. State Chairwoman Madison Drummond addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Lucas of the 26th recognized the Wilkinson County High School Warriors basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA Class 1A State Basketball Championship, commended by SR 432, adopted previously. Coach Aaron Geter, Jr. addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Beach of the 21st recognized and honored Julio Jones, commended by SR 415, adopted previously. Julio Jones addressed the Senate briefly.

Senator Tate of the 38th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 44 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 44 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Senator Hill of the 4th  
/s/ Senator Shafer of the 48th  
/s/ Senator Cowsert of the 46th

FOR THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Representative England of the 116th  
/s/ Representative Burns of the 159th  
/s/ Representative Jones of the 47th

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO H.B. 44  
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT**

To make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the State government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:  
PART I**

The sums of money hereinafter provided are appropriated for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, as prescribed hereinafter for such fiscal year:

**HB 44 (FY 2018G)**

	<b>Governor</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>CC</b>
<b>Revenue Sources Available for Appropriation</b>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,997,351,235	\$24,997,351,235	\$24,997,351,235	\$24,997,351,235
State General Funds	\$21,447,337,811	\$21,447,337,811	\$21,447,337,811	\$21,447,337,811
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000
Lottery Proceeds	\$1,130,965,151	\$1,130,965,151	\$1,130,965,151	\$1,130,965,151
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$136,509,071	\$136,509,071	\$136,509,071	\$136,509,071
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380
Hospital Provider Fee	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$13,929,474,117	\$13,892,727,132	\$13,901,698,337	\$13,889,217,110
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,796,576,226	\$3,799,933,786	\$3,801,833,786	\$3,801,933,786
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722	\$127,917,722
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966	\$1,535,095,966

Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$100,055,059	\$98,262,367	\$98,262,367	\$98,262,367
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236	\$16,884,236
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$7,275,848,471	\$7,236,262,200	\$7,242,191,594	\$7,229,610,367
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582	\$47,733,582
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600	\$52,740,600
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$458,672,702	\$459,947,120	\$461,088,931	\$461,088,931
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154	\$330,817,154
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305	\$323,323,305
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,357,340,248	\$6,357,340,248	\$6,357,799,094	\$6,360,622,846
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719	\$5,522,719
Reserved Fund Balances	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020	\$1,015,020
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887	\$4,348,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,677,650,555	\$2,680,474,307
Hospital Authorities	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$333,585,424	\$333,585,424	\$333,585,424	\$336,409,176
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560	\$392,908,560
Royalties and Rents	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735	\$926,735
Sales and Services	\$3,270,783,833	\$3,270,783,833	\$3,271,242,679	\$3,271,242,679
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$800,343,941	\$800,343,941	\$800,802,787	\$800,802,787
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892	\$2,469,839,892
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939	\$4,183,939
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$4,069,096,350	\$4,071,096,350	\$4,069,096,350	\$4,069,096,350

State Funds Transfers	\$4,050,818,568	\$4,050,818,568	\$4,050,818,568	\$4,050,818,568
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$64,657,845	\$64,657,845	\$64,657,845	\$64,657,845
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031	\$12,249,031
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
Retirement Payments	\$59,401,182	\$59,401,182	\$59,401,182	\$59,401,182
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580
Agency Funds Transfers	\$15,845,850	\$17,845,850	\$15,845,850	\$15,845,850
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,845,850	\$17,845,850	\$15,845,850	\$15,845,850
Federal Funds Transfers	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932	\$2,431,932
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$629,805	\$629,805	\$629,805	\$629,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$45,284,165,600</b>	<b>\$45,247,418,615</b>	<b>\$45,256,848,666</b>	<b>\$45,247,191,191</b>
 <b>Changes in Fund Availability</b>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>	<b>\$1,258,080,997</b>
State General Funds	\$1,019,473,957	\$1,019,473,957	\$1,019,473,957	\$1,019,473,957
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$138,786,000	\$138,786,000	\$138,786,000	\$138,786,000
Lottery Proceeds	\$57,401,590	\$57,401,590	\$57,401,590	\$57,401,590
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266
Hospital Provider Fee	\$26,900,875	\$26,900,875	\$26,900,875	\$26,900,875
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$301,031,401</b>	<b>\$264,284,416</b>	<b>\$273,255,621</b>	<b>\$260,774,394</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$5,955,656)	(\$2,598,096)	(\$698,096)	(\$598,096)
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$11,097,366	\$9,304,674	\$9,304,674	\$9,304,674
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$295,519,655	\$255,933,384	\$261,862,778	\$249,281,551
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$370,036	\$1,644,454	\$2,786,265	\$2,786,265
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$92,431,724</b>	<b>\$92,431,724</b>	<b>\$92,890,570</b>	<b>\$95,714,322</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	\$2,633,752

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	\$2,633,752
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
Sales and Services	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$708,846	\$708,846
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$708,846	\$708,846
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$165,199,381	\$167,199,381	\$165,199,381	\$165,199,381
State Funds Transfers	\$165,199,381	\$165,199,381	\$165,199,381	\$165,199,381
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)
Health Insurance Payments	\$166,443,589	\$166,443,589	\$166,443,589	\$166,443,589
Merit System Assessments	\$65,276	\$65,276	\$65,276	\$65,276
Retirement Payments	(\$599,284)	(\$599,284)	(\$599,284)	(\$599,284)
Workers Compensation Funds	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,816,743,503	\$1,781,996,518	\$1,789,426,569	\$1,779,769,094

### Reconciliation of Fund Availability to Fund Application

#### *Section 1: Georgia Senate*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
State General Funds	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,653,062	\$11,653,062
State General Funds	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,653,062	\$11,653,062
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,002,593	\$11,002,593	\$11,653,062	\$11,653,062

#### Lieutenant Governor's Office

#### Continuation Budget

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
State General Funds	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892



**1.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$21,527	\$21,527
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**1.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$789	\$789
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<b>1.100-Lieutenant Governor's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,330,208	\$1,330,208
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,330,208	\$1,330,208
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,307,892	\$1,307,892	\$1,330,208	\$1,330,208

**Secretary of the Senate's Office** **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
State General Funds	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975

**2.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$17,702	\$17,702
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**2.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$653	\$653
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<b>2.100-Secretary of the Senate's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,214,330	\$1,214,330
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,214,330	\$1,214,330
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,195,975	\$1,195,975	\$1,214,330	\$1,214,330

**Senate** **Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
State General Funds	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656

**3.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds			\$101,066	\$101,066
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**3.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds			\$2,558	\$2,558
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**3.3** *Increase funds for the Senate Transparency Project to give greater public access to Senate proceedings and committee meetings including video streaming.*

State General Funds			\$485,000	\$485,000
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<b>3.100-Senate</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,963,280	\$7,963,280
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,963,280	\$7,963,280
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,374,656	\$7,374,656	\$7,963,280	\$7,963,280

**Senate Budget and Evaluation Office****Continuation Budget***The purpose of this appropriation is to provide budget development and evaluation expertise to the State Senate.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
State General Funds	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070

**4.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds			\$20,419	\$20,419
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**4.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds			\$755	\$755
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<b>4.100-Senate Budget and Evaluation Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide budget development and evaluation expertise to the State Senate.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,145,244	\$1,145,244
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,145,244	\$1,145,244
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,124,070	\$1,124,070	\$1,145,244	\$1,145,244

*Section 2: Georgia House of Representatives*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875

<b>House of Representatives</b>			<b>Continuation Budget</b>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
State General Funds	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657	\$19,361,657

**5.1**     *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$260,357	\$260,357	\$260,357
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**5.2**     *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$5,861	\$5,861	\$5,861
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<b>5.100-House of Representatives</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,361,657	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875	\$19,627,875

*Section 3: Georgia General Assembly Joint Offices*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451
State General Funds	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451	\$11,161,451

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,442,016	\$11,472,016	\$11,442,016
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,442,016	\$11,472,016	\$11,442,016
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,161,451	\$11,442,016	\$11,472,016	\$11,442,016

**Ancillary Activities**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533
State General Funds	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533	\$6,023,533

**6.1**    *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$33,699	\$33,699	\$33,699
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**6.2**    *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$1,472	\$1,472	\$1,472
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**6.3**    *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		(\$4,099)	(\$4,099)	(\$4,099)
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**6.4**    *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		(\$15,637)	(\$15,637)	(\$15,637)
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**6.5**    *Increase funds for the Compact for a Balanced Budget Commission pursuant to HB794 (2014 Session). (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			\$30,000	\$0
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<b>6.100-Ancillary Activities</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services for the legislative branch of government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,038,968	\$6,068,968	\$6,038,968
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,038,968	\$6,068,968	\$6,038,968
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,023,533	\$6,038,968	\$6,068,968	\$6,038,968

**Legislative Fiscal Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
State General Funds	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981	\$1,320,981

**7.1**     *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$16,226	\$16,226	\$16,226
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**7.2**     *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$737	\$737	\$737
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<b>7.100-Legislative Fiscal Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to act as the bookkeeper-comptroller for the legislative branch of government and maintain an account of legislative expenditures and commitments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,320,981	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944	\$1,337,944

**Office of Legislative Counsel**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
State General Funds	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937	\$3,816,937

**8.1**     *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$245,944	\$245,944	\$245,944
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**8.2**     *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$2,223	\$2,223	\$2,223
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<b>8.100-Office of Legislative Counsel</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide bill-drafting services, advice and counsel for members of the General Assembly.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,816,937	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,816,937	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104	\$4,065,104

*Section 4: Audits and Accounts, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303
State General Funds	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303	\$35,840,303
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303	\$36,180,303

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,840,303	\$36,213,602	\$36,213,602	\$36,213,602
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$35,840,303	\$36,213,602	\$36,213,602	\$36,213,602
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,990,303	\$36,363,602	\$36,363,602	\$36,363,602

**Audit and Assurance Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to perform special examinations and investigations; to conduct performance audits and evaluations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; to audit Medicaid provider claims; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338
State General Funds	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338	\$30,602,338

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338	\$30,942,338

**9.1**     *Reduce funds to reflect projected revenues.*

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)	(\$190,000)
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**9.2**     *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437	\$522,437
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**9.3**     *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$19,241	\$19,241	\$19,241	\$19,241
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**9.4**     *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,846	\$2,846	\$2,846	\$2,846
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**9.5**     *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$6,399	\$6,399	\$6,399	\$6,399
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**9.6**     *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of four positions to the Department of Community Health.*

State General Funds	(\$259,945)	(\$259,945)	(\$259,945)	(\$259,945)
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<b>9.100-Audit and Assurance Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide audit and assurance services for State Agencies, Authorities, Commissions, Bureaus, and higher education systems to facilitate Auditor's reports for the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the State of Georgia Single Audit Report, and the State of Georgia Budgetary Compliance Report; to conduct audits of public school systems in Georgia; to perform special examinations and investigations; to conduct performance audits and evaluations at the request of the General Assembly; to conduct reviews of audits reports conducted by other independent auditors of local governments and non-profit organizations contracting with the State; to audit Medicaid provider claims; and to provide state financial information online to promote transparency in government.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,602,338	\$30,893,316	\$30,893,316	\$30,893,316
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,602,338	\$30,893,316	\$30,893,316	\$30,893,316

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,752,338	\$31,043,316	\$31,043,316	\$31,043,316

**Departmental Administration (DOAA)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705
State General Funds	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705	\$2,477,705

**10.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$36,030	\$36,030	\$36,030
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**10.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$1,327	\$1,327	\$1,327
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**10.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$196	\$196	\$196
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**10.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$441	\$441	\$441
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**10.100-Departmental Administration (DOAA)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all Department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,477,705	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,477,705	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699	\$2,515,699

**Immigration Enforcement Review Board****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse members of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
State General Funds	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

<b>11.100-Immigration Enforcement Review Board</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse members of the Immigration Enforcement Review Board for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

**Legislative Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
State General Funds	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600

<b>12.100-Legislative Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to analyze proposed legislation affecting state retirement systems for fiscal impact and review actuarial investigations and to prepare fiscal notes upon request on other legislation having a significant impact on state revenues and/or expenditures.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600	\$256,600

**Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems and equalizing property tax digests for collection of the State 1/4 mill; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity*

*of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660
State General Funds	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660	\$2,483,660

**13.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$42,035	\$42,035	\$42,035
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**13.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$1,548	\$1,548	\$1,548
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**13.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$229	\$229	\$229
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**13.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$515	\$515	\$515
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<b>13.100-Statewide Equalized Adjusted Property Tax Digest</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish an equalized adjusted property tax digest for each county and for the State as a whole for use in allocating state funds for public school systems and equalizing property tax digests for collection of the State 1/4 mill; to provide the Revenue Commissioner statistical data regarding county Tax Assessor compliance with requirements for both uniformity of assessment and level of assessment; and to establish the appropriate level of assessment for centrally assessed public utility companies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,483,660	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987	\$2,527,987

**Section 5: Appeals, Court of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916	\$21,231,636
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916	\$21,231,636
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,001,912	\$21,444,195	\$21,300,916	\$21,381,636

**Court of Appeals**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
State General Funds	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803	\$20,388,803
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803	\$20,538,803

**14.1** *Increase funds for personnel to restore full-year funding for one vacant Deputy Court Administrator position. (H and S:Increase funds for a Deputy Court Administrator position)*

State General Funds	\$190,883	\$190,883	\$190,883	\$190,883
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**14.2** *Increase funds for personnel for two full-time central staff attorney positions effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$322,393	\$322,393	\$322,393	\$322,393
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**14.3** *Increase funds for personnel for two full-time central staff attorney positions effective January 1, 2018. (S:Re-evaluate additional funding for central staff attorney positions based on caseload)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for one full-time central staff attorney position effective January 1, 2018)*

State General Funds	\$161,439	\$161,439	\$0	\$80,720
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**14.4** *Increase funds to address increased costs of docket software maintenance.*

State General Funds	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$27,500
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**14.5** *Increase funds for operations for two new central staff attorney positions and one deputy court administrator position.*

State General Funds	\$4,914	\$4,914	\$4,914	\$4,914
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**14.6** *Increase funds for one-time funding to scan and digitize fiscal records.*

State General Funds	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
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**14.7** *Increase funds for one-time funding to purchase furniture and equipment for new central staff positions.*

State General Funds	\$31,230	\$31,230	\$31,230	\$31,230
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**14.8** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for software costs associated with e-filing applications and access to trial court records from tablet devices.*

State General Funds	(\$121,100)	(\$121,100)	(\$121,100)	(\$121,100)
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**14.9** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the purchase of seven servers.*

State General Funds	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)
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**14.10** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for an audiovisual upgrade of the system that supports courtroom video streaming.*

State General Funds	(\$139,150)	(\$139,150)	(\$139,150)	(\$139,150)
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**14.11** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$280,635	\$280,635	\$280,635
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**14.12** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$14,571	\$14,571	\$14,571
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**14.13** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$753	\$753	\$753
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**14.14** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$10,694	\$10,694	\$10,694
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**14.15** *Increase funds for WAN billing from GTA.*

State General Funds	\$18,160	\$36,320	\$36,320
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**14.16** *Increase funds for step increase to L4. (S:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for L3 staff attorneys)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment)*

State General Funds	\$117,470	\$117,470	\$117,470
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**14.100-Court of Appeals**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for this court to review and exercise appellate and certiorari jurisdiction pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, Art. VI, Section V, Para. III, in all cases not reserved to the Supreme Court of Georgia or conferred on other courts by law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916	\$21,231,636
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,851,912	\$21,294,195	\$21,150,916	\$21,231,636
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,001,912	\$21,444,195	\$21,300,916	\$21,381,636

**Section 6: Judicial Council**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818
State General Funds	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818	\$14,751,818
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
Sales and Services	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$18,285,496	\$18,285,496	\$18,285,496	\$18,285,496

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<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,987,406	\$15,573,932	\$15,586,915	\$15,586,915
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,987,406	\$15,573,932	\$15,586,915	\$15,586,915

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311	\$1,906,311
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$18,521,084	\$19,107,610	\$19,120,593	\$19,120,593

**Council of Accountability Court Judges****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070
State General Funds	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070	\$611,070

**15.1** *Increase funds to support the certification and peer review process of Operating Under the Influence (OUI) Court Divisions as required effective July 1, 2016.*

State General Funds	\$28,335	\$28,335	\$28,335	\$28,335
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**15.2** *Increase funds for personnel for a salary adjustment for the Chief Certification Officer.*

State General Funds	\$16,626	\$16,626	\$16,626	\$16,626
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**15.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$3,404	\$3,404	\$3,404
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**15.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$112	\$112	\$112
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**15.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		(\$31)	(\$31)	(\$31)
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**15.100-Council of Accountability Court Judges** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$656,031	\$659,516	\$659,516	\$659,516
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$656,031	\$659,516	\$659,516	\$659,516
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$656,031	\$659,516	\$659,516	\$659,516

**Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203

**16.100-Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to oversee the state's court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services by promoting the establishment of new ADR court programs, providing support to existing programs, establishing and enforcing qualifications and ethical standards, registering ADR professionals and volunteers, providing training, administering statewide grants, and collecting statistical data to monitor program effectiveness.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203	\$314,203

**Institute of Continuing Judicial Education****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
State General Funds	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657	\$515,657
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,218,860	\$1,218,860	\$1,218,860	\$1,218,860

**17.1** *Increase funds to improve and expand new judge orientation training.*

State General Funds	\$64,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
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**17.2** *Increase funds for personnel for one full-time skilled administrative position to advance the court system's wider use of remote-learning methods and electronic publications for Georgia judges and court support personnel.*

State General Funds	\$68,361	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**17.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$9,566	\$9,566	\$9,566
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**17.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$318	\$318	\$318
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**17.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		(\$89)	(\$89)	(\$89)
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**17.100-Institute of Continuing Judicial Education****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide basic training and continuing education for Superior Court Judges, Juvenile Court Judges, State Court Judges, Probate Court Judges, Magistrate Court Judges, Municipal Court Judges, Superior Court Clerks, Juvenile Court Clerks, Municipal Court Clerks, and other court personnel.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$648,018	\$565,452	\$565,452	\$565,452
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$648,018	\$565,452	\$565,452	\$565,452



<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203	\$703,203
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,351,221	\$1,268,655	\$1,268,655	\$1,268,655

**Judicial Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
State General Funds	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942	\$12,290,942
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,807,214	\$14,807,214	\$14,807,214	\$14,807,214

**18.1** *Increase funds to document the institutional technical knowledge of the Court Process Reporting System (CPRS).*

State General Funds	\$104,024	\$104,024	\$104,024	\$104,024
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**18.2** *Reduce funds to reflect the annualized reduction of rent.*

State General Funds	(\$45,758)	(\$45,758)	(\$45,758)	(\$45,758)
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**18.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$97,220	\$97,220	\$97,220
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**18.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$3,264	\$3,264	\$3,264
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**18.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$49,749)	(\$49,749)	(\$49,749)
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**18.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$911)	(\$911)	(\$911)
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**18.7** *Increase funds to provide for Judicial Retirement System payments.*

State General Funds	\$317,083	\$317,083	\$317,083
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**18.8** *Increase funds for WAN billing by GTA.*

State General Funds	\$12,983	\$25,966	\$25,966
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<b>18.100-Judicial Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of the appropriation is to support the Administrative Office of the Courts; to provide administrative support for the councils of the Magistrate Court Judges, the Municipal Court Judges, the Probate Court Judges, the State Court Judges, and the Georgia Council of Court Administrators; to operate the Child Support E-Filing system, the Child Support Guidelines Commission, and the Commission on Interpreters; and to support the Committee on Justice for Children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,349,208	\$12,729,098	\$12,742,081	\$12,742,081
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,349,208	\$12,729,098	\$12,742,081	\$12,742,081
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367	\$1,627,367
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905	\$888,905
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,865,480	\$15,245,370	\$15,258,353	\$15,258,353

**Judicial Qualifications Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149
State General Funds	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149	\$534,149

**19.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$6,566	\$6,566	\$6,566
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**19.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$225	\$225	\$225
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**19.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		(\$63)	(\$63)	(\$63)
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**19.4** *Increase funds for one legal counsel position and operations.*

State General Funds		\$278,989	\$278,989	\$278,989
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<b>19.100-Judicial Qualifications Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate complaints filed against a judicial officer, impose and recommend disciplinary sanctions against any judicial officer, and when necessary, file formal charges against that officer and provide a formal trial or hearing. The purpose of this appropriation is also to produce formal and informal advisory opinions; provide training and guidance to judicial candidates regarding the Code of Judicial Conduct; and investigate allegations of unethical campaign practices.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$819,866	\$819,866	\$819,866
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$534,149	\$819,866	\$819,866	\$819,866
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,149	\$819,866	\$819,866	\$819,866

**Resource Center**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
State General Funds	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

**20.100-Resource Center** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide direct representation to death penalty sentenced inmates and to recruit and assist private attorneys to represent plaintiffs in habeas corpus proceedings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000

*Section 7: Juvenile Courts*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544
State General Funds	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544	\$7,542,544
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030	\$7,610,030

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,335,692	\$8,321,788	\$8,321,788	\$8,242,585
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,335,692	\$8,321,788	\$8,321,788	\$8,242,585
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,403,178	\$8,389,274	\$8,389,274	\$8,310,071

**Council of Juvenile Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
State General Funds	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814	\$1,591,814
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300	\$1,659,300

**21.1** *Increase funds for personnel for one director and two coordinator positions for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). (H:Increase funds for two coordinator positions for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI))(S:Increase funds for one director and one coordinator position for the JDAI)(CC:Increase funds for one coordinator position for the JDAI)*

State General Funds	\$281,024	\$158,406	\$158,406	\$79,203
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**21.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$29,132	\$29,132	\$29,132
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**21.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$995	\$995	\$995
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**21.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		(\$34)	(\$34)	(\$34)
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**21.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$221	\$221	\$221
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<b>21.100-Council of Juvenile Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for the Council of Juvenile Court Judges to represent all the juvenile judges in Georgia. Jurisdiction in cases involving children includes delinquencies, status offenses, and deprivation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,872,838	\$1,780,534	\$1,780,534	\$1,701,331
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,872,838	\$1,780,534	\$1,780,534	\$1,701,331
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486	\$67,486
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,940,324	\$1,848,020	\$1,848,020	\$1,768,817

**Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
State General Funds	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730	\$5,950,730

**22.1** *Increase funds for the Juvenile Court Judges Grant to Counties to reflect a judicial salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$3,512,124	\$795,579	\$795,579	\$795,579
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**22.2** *Reduce funds to reflect a change in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.*

State General Funds		(\$205,055)	(\$205,055)	(\$205,055)
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<b>22.100-Grants to Counties for Juvenile Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for payment of state funds to circuits to pay for juvenile court judges salaries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,462,854	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254	\$6,541,254

**Section 8: Prosecuting Attorneys**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344
State General Funds	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344	\$77,276,344
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$79,297,984	\$79,297,984	\$79,297,984	\$79,297,984

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$82,862,413	\$82,725,867	\$81,183,163	\$80,428,877
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$82,862,413	\$82,725,867	\$81,183,163	\$80,428,877
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$84,884,053	\$84,747,507	\$83,204,803	\$82,450,517

**Council of Superior Court Clerks**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
State General Funds	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580

<b>23.100-Council of Superior Court Clerks</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist superior court clerks throughout the state in the execution of their duties and to promote and assist in the training of superior court clerks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580	\$185,580

**District Attorneys**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
State General Funds	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002	\$70,277,002
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
State Funds Transfers	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
Federal Funds Transfers	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642	\$72,298,642

**24.1** *Increase funds for personnel for recruitment, retention and career advancement for POST certified district attorney investigators.*

State General Funds	\$377,148	\$377,148	\$377,148	\$377,148
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<b>24.2</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel to annualize 10 assistant district attorney positions to support juvenile courts across the state and maintain parity with juvenile public defenders.</i>				
State General Funds		\$242,955	\$242,955	\$242,955	\$242,955
<b>24.3</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for recruitment, retention and career advancement for assistant district attorneys. (S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for assistant district attorneys)</i>				
State General Funds		\$3,165,447	\$3,165,447	\$955,960	\$955,960
<b>24.4</b>	<i>Increase funds to annualize an accountability court supplement for a district attorney in the newly established accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit per HB279 (2015 Session).</i>				
State General Funds		\$9,767	\$9,767	\$9,767	\$9,767
<b>24.5</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for 15 additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts, statewide. (S:Increase funds for eight additional assistant district attorneys to support Juvenile Courts, statewide)</i>				
State General Funds		\$1,497,928	\$0	\$798,894	\$0
<b>24.6</b>	<i>Increase funds to annualize an additional assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Clayton Judicial Circuit per HB804 (2016 Session).</i>				
State General Funds		\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600
<b>24.7</b>	<i>Increase funds for personnel for one additional assistant district attorney to support an accountability court in the Tifton Judicial Circuit.</i>				
State General Funds		\$99,862	\$99,862	\$99,862	\$99,862
<b>24.8</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>				
State General Funds			\$1,124,872	\$992,761	\$1,037,369
<b>24.9</b>	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>				
State General Funds			\$232,355	\$232,355	\$232,355
<b>24.10</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect a change in the employer contribution rate for the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.</i>				
State General Funds			(\$204,079)	(\$204,079)	(\$204,079)



**24.11** *Increase funds for an additional assistant district attorney position for the new judgeship in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date.*

State General Funds	\$49,931	\$49,931	\$49,931
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<b>24.100-District Attorneys</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for the District Attorney to represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court for the judicial circuit and delinquency cases in the juvenile courts per Ga. Const., Art. VI, Sec. VIII. Para I and OCGA 15-18.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$75,718,709	\$75,423,860	\$73,881,156	\$73,126,870
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$75,718,709	\$75,423,860	\$73,881,156	\$73,126,870
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640	\$2,021,640
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513	\$219,513
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>Federal Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127	\$1,802,127
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$77,740,349	\$77,445,500	\$75,902,796	\$75,148,510

**Prosecuting Attorneys' Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
State General Funds	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762	\$6,813,762

**25.1** *Increase funds for personnel for one prosecutor position dedicated to prosecute cases of at-risk adult abuse, neglect and exploitation.*

State General Funds	\$144,362	\$144,362	\$144,362	\$144,362
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**25.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$75,331	\$75,331	\$75,331
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**25.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$51,686	\$51,686	\$51,686
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**25.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$13,198	\$13,198	\$13,198
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**25.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$18,088	\$18,088	\$18,088
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<b>25.100-Prosecuting Attorneys' Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia's District Attorneys and State Court Solicitors.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,958,124	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,958,124	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,958,124	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427	\$7,116,427

**Section 9: Superior Courts**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668
State General Funds	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668	\$71,957,668
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,033,418	\$72,033,418	\$72,033,418	\$72,033,418

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$72,724,295	\$72,722,557	\$72,529,084	\$72,758,445
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$72,724,295	\$72,722,557	\$72,529,084	\$72,758,445
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750	\$75,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$72,800,045	\$72,798,307	\$72,604,834	\$72,834,195

**Council of Superior Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297
State General Funds	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297	\$1,510,297
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,570,297	\$1,570,297	\$1,570,297	\$1,570,297

**26.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$27,896	\$27,896	\$27,896
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**26.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$3,425	\$3,425	\$3,425
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**26.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$1,539	\$1,539	\$1,539
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**26.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$1,913	\$1,913	\$1,913
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**26.5** *Increase funds for WAN billing by GTA.*

State General Funds		\$3,840	\$7,680	\$7,680
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<b>26.100-Council of Superior Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for the operations of the Council of Superior Court Judges and is to further the improvement of the Superior Court in the administration of justice through leadership, training, policy development and budgetary and fiscal administration.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,510,297	\$1,548,910	\$1,552,750	\$1,552,750
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,510,297	\$1,548,910	\$1,552,750	\$1,552,750

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,570,297	\$1,608,910	\$1,612,750	\$1,612,750

**Judicial Administrative Districts**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
State General Funds	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039	\$2,671,039
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789	\$2,686,789

**27.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$45,166	\$45,166	\$45,166
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**27.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$5,545	\$5,545	\$5,545
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**27.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$3,097	\$3,097	\$3,097
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<b>27.100-Judicial Administrative Districts</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regional administrative support to the judges of the superior court. This support includes managing budgets, policy, procedure, and providing a liaison between local and state courts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,724,847	\$2,724,847	\$2,724,847
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,671,039	\$2,724,847	\$2,724,847	\$2,724,847
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$15,750
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,686,789	\$2,740,597	\$2,740,597	\$2,740,597

**Superior Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
State General Funds	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332	\$67,776,332

**28.1** *Increase funds for personnel for ten law clerk positions. (H:Increase funds for four law clerk positions)(S and CC:Increase funds for five law clerk positions including one in the Atlantic Circuit)*

State General Funds	\$672,193	\$268,877	\$336,096	\$336,096
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**28.2** *Increase funds for the creation of one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit. (H and S:Increase funds to provide one additional judgeship in the Northeastern Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date)*

State General Funds	\$387,806	\$193,903	\$193,903	\$193,903
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**28.3** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of the new judgeship in the Clayton Circuit created by HB804 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$185,253	\$185,253	\$185,253	\$185,253
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**28.4** *Increase funds to provide an accountability court supplement to Superior Court Judges in the Dublin, Tifton, and South Georgia circuits.*

State General Funds	\$63,115	\$63,115	\$63,115	\$63,115
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**28.5** *Increase funds for Senior Judge assistance for accountability court judges due to the growth in the number of accountability courts.*

State General Funds	\$417,439	\$417,439	\$152,907	\$382,268
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**28.6** *Eliminate funds for the initial equipment set-up of the Western Circuit judgeship created in HB279 (2015 Session).*

State General Funds	(\$30,250)	(\$30,250)	(\$30,250)	(\$30,250)
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**28.7** *Reduce funds to reflect the adjustment in the employer share in the Judicial Retirement System from 10.48% to 7.17%.*

State General Funds	(\$928,929)	(\$928,929)	(\$928,929)	(\$928,929)
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**28.8** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$395,344	\$395,344	\$395,344
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**28.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38,923	\$38,923	\$38,923
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**28.10** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$49,345	\$49,345	\$49,345
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**28.11** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$19,448	\$19,448	\$19,448
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<b>28.100-Superior Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to enable Georgia's Superior Courts to be the general jurisdiction trial court and exercise exclusive, constitutional authority over felony cases, divorce, equity and cases regarding title to land, provided that law clerks over the fifty provided by law are to be allocated back to the circuits by caseload ranks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800	\$68,251,487	\$68,480,848
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800	\$68,251,487	\$68,480,848
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,542,959	\$68,448,800	\$68,251,487	\$68,480,848

**Section 10: Supreme Court**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211	\$13,106,211
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211	\$13,106,211
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,911,930	\$14,843,660	\$14,966,034	\$14,966,034

**Supreme Court of Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
State General Funds	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660	\$12,002,660
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483	\$13,862,483

**29.1** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one information technology position. (H and S:Increase funds for one information technology position)*

State General Funds	\$118,310	\$118,310	\$118,310	\$118,310
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**29.2** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one procurement and facilities coordinator position.*

State General Funds	\$75,428	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**29.3** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the cost of one senior accountant position. (S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for one senior accountant position)*

State General Funds	\$122,374	\$0	\$122,374	\$122,374
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**29.4** *Increase funds to annualize the implementation of HB927, the "Appellate Jurisdiction Reform Act of 2016" (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$1,735,520	\$667,292	\$667,292	\$667,292
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**29.5** *Increase funds for a salary adjustment of the Georgia State Patrol trooper assigned to the Supreme Court.*

State General Funds	\$8,784	\$8,784	\$8,784	\$8,784
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**29.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for increased security costs in FY2017.*

State General Funds	(\$10,969)	(\$10,969)	(\$10,969)	(\$10,969)
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**29.7** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$152,121	\$152,121	\$152,121
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**29.8** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds		\$6,455	\$6,455	\$6,455
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**29.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds		\$2,926	\$2,926	\$2,926
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**29.10** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds		\$3,590	\$3,590	\$3,590
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**29.11** *Increase funds for step increase to L4. (S:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for L3 staff attorneys)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment)*

State General Funds		\$60,668	\$60,668	\$60,668
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**29.12** *Reduce funds to reflect actual mileage expenses.*

State General Funds		(\$28,000)	(\$28,000)	(\$28,000)
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**29.100-Supreme Court of Georgia****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Supreme Court of Georgia which exercises exclusive appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving: the construction of a treaty, the Constitution of the State of Georgia or of the United States, the constitutionality of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision that has been drawn in question, and all cases of election contest per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. II. The purpose of this appropriation is also to support the Supreme Court of Georgia in its exercise of jurisdiction in cases per Ga. Const. Art. VI, Section VI, Para. III and its administration of the Bar Exam and oversight of the Office of Reporter of Decisions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211	\$13,106,211
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,052,107	\$12,983,837	\$13,106,211	\$13,106,211
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<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823	\$1,859,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,911,930	\$14,843,660	\$14,966,034	\$14,966,034

*Section 11: Accounting Office, State*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718
State General Funds	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718	\$7,722,718
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
State Funds Transfers	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291	\$30,014,291

**Section Total - Final**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,843,381
State General Funds	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,841,956	\$7,843,381
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
State Funds Transfers	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573	\$22,291,573
Accounting System Assessments	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637	\$21,473,637
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,133,529	\$30,133,529	\$30,133,529	\$30,134,954

**Administration (SAO)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124
State General Funds	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124	\$334,124
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
State Funds Transfers	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
Accounting System Assessments	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202	\$1,603,202

**30.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$3,223	\$3,223	\$3,223	\$3,223
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**30.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119
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**30.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
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**30.4** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$1,218
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<b>30.100-Administration (SAO)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$337,471	\$337,471	\$337,471	\$338,689
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$337,471	\$337,471	\$337,471	\$338,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078	\$1,269,078
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,606,549	\$1,606,549	\$1,606,549	\$1,607,767

**Financial Systems**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
State General Funds	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
State Funds Transfers	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
Accounting System Assessments	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126

**31.100-Financial Systems** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate, support, monitor, and improve the State's enterprise financial accounting, payroll, and human capital management systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$164,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126	\$19,208,126
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126	\$19,372,126

**Shared Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143
State General Funds	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143	\$836,143
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
State Funds Transfers	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
Accounting System Assessments	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,539,500	\$2,539,500	\$2,539,500	\$2,539,500

**32.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$15,606	\$15,606	\$15,606	\$15,606
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**32.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$575	\$575	\$575	\$575
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**32.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,366	\$1,366	\$1,366	\$1,366
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**32.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22
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**32.100-Shared Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support client agencies in processing payroll and other financial transactions and to implement and support the Statewide Travel Consolidation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$853,712	\$853,712	\$853,712	\$853,712
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$853,712	\$853,712	\$853,712	\$853,712
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357	\$1,703,357
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421	\$885,421
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936	\$817,936
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,557,069	\$2,557,069	\$2,557,069	\$2,557,069

**Statewide Accounting and Reporting****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542
State General Funds	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542	\$2,556,542
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
State Funds Transfers	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
Accounting System Assessments	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554	\$2,667,554

**33.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$41,023	\$41,023	\$41,023	\$41,023
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**33.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,510	\$1,510	\$1,510	\$1,510
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**33.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58
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**33.100-Statewide Accounting and Reporting** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide financial reporting, accounting policy, business process improvement, and compliance with state and federal fiscal reporting requirements.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133	\$2,599,133
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>Accounting System Assessments</b>	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012	\$111,012
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,710,145	\$2,710,145	\$2,710,145	\$2,710,145

**Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission,  
Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537
State General Funds	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537	\$3,032,537

**34.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,284	\$29,284	\$29,284	\$29,284
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**34.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,078	\$1,078	\$1,078	\$1,078
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**34.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$17,543	\$17,543	\$17,543	\$17,543
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**34.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$320)	(\$320)	(\$320)	(\$320)
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**34.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds \$207

<b>34.100-Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the integrity of the democratic process and ensure compliance by candidates, public officials, non-candidate campaign committees, lobbyists and vendors with Georgia's Campaign and Financial Disclosure requirements.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,329
State General Funds	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,329
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,122	\$3,080,329

**Georgia State Board of Accountancy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372
State General Funds	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372	\$799,372

**35.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds \$8,094

**35.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds \$298

**35.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds (\$246)

**35.100-Georgia State Board of Accountancy** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public financial, fiscal, and economic interests by licensing certified public accountants and public accountancy firms; regulating public accountancy practices; and investigating complaints and taking appropriate legal and disciplinary actions when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518	\$807,518

*Section 12: Administrative Services, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913
State General Funds	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913	\$4,544,913
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
Sales and Services	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450
State Funds Transfers	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450	\$175,507,450
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841	\$28,713,841
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Merit System Assessments	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373	\$12,894,373
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$206,499,089	\$206,499,089	\$206,499,089	\$206,499,089

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460	\$3,732,118
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460	\$3,731,460	\$3,732,118

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726	\$26,446,726	\$29,270,478
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$2,924,299
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$2,924,299
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538	\$17,757,538
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754	\$4,579,754
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526	\$174,862,526
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$24,003,641	\$24,003,641	\$24,003,641	\$24,003,641
<b>Liability Funds</b>	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
<b>Merit System Assessments</b>	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649	\$12,959,649
<b>Unemployment Compensation Funds</b>	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
<b>Workers Compensation Funds</b>	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$205,040,712	\$205,040,712	\$205,040,712	\$207,865,122

**Departmental Administration (DOAS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
Sales and Services	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
State Funds Transfers	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168



Merit System Assessments	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>

<b>36.100-Departmental Administration (DOAS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934	\$3,394,934
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547	\$100,547
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440	\$2,460,440
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947	\$833,947
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585	\$2,519,585
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168	\$1,372,168
<b>Merit System Assessments</b>	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417	\$1,147,417
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>	<b>\$5,914,519</b>

**Fleet Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>	<b>\$1,350,240</b>

**37.100-Fleet Management****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and manage a fuel card program for state and local governments, to implement the Motor Vehicle Contract Maintenance Program to provide repairs, roadside assistance, and maintenance for state and local government fleets, and to establish a motor pool for traveling state employees.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240	\$1,350,240

**Human Resources Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
State Funds Transfers	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
Merit System Assessments	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956	\$11,746,956

**38.1** *Increase funds to recognize additional revenue from merit system assessments.*

Merit System Assessments	\$65,276	\$65,276	\$65,276	\$65,276
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**38.100-Human Resources Administration****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide centralized services for statewide human resources in support of state agencies, the State Personnel Board, and employees; develop human resource policies, create job descriptions and classification, develop fair and consistent compensation practices, and administer the employee benefits program.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232
<b>Merit System Assessments</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232	\$11,812,232

**Risk Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
State General Funds	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
State Funds Transfers	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104	\$159,940,104
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868	\$26,040,868
Liability Funds	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
Unemployment Compensation Funds	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
Workers Compensation Funds	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580	\$91,841,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104	\$160,370,104

**39.1** *Increase funds for billings for workers' compensation premiums to reflect claims expenses.*

Workers Compensation Funds	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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**39.2** *Reduce funds for billings for property liability.*

State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)	(\$4,710,200)
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**39.3** *Increase billings for cyber insurance premiums to reflect the purchase of a new policy.*

Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized				\$2,823,752
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**39.100-Risk Management**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer a liability insurance program to protect state government and employees from work-related claims, to provide indemnification funds for public officers and public school personnel in case of disability or death, to identify and control risks and hazards to minimize loss, to insure state-owned buildings and property against damage or destruction, to partner with the Department of Labor in administering unemployment claims, and to administer the Workers' Compensation Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>				\$2,823,752
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>				\$2,823,752
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>				\$2,823,752
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904	\$159,229,904
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$21,330,668	\$21,330,668	\$21,330,668	\$21,330,668
<b>Liability Funds</b>	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915	\$33,976,915
<b>Unemployment Compensation Funds</b>	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741	\$8,080,741
<b>Workers Compensation Funds</b>	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580	\$95,841,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$159,659,904	\$159,659,904	\$159,659,904	\$162,483,656

**State Purchasing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above \$100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify Small and/or Minority Business Vendors.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

**40.100-State Purchasing**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to publicize government contract opportunities on the Georgia Procurement Registry; to maintain a comprehensive listing of all agency contracts; to manage bids, Requests For Proposals, and Requests For Quotes; to provide and oversee Purchasing Cards; to conduct reverse auctions for non-construction goods and services valued above \$100,000; to leverage the state's purchasing power in obtaining contracts; to train vendors seeking contract opportunities; and to certify Small and/or Minority Business Vendors.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858	\$13,801,858

**Surplus Property**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
Sales and Services	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807

**41.100-Surplus Property**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce cost through maximization of the useful life of state-owned equipment and redistribution of property to state and local governments, qualifying non-profits, and to the public through auction.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807	\$2,282,807

**Certificate of Need Appeal Panel**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
State General Funds	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506

**42.100-Certificate of Need Appeal Panel****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to review decisions made by the Department of Community Health on Certificate of Need applications.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506	\$39,506

**Administrative Hearings, Office of State****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088
State General Funds	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088	\$3,085,088
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
State Funds Transfers	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,385,893	\$4,385,893	\$4,385,893	\$4,385,893

**43.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$54,172	\$54,172	\$54,172	\$54,172
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**43.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,995	\$1,995	\$1,995	\$1,995
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**43.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$13,427)	(\$13,427)	(\$13,427)	(\$13,427)
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**43.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$906	\$906	\$906	\$906
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**43.5** *Increase funds for operations for the Georgia Tax Tribunal to cover expenses for the tax judge.*

State General Funds	\$133,220	\$133,220	\$133,220	\$133,220
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**43.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds \$658

**43.100-Administrative Hearings, Office of State** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide an independent forum for the impartial and timely resolution of disputes between the public and state agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954	\$3,262,612
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954	\$3,261,954	\$3,262,612
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805	\$1,300,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,562,759	\$4,562,759	\$4,562,759	\$4,563,417

**State Treasurer, Office of the**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887
Interest and Investment Income	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Sales and Services	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887

**44.100-State Treasurer, Office of the** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set cash management policies for state agencies; assist agencies with bank services and accounts; monitor agency deposits and disbursement patterns; to invest funds for state and local entities; to track warrants, fund agency allotments, and pay state debt service; and to manage state revenue collections; and to manage the Path2College 529 Plan.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887	\$4,008,887
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887	\$5,616,887

**Payments to Georgia Aviation Authority****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide oversight and efficient operation of state aircraft and aviation operations to ensure the safety of state air travelers and aviation property.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
State General Funds	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319	\$990,319

**45.1** *Eliminate state funds and utilize other funds for operations.*

State General Funds	(\$990,319)	(\$990,319)	(\$990,319)	(\$990,319)
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**The Department is authorized to assess state agencies the equivalent of .205% of salaries for the cost of departmental operations and may roll forward any unexpended prior years Merit System Assessment balance to be expended in the current fiscal year.**

**Section 13: Agriculture, Department of****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239
State General Funds	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239	\$47,831,239
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000



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Intergovernmental Transfers	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Sales and Services	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>	<b>\$52,699,898</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$47,811,219	\$48,100,933	\$48,105,088	\$48,172,806
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$47,811,219	\$48,100,933	\$48,105,088	\$48,172,806
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428	\$3,225,428
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231	\$1,643,231
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171	\$636,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$52,679,878</b>	<b>\$52,969,592</b>	<b>\$52,973,747</b>	<b>\$53,041,465</b>

**Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
State General Funds	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>	<b>\$3,286,331</b>

**46.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$50,687	\$50,687	\$50,687	\$50,687
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**46.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$39,234	\$39,234	\$39,234	\$39,234
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**46.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance for Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	\$17,236	\$17,236	\$17,236	\$17,236
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**46.4** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Department of Agriculture Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$71,200	\$71,200	\$71,200	\$71,200
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<b>46.100-Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide payment to the Board of Regents for diagnostic laboratory testing, for veterinary consultation and assistance, for disease surveillance, and for outreach to veterinarians, animal industries, and pet owners within the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688	\$3,464,688

**Consumer Protection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries (including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177
State General Funds	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177	\$27,108,177
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
Sales and Services	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>	<b>\$30,304,460</b>

**47.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$426,402	\$426,402	\$426,402	\$426,402
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**47.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$15,704	\$15,704	\$15,704	\$15,704
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**47.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$39,236)	(\$39,236)	(\$39,236)	(\$39,236)
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**47.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,008)	(\$5,008)	(\$5,008)	(\$5,008)
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**47.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for dog and cat sterilization program supplements.*

State General Funds	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
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**47.6** *Utilize \$219,598 in existing funds from rental savings and increase funds for personnel for 11 food safety, plant and animal industry positions. (S:Utilize \$110,618 in existing funds from rental savings and increase funds for personnel for 11 food safety, plant and animal industry positions and reflect staggered start dates)(CC:Utilize \$55,055 in existing funds from rental savings and increase funds for personnel for 11 food safety, plant and animal industry positions and reflect staggered start dates)*

State General Funds		\$378,051	\$337,619	\$393,182
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**47.100-Consumer Protection**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for public health and safety by monitoring, inspecting and regulating the cultivation, processing, and production of livestock, meat, poultry, and other food products; by inspecting establishments that sell food for offsite consumption, food warehouses, wholesale and mobile meat and seafood vendors, dairy farms, and food banks; by certifying organic products, shellfish, and bottled water; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the companion animal, bird, and equine industries*

*(including reports of abuse by private owners); by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the plant and apiary industries including performing phytosanitary inspections; by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating the pesticide and wood treatment industries; and by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating animal feed, pet food, and grains. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure accurate commercial transactions by monitoring, inspecting, and regulating weights and measures and fuel sales.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,431,039	\$27,809,090	\$27,768,658	\$27,824,221
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,431,039	\$27,809,090	\$27,768,658	\$27,824,221
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283	\$2,866,283
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,627,322	\$31,005,373	\$30,964,941	\$31,020,504

**Departmental Administration (DOA)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097
State General Funds	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097	\$4,821,097

**48.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$77,175	\$77,175	\$77,175	\$77,175
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**48.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,842	\$2,842	\$2,842	\$2,842
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**48.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$7,101)	(\$7,101)	(\$7,101)	(\$7,101)
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**48.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$906)	(\$906)	(\$906)	(\$906)
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**48.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$11,279
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<b>48.100-Departmental Administration (DOA)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,904,386
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,904,386
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,893,107	\$4,904,386

**Marketing and Promotion**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535
State General Funds	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535	\$5,989,535
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706	\$6,400,706

**49.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$57,564	\$57,564	\$57,564	\$57,564
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**49.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,120	\$2,120	\$2,120	\$2,120
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**49.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$5,297)	(\$5,297)	(\$5,297)	(\$5,297)
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**49.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$676)	(\$676)	(\$676)	(\$676)
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**49.100-Marketing and Promotion****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage the state's farmers markets, to promote Georgia's agricultural products domestically and internationally, to administer relevant certification marks, to provide poultry and livestock commodity data, to administer surety bonds, to provide information to the public, and to publish the Market Bulletin.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246	\$6,043,246
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171	\$411,171
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,454,417	\$6,454,417	\$6,454,417	\$6,454,417

**Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399

**50.100-Poultry Veterinary Diagnostic Labs****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for operation of the Poultry Diagnostic Veterinary Labs, which conduct disease diagnoses and monitoring.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399	\$2,911,399

**Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667	\$996,667

**51.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$6,874	\$6,874	\$6,874	\$6,874
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**51.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$253	\$253	\$253	\$253
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**51.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,610)	(\$2,610)	(\$2,610)	(\$2,610)
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**51.4** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$162
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<b>51.100-Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to reduce the rates charged by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority for youth and livestock events.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,346
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,346
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,184	\$1,001,346

**State Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; conserve ground and surface water in Georgia by increasing the uniformity and efficiency of agricultural water irrigation systems, by installing meters on sites with permits for agricultural use to obtain data on agricultural water usage, and by administering the use of federal funds to construct and renovate agricultural water catchments; inspect, maintain and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures so that they comply with the state Safe Dams Act; and to provide funds for planning and research on water management, erosion and sedimentation control.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033
State General Funds	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033	\$2,718,033
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>	<b>\$3,979,238</b>

**52.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$36,914	\$36,914	\$36,914	\$36,914
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**52.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,360	\$1,360	\$1,360	\$1,360
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**52.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$617)	(\$617)	(\$617)	(\$617)
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**52.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$911)	(\$911)	(\$911)	(\$911)
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**52.5** *Eliminate funds for personnel for three administrative assistant positions.*

State General Funds	(\$135,204)	(\$135,204)	(\$135,204)	(\$135,204)
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**52.6** *Transfer funds and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program in the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program. (H and S:Transfer funds for personnel (\$553,019) and operations (\$43,750) and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program attached to the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program for a new subprogram)*

State General Funds	(\$553,019)	(\$596,769)	(\$596,769)	(\$596,769)
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**52.7** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for motor vehicle purchases.*

State General Funds		(\$44,587)	\$0	\$0
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**52.8** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$714
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**52.100-State Soil and Water Conservation Commission** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect, conserve, and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia; conserve ground and surface water in Georgia by increasing the uniformity and efficiency of agricultural water irrigation systems, by installing meters on sites with permits for agricultural use to obtain data on agricultural water usage, and by administering the use of federal funds to construct and renovate agricultural water catchments; inspect, maintain and provide assistance to owners of USDA flood control structures so that they comply with the state Safe Dams Act; and to provide funds for planning and research on water management, erosion and sedimentation control.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,066,556	\$1,978,219	\$2,022,806	\$2,023,520
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,066,556	\$1,978,219	\$2,022,806	\$2,023,520
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145	\$359,145
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060	\$902,060
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,327,761	\$3,239,424	\$3,284,011	\$3,284,725

**Section 14: Banking and Finance, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264
State General Funds	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264	\$12,698,264

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,294,660
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,294,660
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,290,976	\$13,294,660

**Departmental Administration (DBF)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075
State General Funds	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075	\$2,624,075

**53.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$38,807	\$38,807	\$38,807	\$38,807
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**53.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,429	\$1,429	\$1,429	\$1,429
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**53.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$233	\$233	\$233	\$233
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**53.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$297	\$297	\$297	\$297
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**53.5** *Increase funds for operations associated with the new information technology system.*

State General Funds	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
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**53.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$3,684
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<b>53.100-Departmental Administration (DBF)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all department programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,833,525
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,833,525
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,829,841	\$2,833,525

**Financial Institution Supervision**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577
State General Funds	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577	\$8,004,577

**54.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$121,489	\$121,489	\$121,489	\$121,489
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**54.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,474	\$4,474	\$4,474	\$4,474
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**54.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$729	\$729	\$729	\$729
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**54.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$931	\$931	\$931	\$931
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<b>54.100-Financial Institution Supervision</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to examine and regulate depository financial institutions, state-chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, bank holding companies, and international banking organizations; to track performance of financial service providers operating in Georgia, to monitor industry trends, respond to negative trends, and establish operating guidelines; and to collaborate with law enforcement, federal regulators, and other regulatory agencies on examination findings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200	\$8,132,200

**Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent residential mortgage lending practices and money service businesses, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registrations, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612
State General Funds	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612	\$2,069,612

**55.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$31,627	\$31,627	\$31,627	\$31,627
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**55.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,165	\$1,165	\$1,165	\$1,165
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**55.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189
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**55.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$242	\$242	\$242	\$242
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**55.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one licensing technician (\$56,525) and three assistant financial examiners (\$169,575).*

State General Funds	\$226,100	\$226,100	\$226,100	\$226,100
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<b>55.100-Non-Depository Financial Institution Supervision</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, or fraudulent residential mortgage lending practices and money service businesses, protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and enforcing applicable laws and regulations, and provide efficient and flexible application, registrations, and notification procedures for non-depository financial institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935	\$2,328,935

**Section 15: Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308	\$1,032,094,308
State General Funds	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170	\$1,021,839,170
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720

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TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
Royalties and Rents	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Sales and Services	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,204,952,314	\$1,204,952,314	\$1,204,952,314	\$1,204,952,314

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,096,774,861	\$1,095,673,881	\$1,095,933,881	\$1,096,247,908
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,086,519,723	\$1,085,418,743	\$1,085,678,743	\$1,085,992,770
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334	\$144,666,334
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397	\$5,081,397
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709	\$14,163,709
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291	\$25,361,291
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075	\$47,482,075
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142	\$40,481,142
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962	\$25,771,962
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036	\$257,036
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024

<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902	\$24,646,902
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,269,632,867	\$1,268,531,887	\$1,268,791,887	\$1,269,105,914

**Adult Addictive Diseases Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763
State General Funds	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763	\$46,239,763
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,928,897	\$90,928,897	\$90,928,897	\$90,928,897

**56.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,960	\$7,960	\$7,960	\$7,960
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**56.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
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**56.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$488)	(\$488)	(\$488)	(\$488)
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**56.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$193)	(\$193)	(\$193)	(\$193)
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**56.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Highland Rivers Health CSB Home Again pilot program.*

State General Funds		(\$715,980)	(\$715,980)	(\$715,980)
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<b>56.100-Adult Addictive Diseases Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a continuum of programs, services and supports for adults who abuse alcohol and other drugs, have a chemical dependency and who need assistance for compulsive gambling.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$46,247,342	\$45,531,362	\$45,531,362	\$45,531,362
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$46,247,342	\$45,531,362	\$45,531,362	\$45,531,362
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231	\$44,254,231
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511	\$29,607,511
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720	\$12,096,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903	\$434,903
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903	\$234,903
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,936,476	\$90,220,496	\$90,220,496	\$90,220,496

**Adult Developmental Disabilities Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970	\$299,377,970
State General Funds	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832	\$289,122,832

Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
Sales and Services	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$355,318,723	\$355,318,723	\$355,318,723	\$355,318,723

**57.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,456,124	\$4,456,124	\$4,456,124	\$4,456,124
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**57.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$30,684	\$30,684	\$30,684	\$30,684
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**57.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$87,184	\$87,184	\$87,184	\$87,184
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**57.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$7,572	\$7,572	\$7,572	\$7,572
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**57.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$38,437	\$38,437	\$38,437	\$38,437
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**57.6** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance for Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	\$14,661	\$14,661	\$14,661	\$14,661
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**57.7** *Increase funds to annualize the cost of 250 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$12,108,226	\$12,108,226	\$12,108,226	\$12,108,226
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**57.8** *Increase funds to annualize the cost of a provider rate increase for the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP).*

State General Funds	\$11,762,894	\$11,762,894	\$11,762,894	\$11,762,894
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**57.9** Increase state funds to reflect the loss of Balancing Incentive Payment Program (BIPP) funds.

State General Funds	\$8,461,332	\$8,461,332	\$8,461,332	\$8,461,332
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**57.10** Increase funds for 250 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.

State General Funds	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113	\$6,054,113
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**57.11** Increase funds to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) slots.

State General Funds	\$1,096,912	\$1,096,912	\$1,096,912	\$1,096,912
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**57.12** Reduce funds to reflect an increase in Federal Medical Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.

State General Funds	(\$3,169,480)	(\$3,169,480)	(\$3,169,480)	(\$3,169,480)
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**57.13** Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Rockdale Cares.

State General Funds		(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0
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**57.14** Increase funds for the Georgia Options program to comply with new 'Fair Labor Standards Act' requirements. (CC:Increase funds for the Georgia Options program)

State General Funds		\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
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**57.15** The department shall develop and report to the Georgia General Assembly on a multi-year plan to reduce and eliminate the waiting list for NOW and COMP waivers with yearly outcome measures by December 31, 2017. (CC:YES)

State General Funds				\$0
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<b>57.100-Adult Developmental Disabilities Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote independence of adults with significant development disabilities through institutional care, community support and respite, job readiness, training, and a crisis and access line.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$340,326,629	\$340,416,629	\$340,326,629	\$340,426,629
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$330,071,491	\$330,161,491	\$330,071,491	\$330,171,491
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<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138	\$10,255,138
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<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753	\$42,980,753
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<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582	\$12,336,582
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<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171	\$30,644,171
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<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
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<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
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<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000	\$12,960,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$396,267,382	\$396,357,382	\$396,267,382	\$396,367,382

**Adult Forensic Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649
State General Funds	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649	\$97,337,649
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
Sales and Services	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149	\$97,364,149

**58.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,353,058	\$1,353,058	\$1,353,058	\$1,353,058
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**58.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$50,916	\$50,916	\$50,916	\$50,916
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**58.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$82,982)	(\$82,982)	(\$82,982)	(\$82,982)
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**58.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$32,786)	(\$32,786)	(\$32,786)	(\$32,786)
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**58.100-Adult Forensic Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide psychological evaluations of defendants, mental health screening and evaluations, inpatient mental health treatment, competency remediation, forensic evaluation services, and supportive housing for forensic consumers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855	\$98,625,855

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$26,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$98,652,355	\$98,652,355	\$98,652,355	\$98,652,355

**Adult Mental Health Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047
State General Funds	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047	\$365,254,047
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
Sales and Services	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$378,203,095	\$378,203,095	\$378,203,095	\$378,203,095

**59.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,277,792	\$5,277,792	\$5,277,792	\$5,277,792
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**59.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38,199	\$38,199	\$38,199	\$38,199
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**59.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$20,629)	(\$20,629)	(\$20,629)	(\$20,629)
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**59.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$46,941	\$46,941	\$46,941	\$46,941
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**59.5** *Increase funds for mental health consumers in community settings to comply with the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.*

State General Funds	\$7,756,876	\$7,756,876	\$7,756,876	\$7,756,876
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**59.6** *Increase funds for one Behavioral Health Crisis Center.*

State General Funds	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
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**59.7** *Increase funds to reflect the loss of Balancing Incentive Payment Program (BIPP) funds.*

State General Funds	\$2,270,503	\$2,270,503	\$2,270,503	\$2,270,503
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**59.8** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$830,520)	(\$830,520)	(\$830,520)	(\$830,520)
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**59.100-Adult Mental Health Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to facilitate rehabilitation and recovery for adults with mental illnesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209	\$385,793,209
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953	\$11,858,953
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355	\$3,062,355
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178	\$6,726,178
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420	\$2,070,420
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095	\$1,090,095
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$398,742,257	\$398,742,257	\$398,742,257	\$398,742,257

**Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
State General Funds	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>

**60.100-Child and Adolescent Addictive Diseases Services** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services to children and adolescents for the safe withdrawal from abused substances and promote a transition to productive living.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854	\$3,307,854
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149	\$7,928,149
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149	\$7,878,149
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>	<b>\$11,236,003</b>

**Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665
State General Funds	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665	\$8,983,665
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,572,357</b>	<b>\$12,572,357</b>	<b>\$12,572,357</b>	<b>\$12,572,357</b>

**61.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,539	\$29,539	\$29,539	\$29,539
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**61.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,112	\$1,112	\$1,112	\$1,112
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**61.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,812)	(\$1,812)	(\$1,812)	(\$1,812)
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**61.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$716)	(\$716)	(\$716)	(\$716)
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**61.100-Child and Adolescent Developmental Disabilities** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, residential, support, and education services to promote independence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788	\$9,011,788
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692	\$3,588,692
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,600,480	\$12,600,480	\$12,600,480	\$12,600,480

**Child and Adolescent Forensic Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393
State General Funds	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393	\$6,472,393

**62.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,110	\$40,110	\$40,110	\$40,110
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**62.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,509	\$1,509	\$1,509	\$1,509
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**62.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,460)	(\$2,460)	(\$2,460)	(\$2,460)
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**62.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$972)	(\$972)	(\$972)	(\$972)
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**62.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for instrument development associated with juvenile code rewrite.*

State General Funds	(\$300,000)	\$0	\$0
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<b>62.100-Child and Adolescent Forensic Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment and residential services to children and adolescents clients referred by Georgia's criminal justice or corrections system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,510,580	\$6,210,580	\$6,510,580	\$6,510,580
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,510,580	\$6,210,580	\$6,510,580	\$6,510,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,510,580	\$6,210,580	\$6,510,580	\$6,510,580

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665
State General Funds	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665	\$50,274,665
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sales and Services	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180	\$60,684,180

**63.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$25,122	\$25,122	\$25,122	\$25,122
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**63.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$945	\$945	\$945	\$945
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**63.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,541)	(\$1,541)	(\$1,541)	(\$1,541)
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**63.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$609)	(\$609)	(\$609)	(\$609)
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**63.100-Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide evaluation, treatment, crisis stabilization, and residential services to children and adolescents with mental illness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582	\$50,298,582
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515	\$10,324,515
<b>Community Mental Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.958</b>	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531	\$7,437,531
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984	\$2,886,984
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,708,097	\$60,708,097	\$60,708,097	\$60,708,097

**Departmental Administration (DBHDD)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770
State General Funds	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770	\$37,906,770
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487	\$49,644,487

**64.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$511,969	\$511,969	\$511,969	\$511,969
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**64.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$19,249	\$19,249	\$19,249	\$19,249
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**64.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$30,164)	(\$30,164)	(\$30,164)	(\$30,164)
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**64.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,918)	(\$11,918)	(\$11,918)	(\$11,918)
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**64.5** *Increase funds to adjust Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) to a \$57.50 hourly rate.*

State General Funds				\$49,500
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**64.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$214,527
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<b>64.100-Departmental Administration (DBHDD)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906	\$38,659,933
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906	\$38,395,906	\$38,659,933
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584	\$11,715,584
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613	\$4,378,613
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971	\$7,336,971
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133	\$22,133
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,133,623	\$50,133,623	\$50,133,623	\$50,397,650

**Direct Care Support Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145
State General Funds	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145	\$115,672,145

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331
Royalties and Rents	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
Sales and Services	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Funds Transfers	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186	\$129,245,186

**65.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,370,557	\$1,370,557	\$1,370,557	\$1,370,557
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**65.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$51,575	\$51,575	\$51,575	\$51,575
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**65.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$84,056)	(\$84,056)	(\$84,056)	(\$84,056)
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**65.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$33,210)	(\$33,210)	(\$33,210)	(\$33,210)
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**65.100-Direct Care Support Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to operate five state-owned and operated hospitals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011	\$116,977,011
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331	\$11,153,331
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024	\$668,024
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307	\$10,485,307
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710

<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710	\$2,419,710
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130	\$2,357,130
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580	\$62,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$130,550,052	\$130,550,052	\$130,550,052	\$130,550,052

**Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
State General Funds	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894

**66.100-Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the health and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through preventing the use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479	\$236,479
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415	\$9,996,415
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894	\$10,232,894

**Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
State General Funds	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821	\$250,821
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863	\$2,269,863

**67.1** *Transfer funds (\$175,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and utilize (\$25,000) of existing funds to maintain the council's active participation in the IPSE partnership. (CC:Transfer funds (\$175,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and recognize Memorandum of Understanding with GVRA to maintain council's active participation in the IPSE partnership)*

State General Funds	(\$175,000)	(\$125,000)	(\$175,000)
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<b>67.100-Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Council on</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote quality services and support for people with developmental disabilities and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$250,821	\$75,821	\$125,821	\$75,821
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$250,821	\$75,821	\$125,821	\$75,821
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042	\$2,019,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,269,863	\$2,094,863	\$2,144,863	\$2,094,863

**Sexual Offender Review Board**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087
State General Funds	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087	\$780,087

**68.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,835	\$11,835	\$11,835	\$11,835
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**68.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$436	\$436	\$436	\$436
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**68.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$447	\$447	\$447	\$447
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<b>68.100-Sexual Offender Review Board</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect Georgia's children by identifying convicted sexual offenders that present the greatest risk of sexually reoffending.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805	\$792,805

*Section 16: Community Affairs, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539
State General Funds	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539	\$72,531,539
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250
Reserved Fund Balances	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
Sales and Services	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
State Funds Transfers	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723	\$273,457,723

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$72,638,341	\$72,198,361	\$72,243,341	\$72,720,610
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$72,638,341	\$72,198,361	\$72,243,341	\$72,720,610
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001

<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001	\$183,720,001
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250	\$17,147,250
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020	\$515,020
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386	\$15,108,386
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844	\$1,523,844
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933	\$58,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$273,564,525	\$273,124,545	\$273,169,525	\$273,646,794

**Building Construction****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362
State General Funds	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362	\$253,362
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
Sales and Services	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$451,185	\$451,185	\$451,185	\$451,185

**69.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,108	\$5,108	\$5,108	\$5,108
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**69.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188
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**69.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$44	\$44	\$44	\$44
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**69.100-Building Construction**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain up-to-date minimum building construction standards for all new structures built in the state; to inspect factory built (modular) buildings to ensure Georgia's minimum construction codes are met; to review proposed enhancements to local government construction codes; and to provide professional training to building inspectors and builders on Georgia's construction codes.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$258,702	\$258,702	\$258,702	\$258,702
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$258,702	\$258,702	\$258,702	\$258,702
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823	\$197,823
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$456,525	\$456,525	\$456,525	\$456,525

**Coordinated Planning**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378
State General Funds	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378	\$4,002,378
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881	\$4,244,881

**70.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$21,431	\$21,431	\$21,431	\$21,431
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**70.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$789	\$789	\$789	\$789
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**70.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$182	\$182	\$182	\$182
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**70.4** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia grants for coastal infrastructure.*

State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0
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**70.100-Coordinated Planning****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that county and city governments meet the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 by establishing standards and procedures for comprehensive plans and reviewing plans submitted by local governments; to provide training and assistance to local governments in completing comprehensive plans for quality growth by offering mapping and Geographical Information System (GIS) services, online planning tools, and resource teams, and funding the regional planning efforts of Regional Commissions; and to provide annexation reports from Georgia cities to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,924,780	\$3,974,780	\$4,024,780	\$4,024,780
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,924,780	\$3,974,780	\$4,024,780	\$4,024,780
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503	\$242,503
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,167,283	\$4,217,283	\$4,267,283	\$4,267,283

**Departmental Administration (DCA)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036
State General Funds	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036	\$911,036
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852
Reserved Fund Balances	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
Sales and Services	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877	\$7,505,877



<b>71.1</b>	<i>Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.</i>			
State General Funds	\$2,384	\$2,384	\$2,384	\$2,384
<b>71.2</b>	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.</i>			
State General Funds	\$88	\$88	\$88	\$88
<b>71.3</b>	<i>Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.</i>			
State General Funds	(\$573)	(\$573)	(\$573)	(\$573)
<b>71.4</b>	<i>Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.</i>			
State General Funds	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
<b>71.5</b>	<i>Increase funds for operations to offset a reduction of federal and other funds.</i>			
State General Funds	\$270,831	\$270,831	\$270,831	\$270,831
<b>71.6</b>	<i>Transfer funds from the Special Housing Initiatives program to the Departmental Administration program for the Georgia Advocacy Office contract.</i>			
State General Funds		\$179,922	\$224,902	\$224,902
<b>71.7</b>	<i>Increase funds for the Martin Luther King Jr. Advisory Council. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Advisory Council)</i>			
State General Funds			\$25,000	\$50,000
<b>71.8</b>	<i>Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.</i>			
State General Funds				\$2,269

<b>71.100-Departmental Administration (DCA)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,183,786	\$1,363,708	\$1,433,688	\$1,460,957
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,183,786	\$1,363,708	\$1,433,688	\$1,460,957
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989	\$3,270,989

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852	\$3,323,852
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179	\$119,179
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268	\$3,079,268
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405	\$125,405
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,778,627	\$7,958,549	\$8,028,529	\$8,055,798

**Federal Community and Economic Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659
State General Funds	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659	\$1,641,659
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
Sales and Services	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036	\$49,832,036

**72.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,265	\$29,265	\$29,265	\$29,265
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**72.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,079	\$1,079	\$1,079	\$1,079
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**72.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$249
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**72.100-Federal Community and Economic Development Programs** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer federal grant and loan programs to promote volunteerism and community and economic development among local governments, development authorities, and private entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252	\$1,672,252
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748	\$47,920,748
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629	\$269,629
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629	\$68,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000	\$201,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,862,629	\$49,862,629	\$49,862,629	\$49,862,629

**Homeownership Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841

**73.100-Homeownership Programs** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the supply of affordable housing through rehabilitation and construction financing, and to promote homeownership for low and moderate-income individuals by providing sustainable housing grants to local*

*governments, administering mortgage and down payment assistance programs for low and moderate-income homebuyers, and offering homeownership counseling and home buyer education programs through a partnership with private providers.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989	\$3,839,989
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852	\$5,947,852
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841	\$9,787,841

### **Regional Services**

### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to Department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives, to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan, and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390
State General Funds	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390	\$1,082,390
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
Sales and Services	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Funds Transfers	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,551,442	\$1,551,442	\$1,551,442	\$1,551,442

**74.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$22,166	\$22,166	\$22,166	\$22,166
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**74.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$816	\$816	\$816	\$816
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**74.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189
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<b>74.100-Regional Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote access to Department services and assistance through a statewide network of regional representatives, to provide technical assistance and grants to local communities to achieve goals relating to housing and community and economic development projects and services that are in-line with the community's comprehensive plan, and to develop leadership infrastructure across local governments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561	\$1,105,561
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052	\$259,052
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374	\$146,374
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678	\$112,678
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,574,613	\$1,574,613	\$1,574,613	\$1,574,613

**Rental Housing Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>
Reserved Fund Balances	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
Sales and Services	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>

<b>75.100-Rental Housing Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide affordable rental housing to very low, and moderate-income households by allocating federal and state housing tax credits on a competitive basis, by administering low-interest loans for affordable rental housing, by researching affordable housing issues, and by providing tenant-based assistance to low-income individuals and families allowing them to rent safe, decent, and sanitary dwelling units in the private rental market.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471	\$125,867,471
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>	<b>\$5,158,849</b>
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232	\$83,232
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617	\$4,379,617
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>	<b>\$131,026,320</b>

**Research and Surveys**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226
State General Funds	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226	\$407,226
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$407,226</b>	<b>\$407,226</b>	<b>\$407,226</b>	<b>\$407,226</b>

**76.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,599	\$7,599	\$7,599	\$7,599
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**76.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$280	\$280	\$280	\$280
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**76.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
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<b>76.100-Research and Surveys</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct surveys and collect financial and management data from local governments and authorities in accordance with Georgia law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170	\$415,170

**Special Housing Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
State General Funds	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794	\$3,187,794
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490
Reserved Fund Balances	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
State Funds Transfers	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518	\$6,614,518

**77.1** *Transfer funds from the Special Housing Initiatives program to the Departmental Administration program for the Georgia Advocacy Office contract.*

State General Funds	(\$179,922)	(\$224,902)	(\$224,902)
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**77.2** *Eliminate contract funds.*

State General Funds	(\$44,980)	\$0	\$0
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**77.3** *Increase funds for the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia special housing home modifications. (CC:Increase funds for the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia special housing home modifications and provide annual reports by December 31 on the number of clients assisted)*

State General Funds		\$100,000	\$100,000
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<b>77.100-Special Housing Initiatives</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the State Housing Trust Fund; to provide grants for providers of shelter and services to the homeless; to administer loans and grants for affordable housing; to offer local communities collaboration and technical assistance in the development and implementation of an affordable housing plan; and to provide for other special housing initiatives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,187,794	\$2,962,892	\$3,062,892	\$3,062,892
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,187,794	\$2,962,892	\$3,062,892	\$3,062,892
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301	\$2,378,301
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490	\$999,490
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609	\$312,609
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881	\$686,881
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933	\$48,933
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,614,518	\$6,389,616	\$6,489,616	\$6,489,616

**State Community Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879
State General Funds	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879	\$881,879
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Sales and Services	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529	\$1,079,529

**78.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$13,667	\$13,667	\$13,667	\$13,667
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**78.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$503	\$503	\$503	\$503
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**78.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$116	\$116	\$116	\$116
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**78.4** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Second Harvest of South Georgia. (H:NO; Utilize existing funds for the Second Harvest of South Georgia to continue to provide assistance to victims of storm damage)(S:Eliminate funds)(CC:NO; Utilize existing funds for the Second Harvest of South Georgia to continue to provide assistance to victims of storm damage)*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	\$0	(\$25,000)	\$0
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**78.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority for Environmental Phase I studies. (H:Eliminate funds)(S and CC:Eliminate funds for one-time funding for Central State Hospital Redevelopment Authority for Environmental Phase I studies)*

State General Funds	(\$75,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)
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**78.6** *Increase funds for the Warrior to Citizen Resilience and Reintegration program. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for the Warrior to Citizen Resilience and Reintegration program for developing new curriculum and therapy programs)*

State General Funds			\$50,000	\$50,000
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**78.7** *Increase funds for the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			\$25,000	\$0
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**78.8** *Increase funds to provide military support in Cobb County.*

State General Funds				\$150,000
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<b>78.100-State Community Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist Georgia cities, small towns, and neighborhoods in the development of their core commercial areas, and to champion new development opportunities for rural Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$796,165	\$796,165	\$871,165	\$1,021,165
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$796,165	\$796,165	\$871,165	\$1,021,165
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650	\$197,650
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650	\$7,650
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$993,815	\$993,815	\$1,068,815	\$1,218,815

**State Economic Development Programs**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948
State General Funds	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948	\$26,396,948
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
Sales and Services	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,044,480	\$27,044,480	\$27,044,480	\$27,044,480

**79.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,212	\$4,212	\$4,212	\$4,212
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**79.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$155	\$155	\$155	\$155
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**79.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$36
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**79.4** *Eliminate funds for small film production business grants.*

State General Funds		(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
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<b>79.100-State Economic Development Programs</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and loans to local governments and businesses and to leverage private investment in order to attract and promote economic development and job creation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,401,351	\$26,101,351	\$26,101,351	\$26,101,351
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,401,351	\$26,101,351	\$26,101,351	\$26,101,351
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532	\$647,532
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244	\$464,244
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288	\$183,288
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,048,883	\$26,748,883	\$26,748,883	\$26,748,883

**Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495
State General Funds	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495	\$838,495

**80.1** *Reduce funds for the Georgia Rural Water Association.*

State General Funds	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**80.2** *Reduce funds for the grants for Resource Conservation and Development districts.*

State General Funds	(\$55,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**80.3** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for planning. (S and CC:Reduce funds for planning)*

State General Funds		(\$250,000)	(\$200,000)	(\$50,000)
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<b>80.100-Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, and land conservation projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$733,495	\$588,495	\$638,495	\$788,495
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$733,495	\$588,495	\$638,495	\$788,495
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$733,495	\$588,495	\$638,495	\$788,495

**Payments to Georgia Regional Transportation Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve Georgia's mobility, air quality, and land use practices by operating the Xpress bus service, conducting transportation improvement studies, producing an annual Air Quality Report, and reviewing Developments of Regional Impact.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372
State General Funds	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372	\$12,928,372

**81.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$33,734	\$33,734	\$33,734	\$33,734
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**81.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,242	\$1,242	\$1,242	\$1,242
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**81.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,063)	(\$4,063)	(\$4,063)	(\$4,063)
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**81.4** *Reduce funds to recognize savings from the integration of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and State Road and Tollway Authority.*

State General Funds			(\$300,000)	(\$150,000)
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<b>81.100-Payments to Georgia Regional Transportation Authority</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve Georgia's mobility, air quality, and land use practices by operating the Xpress bus service, conducting transportation improvement studies, producing an annual Air Quality Report, and reviewing Developments of Regional Impact.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,959,285	\$12,959,285	\$12,659,285	\$12,809,285
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,959,285	\$12,959,285	\$12,659,285	\$12,809,285
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,959,285	\$12,959,285	\$12,659,285	\$12,809,285

**Payments to OneGeorgia Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
State General Funds	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521

**82.100-Payments to OneGeorgia Authority**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for the OneGeorgia Authority.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521	\$145,521
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521	\$20,145,521

**Section 17: Community Health, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543	\$3,204,819,543
State General Funds	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436	\$2,652,773,436
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981	\$100,083,981
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114
Hospital Provider Fee	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012	\$283,993,012
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,363,159,783	\$7,363,159,783	\$7,363,159,783	\$7,363,159,783
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716	\$6,878,213,716

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666	\$458,302,666
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$220,774,078	\$220,774,078	\$220,774,078	\$220,774,078
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
Hospital Authorities	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
Sales and Services	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,577,232,918	\$3,577,232,918	\$3,577,232,918	\$3,577,232,918
State Funds Transfers	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918	\$3,576,902,918
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137	\$3,294,877,137
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
Federal Funds Transfers	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,365,986,322	\$14,365,986,322	\$14,365,986,322	\$14,365,986,322

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,161,543,607	\$3,139,855,966	\$3,142,835,269	\$3,137,475,963
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,567,078,050	\$2,545,390,409	\$2,548,369,712	\$2,543,010,406
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$112,102,290	\$112,102,290	\$112,102,290	\$112,102,290
<b>Nursing Home Provider Fees</b>	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887	\$310,893,887
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,659,049,474	\$7,620,737,621	\$7,627,808,826	\$7,615,227,599
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401	\$26,643,401
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$7,173,733,371	\$7,134,147,100	\$7,140,076,494	\$7,127,495,267
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$458,672,702	\$459,947,120	\$461,088,931	\$461,088,931
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$313,145,802	\$313,145,802	\$313,145,802	\$313,145,802
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828	\$214,057,828
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724	\$92,371,724
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,743,676,507	\$3,743,676,507	\$3,743,676,507	\$3,743,676,507
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,743,346,507	\$3,743,346,507	\$3,743,346,507	\$3,743,346,507
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726	\$3,461,320,726
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262	\$280,857,262
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,877,415,390	\$14,817,415,896	\$14,827,466,404	\$14,809,525,871

**Departmental Administration (DCH)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314
State General Funds	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314	\$63,264,314
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104
State Funds Transfers	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
Health Insurance Payments	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585
Federal Funds Transfers	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$394,059,740	\$394,059,740	\$394,059,740	\$394,059,740

**83.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$398,216	\$398,216	\$398,216	\$398,216
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**83.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$14,667	\$14,667	\$14,667	\$14,667
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**83.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$10,028	\$10,028	\$10,028	\$10,028
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**83.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,672	\$7,672	\$7,672	\$7,672
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**83.5** *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health Departmental Administration and Program Support program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Board Administration program to support the salary and operations of two healthcare analyst positions.*

State General Funds	(\$200,389)	(\$200,389)	(\$200,389)	(\$200,389)
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**83.6** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits.*

State General Funds		\$1,108,358	\$1,108,358	\$1,108,358
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**83.7** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$10,220
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<b>83.100-Departmental Administration (DCH)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$63,494,508	\$64,602,866	\$64,602,866	\$64,613,086
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$63,494,508	\$64,602,866	\$64,602,866	\$64,613,086
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072	\$304,869,072
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233	\$1,921,233
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764	\$268,755,764
<b>State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767</b>	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075	\$34,192,075
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250



<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250	\$3,116,250
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104	\$22,810,104
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104	\$22,480,104
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519	\$1,168,519
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585	\$21,311,585
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$394,289,934	\$395,398,292	\$395,398,292	\$395,408,512

**Georgia Board of Dentistry**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684
State General Funds	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684	\$818,684

**84.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,786	\$10,786	\$10,786	\$10,786
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**84.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$397	\$397	\$397	\$397
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**84.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$2,778	\$2,778	\$2,778	\$2,778
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**84.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$272	\$272	\$272	\$272
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**84.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$208	\$208	\$208	\$208
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**84.100-Georgia Board of Dentistry** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified applicants as dentists and dental hygienists, regulating the practice of dentistry, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary action when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125	\$833,125

**Georgia State Board of Pharmacy****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419
State General Funds	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419	\$756,419

**85.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,573	\$11,573	\$11,573	\$11,573
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**85.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$426	\$426	\$426	\$426
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**85.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$291	\$291	\$291	\$291
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**85.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$223	\$223	\$223	\$223
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**85.100-Georgia State Board of Pharmacy** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect public health by licensing qualified pharmacists and pharmacies, regulating the practice of pharmacy, investigating complaints, and taking appropriate disciplinary actions when warranted.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932	\$768,932

**Health Care Access and Improvement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372
State General Funds	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372	\$11,609,372
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,055,923	\$28,055,923	\$28,055,923	\$28,055,923

**86.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,474	\$44,474	\$44,474	\$44,474
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**86.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,638	\$1,638	\$1,638	\$1,638
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**86.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,120	\$1,120	\$1,120	\$1,120
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**86.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$857	\$857	\$857	\$857
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**86.5** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the purchase of three telemedicine equipment devices to support middle Georgia EMS services.*

State General Funds	(\$42,000)	(\$42,000)	(\$42,000)	(\$42,000)
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**86.6** *Eliminate one-time start-up funds for Federally Qualified Health Centers.*

State General Funds		(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
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**86.7** *Increase funds for two Federally Qualified Health Center community start-up grants in Cook County and Lincoln County. (S:Increase funds for three Federally Qualified Health Center community start-up grants in Cook County, Seminole County,*

*and Lowndes County)(CC:Increase funds for four Federally Qualified Health Center community start-up grants in Cook County, Lincoln County, Seminole County and Lowndes County)*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
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**86.8** *Increase funds for the Center for Rural Health Support and Study at Augusta University. (S and CC:The department shall conduct an analysis of technical assistance available at public and private medical colleges or universities to determine an appropriate location and structure of a center of excellence for rural health and support if funds are appropriated in FY2019)*

State General Funds	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
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**86.9** *Increase funds for Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) housing resources for advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and medical and dental residency students in rural, primary care rotations.*

State General Funds		\$75,000	\$150,000
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**86.10** *Increase funds for Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) housing at the Southwest Georgia Medical Housing Complex. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		\$75,000	\$0
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<b>86.100-Health Care Access and Improvement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants and other support services for programs that seek to improve health access and outcomes in rural and underserved areas of Georgia through the State Office of Rural Health, the various commissions of the Office of Health Improvement, and the Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,615,461	\$11,865,461	\$12,015,461	\$12,265,461
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,615,461	\$11,865,461	\$12,015,461	\$12,265,461
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551	\$16,446,551
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301	\$16,030,301
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250	\$416,250
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,062,012	\$28,312,012	\$28,462,012	\$28,712,012

<b>Healthcare Facility Regulation</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519
State General Funds	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519	\$11,010,519
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318	\$9,638,318

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665	\$3,733,665
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837	\$20,748,837

**87.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$178,376	\$178,376	\$178,376	\$178,376
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**87.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,570	\$6,570	\$6,570	\$6,570
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**87.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$4,492	\$4,492	\$4,492	\$4,492
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**87.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,436	\$3,436	\$3,436	\$3,436
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**87.5** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to provide an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors.*

State General Funds		\$2,011,739	\$2,011,739	\$2,011,739
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$2,309,934	\$2,309,934	\$2,309,934
Total Public Funds:		\$4,321,673	\$4,321,673	\$4,321,673

<b>87.100-Healthcare Facility Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to inspect and license long term care and health care facilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,203,393	\$13,215,132	\$13,215,132	\$13,215,132
State General Funds	\$11,203,393	\$13,215,132	\$13,215,132	\$13,215,132
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,638,318	\$11,948,252	\$11,948,252	\$11,948,252
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653	\$5,904,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,733,665	\$6,043,599	\$6,043,599	\$6,043,599
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$20,941,711	\$25,263,384	\$25,263,384	\$25,263,384

**Indigent Care Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
Hospital Authorities	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
Sales and Services	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493

**88.1** *In accordance with O.C.G.A. 31-8-179.2(a), fees assessed for the Hospital Provider payment Program shall not exceed 1.45% of net patient revenue. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>88.100-Indigent Care Trust Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support rural and other healthcare providers, primarily hospitals that serve medically indigent Georgians.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969	\$257,075,969
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524	\$142,586,524
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524	\$139,386,524
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493	\$399,662,493

**Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268	\$1,658,525,268
State General Funds	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983	\$1,454,501,983
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114	\$167,969,114
Hospital Provider Fee	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365	\$29,862,365
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344	\$3,449,809,344
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130	\$3,447,022,130
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
Hospital Authorities	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
State Funds Transfers	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232	\$5,437,966,232

**89.1** *Replace funds to support increased waiver rates and slots previously funded by the Balancing Incentive Payment Program (BIPP).*

State General Funds	\$4,015,270	\$4,015,270	\$4,015,270	\$4,015,270
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$4,015,270)	(\$4,015,270)	(\$4,015,270)	(\$4,015,270)
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**89.2** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$16,961,152)	(\$16,961,152)	(\$16,961,152)	(\$16,961,152)
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Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$16,961,152	\$16,961,152	\$16,961,152	\$16,961,152
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**89.3** *Reduce funds for the hold harmless provision in Medicare Part B premiums.*

State General Funds	(\$2,927,925)	(\$2,927,925)	(\$2,927,925)	(\$2,927,925)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$6,323,023)	(\$6,323,023)	(\$6,323,023)	(\$6,323,023)
Total Public Funds:	(\$9,250,948)	(\$9,250,948)	(\$9,250,948)	(\$9,250,948)

**89.4** *Increase funds to reduce the waiting list in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) waiver.*

State General Funds	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969	\$1,377,969
Total Public Funds:	\$2,755,938	\$2,755,938	\$2,755,938	\$2,755,938

**89.5** *Increase funds for an adjustment to congregate and home delivered meals rates for Medicaid waivers for the elderly.*

State General Funds	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
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**89.6** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from nursing home provider fees.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$7,559,026	\$7,559,026	\$7,559,026
Nursing Home Provider Fees	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266	\$3,500,266
Total Public Funds:	\$3,500,266	\$11,059,292	\$11,059,292	\$11,059,292

**89.7** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from hospital provider payments.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,141,074	\$6,141,074	\$6,141,074	\$6,141,074
Hospital Provider Fee	\$2,843,672	\$2,843,672	\$2,843,672	\$2,843,672
Total Public Funds:	\$8,984,746	\$8,984,746	\$8,984,746	\$8,984,746

**89.8** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected need.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$72,597,891	\$72,597,891	\$72,597,891	\$72,597,891
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$33,617,019	\$33,617,019	\$33,617,019	\$33,617,019
Total Public Funds:	\$106,214,910	\$106,214,910	\$106,214,910	\$106,214,910

**89.9** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to reflect a projected increase in Medicare Part D Clawback payment.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$23,899,006	\$23,899,006	\$23,899,006	\$23,899,006
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$11,066,621	\$11,066,621	\$11,066,621	\$11,066,621
Total Public Funds:	\$34,965,627	\$34,965,627	\$34,965,627	\$34,965,627



**89.10** *Evaluate options to ensure mental health coverage parity for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with that of the commercial market. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**89.11** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to increase reimbursements rates for select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 100% of 2014 Medicare levels.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$6,814,407	\$6,814,407	\$6,814,407	\$6,814,407
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,155,464	\$3,155,464	\$3,155,464	\$3,155,464
Total Public Funds:	\$9,969,871	\$9,969,871	\$9,969,871	\$9,969,871

**89.12** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Departmental Administration and Program Support program to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits.*

State General Funds	(\$1,108,358)	(\$1,108,358)	(\$1,108,358)
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**89.13** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to the Healthcare Facility Regulation program to provide an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors.*

State General Funds	(\$2,011,739)	(\$2,011,739)	(\$2,011,739)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$2,309,934)	(\$2,309,934)	(\$2,309,934)
Total Public Funds:	(\$4,321,673)	(\$4,321,673)	(\$4,321,673)

**89.14** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% inflation adjustment on the nursing home cost report. (S:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase on the 2012 nursing home cost report)(CC:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% inflation adjustment on the nursing home cost report)*

State General Funds	\$11,722,479	\$14,600,000	\$11,722,479
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$25,315,369	\$31,529,542	\$25,315,369
Total Public Funds:	\$37,037,848	\$46,129,542	\$37,037,848

**89.15** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase for the SOURCE case management fee.*

State General Funds	\$336,641	\$336,641	\$336,641
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$726,995	\$726,995	\$726,995
Total Public Funds:	\$1,063,636	\$1,063,636	\$1,063,636

**89.16** *Utilize \$307,226 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 5% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes. (H:YES)(S and CC:YES; Utilize \$614,452 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 10% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**89.17** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018. (CC:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary codes, with rates effective on July 1, 2017)*

State General Funds	\$1,130,800	\$527,621	\$1,130,800
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,442,028	\$1,139,433	\$2,442,028
Total Public Funds:	\$3,572,828	\$1,667,054	\$3,572,828

**89.18** *Increase funds to increase reimbursement rates for personal support and extended personal support services in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) program.*

State General Funds	\$250,000	\$500,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$539,889	\$1,079,777
Total Public Funds:	\$789,889	\$1,579,777

**89.19** *Increase funds for a three percent increase in nursing home mechanical ventilator reimbursement rates.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$215,955	\$215,955
Total Public Funds:	\$315,955	\$315,955

**89.20** *Utilize existing funds (\$2,104,223) to implement increased Medicaid inpatient payments for graduate medical education costs for new teaching hospitals while holding existing teaching and other hospitals harmless. (S:YES)(CC:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0
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**89.21** *Increase funds for home care services in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) for Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia patients with a confirmed diagnosis. (CC:Increase funds for home care services in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) for Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia patients with a confirmed diagnosis, to include any who may be a part of the Georgia Alzheimer's Project)*

State General Funds	\$1,750,000	\$1,000,000
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Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,779,225	\$2,159,558
Total Public Funds:	\$5,529,225	\$3,159,558

**89.22** *Increase funds to provide a provider rate increase for the emergency response system in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP). (CC: Increase funds to provide a provider rate increase for the emergency response system in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) program)*

State General Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$107,978	\$107,978
Total Public Funds:	\$157,978	\$157,978

**89.23** *Evaluate and develop a Quality Incentive Payment program for privately-owned Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF/DD) for the developmentally disabled. (CC: YES)*

State General Funds		\$0
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**89.100-Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health care access primarily to elderly and disabled individuals. There is also hereby appropriated to the Department of Community Health a specific sum of money equal to all the provider fees paid to the Indigent Care Trust Fund created pursuant to Article 6A of chapter 8 of Title 31. The sum of money is appropriated for payments for nursing homes pursuant to Article 6A.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,650,623,368	\$1,660,693,191	\$1,665,117,533	\$1,662,343,191
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,440,256,145	\$1,450,325,968	\$1,454,750,310	\$1,451,975,968
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806	\$6,191,806
<b>Nursing Home Provider Fees</b>	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380	\$171,469,380
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$32,706,037	\$32,706,037	\$32,706,037	\$32,706,037
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,567,262,550	\$3,600,996,034	\$3,610,550,659	\$3,604,559,302
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214	\$2,787,214
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,564,475,336	\$3,598,208,820	\$3,607,763,445	\$3,601,772,088
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$110,182,092	\$110,182,092	\$110,182,092	\$110,182,092
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988	\$62,342,988
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104	\$47,839,104
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632

<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632	\$267,288,632
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,595,356,642	\$5,639,159,949	\$5,653,138,916	\$5,644,373,217

**Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790	\$1,389,894,790
State General Funds	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968	\$1,041,871,968
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175	\$93,892,175
Hospital Provider Fee	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647	\$254,130,647
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938	\$2,901,209,938
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
Hospital Authorities	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
State Funds Transfers	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891	\$4,316,849,891

**90.1** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$29,942,772)	(\$29,942,772)	(\$29,942,772)	(\$29,942,772)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$29,942,772	\$29,942,772	\$29,942,772	\$29,942,772
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**90.2** *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	(\$12,018,309)	(\$12,018,309)	(\$12,018,309)	(\$12,018,309)
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309	\$12,018,309
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**90.3** *Reduce funds for one year Hospital Insurance Fee (HIF) moratorium.*

State General Funds	(\$32,220,521)	(\$32,220,521)	(\$32,220,521)	(\$32,220,521)
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**90.4** *Increase funds to reflect additional revenue from hospital provider payments.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$51,952,917	\$51,952,917	\$51,952,917	\$51,952,917
Hospital Provider Fee	\$24,057,203	\$24,057,203	\$24,057,203	\$24,057,203
Total Public Funds:	\$76,010,120	\$76,010,120	\$76,010,120	\$76,010,120

**90.5** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for growth in Medicaid based on projected need.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$10,384,073	\$10,384,073	\$10,384,073	\$10,384,073
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,808,426	\$4,808,426	\$4,808,426	\$4,808,426
Total Public Funds:	\$15,192,499	\$15,192,499	\$15,192,499	\$15,192,499

**90.6** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to comply with federal Hepatitis C treatment access requirements.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$3,537,355	\$3,537,355	\$3,537,355	\$3,537,355
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,638,000	\$1,638,000	\$1,638,000	\$1,638,000
Total Public Funds:	\$5,175,355	\$5,175,355	\$5,175,355	\$5,175,355

**90.7** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to increase reimbursements rates for select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 100% of 2014 Medicare levels.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$31,931,638	\$31,931,638	\$31,931,638	\$31,931,638
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$14,786,194	\$14,786,194	\$14,786,194	\$14,786,194
Total Public Funds:	\$46,717,832	\$46,717,832	\$46,717,832	\$46,717,832

**90.8** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds to cover behavioral health services for children under 21 who are diagnosed as autistic.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$44,846,653	\$44,846,653	\$44,846,653	\$44,846,653
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$20,766,592	\$20,766,592	\$20,766,592	\$20,766,592
Total Public Funds:	\$65,613,245	\$65,613,245	\$65,613,245	\$65,613,245

**90.9** *Utilize Tenet settlement agreement funds for behavioral health services to children ages 0-4.*

Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$5,471,041	\$5,471,041	\$5,471,041	\$5,471,041
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,533,408	\$2,533,408	\$2,533,408	\$2,533,408
Total Public Funds:	\$8,004,449	\$8,004,449	\$8,004,449	\$8,004,449

**90.10** *Evaluate options to ensure mental health coverage parity for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with that of the commercial market. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**90.11** *Eliminate one-time funds for the evaluation of ADHD cost-saving measures.*

State General Funds	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)	(\$200,000)
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**90.12** *Utilize \$2,377,917 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 5% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes. (H:YES)(S and CC:YES; Utilize \$4,755,834 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a 10% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**90.13** *Utilize \$5,298,820 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018. (H:YES)(S:YES; Utilize \$2,472,379 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018)(CC:YES; Utilize \$5,298,820 in existing state funds to match with federal funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on July 1, 2017)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**90.14** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018. (CC:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary codes, with rates effective on July 1, 2017)*

State General Funds	(\$1,130,800)	(\$527,621)	(\$1,130,800)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$2,442,028)	(\$1,139,433)	(\$2,442,028)
Total Public Funds:	(\$3,572,828)	(\$1,667,054)	(\$3,572,828)

**90.15** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% inflation adjustment on the nursing home cost report. (S:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase on the 2012 nursing home cost report)(CC:Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% inflation adjustment on the nursing home cost report)*

State General Funds	(\$11,722,479)	(\$14,600,000)	(\$11,722,479)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$25,315,369)	(\$31,529,542)	(\$25,315,369)
Total Public Funds:	(\$37,037,848)	(\$46,129,542)	(\$37,037,848)

**90.16** *Transfer funds from the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 3% rate increase for the SOURCE case management fee.*

State General Funds	(\$336,641)	(\$336,641)	(\$336,641)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$726,995)	(\$726,995)	(\$726,995)
Total Public Funds:	(\$1,063,636)	(\$1,063,636)	(\$1,063,636)

**90.17** *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	(\$21,830,997)	(\$21,830,997)	(\$27,156,832)
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	(\$47,145,297)	(\$47,145,297)	(\$58,646,745)
Total Public Funds:	(\$68,976,294)	(\$68,976,294)	(\$85,803,577)

**90.18** *Increase funds for a \$500 add-on payment for newborn delivery in rural counties (population less than 35,000).*

State General Funds		\$595,653	\$595,653
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778		\$1,286,347	\$1,286,347
Total Public Funds:		\$1,882,000	\$1,882,000

<b>90.100-Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide healthcare access primarily to low-income individuals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,351,788,700	\$1,316,567,783	\$1,314,889,094	\$1,311,837,601
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$967,690,366	\$932,469,449	\$930,790,760	\$927,739,267
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$105,910,484	\$105,910,484	\$105,910,484	\$105,910,484
<b>Hospital Provider Fee</b>	\$278,187,850	\$278,187,850	\$278,187,850	\$278,187,850
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,079,276,387	\$3,003,646,698	\$3,000,021,467	\$2,993,431,597
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$3,079,276,387	\$3,003,646,698	\$3,000,021,467	\$2,993,431,597
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$56,860,936	\$56,860,936	\$56,860,936	\$56,860,936
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>Hospital Authorities</b>	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316	\$12,328,316
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620	\$44,532,620
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847	\$13,416,847
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,501,342,870	\$4,390,492,264	\$4,385,188,344	\$4,375,546,981

**PeachCare****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591	\$424,110,591
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
State Funds Transfers	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
Optional Medicaid Services Payments	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374	\$424,262,374

**91.1** *Evaluate options to ensure mental health coverage parity for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with that of the commercial market. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**91.2** *Increase funds to increase reimbursements rates for select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 100% of 2014 Medicare levels.*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$370,036	\$370,036	\$370,036	\$370,036
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**91.3** *Increase funds for a 5% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes. (S and CC:Increase funds for a 10% reimbursement rate increase for select dental codes)*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$1,141,811	\$2,283,622	\$2,283,622	\$2,283,622
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**91.4** *Increase funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on January 1, 2018. (CC:Increase funds for a new period of attestation for increased reimbursement rates for select primary care codes, with rates effective on July 1, 2017)*

State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$132,607	\$132,607	\$132,607	\$132,607
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**91.100-PeachCare****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide health insurance coverage for qualified low-income Georgia children.*

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$424,480,627	\$425,755,045	\$426,896,856	\$426,896,856
State Children's Insurance Program CFDA93.767	\$424,480,627	\$425,755,045	\$426,896,856	\$426,896,856
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783



<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>Optional Medicaid Services Payments</b>	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783	\$151,783
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$424,632,410	\$425,906,828	\$427,048,639	\$427,048,639

**State Health Benefit Plan**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
State Funds Transfers	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
Health Insurance Payments	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552	\$3,273,565,552

**92.1** *Reduce funds to reflect projected Dependent Verification Audit savings.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$27,655,000)	(\$27,655,000)	(\$27,655,000)	(\$27,655,000)
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**92.2** *Increase funds to reflect 2.5% average increase in employee premiums for non-Medicare Advantage plans, effective January 1, 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000
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**92.3** *Increase funds to raise the five year benefit limit for children's hearing aids from \$3,000 to \$6,000.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$9,471	\$9,471	\$9,471	\$9,471
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**92.4** *Increase funds to reflect a \$20 premium increase for Medicare Advantage (MA) premium plan members, effective January 1, 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$10,566,000	\$10,566,000	\$10,566,000	\$10,566,000
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**92.5** *Increase funds to reflect membership, medical services utilization, and medical trend changes since the previous projection.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$200,347,554	\$200,347,554	\$200,347,554	\$200,347,554
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**92.6** *Reduce funds to recognize plan savings attributable to Pharmacy Benefit Management strategies such as enhanced compound pharmacy management.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$42,295,000)	(\$42,295,000)	(\$42,295,000)	(\$42,295,000)
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**92.7** *Reduce funds to reflect savings attributable to Medicare Advantage (MA) rates in Plan Year 2017.*

Health Insurance Payments	(\$19,587,000)	(\$19,587,000)	(\$19,587,000)	(\$19,587,000)
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**92.8** *Increase funds for increase in the employer contribution rate to the Non-Certificated School Service Personnel Plan from \$846.20 to \$945 per member per month, effective January 1, 2018 - bringing employer contributions to parity with the Teacher Plan.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$29,557,564	\$29,557,564	\$29,557,564	\$29,557,564
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**92.9** *Increase funds to reflect enrollment growth to match Medicaid age requirements for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) effective January 1, 2018.*

Health Insurance Payments	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
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**92.100-State Health Benefit Plan**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a healthcare benefit for teachers and state employees that is competitive with other commercial benefit plans in quality of care and access to providers; and to provide for the efficient management of provider fees and utilization rates.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141
<b>Health Insurance Payments</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141	\$3,440,009,141

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Board Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797
State General Funds	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797	\$981,797

**93.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,434	\$9,434	\$9,434	\$9,434
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**93.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$347	\$347	\$347	\$347
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**93.3** *Transfer funds from the Department of Community Health Departmental Administration and Program Support program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Board Administration program to support the salary and operations of two healthcare analyst positions.*

State General Funds	\$200,389	\$200,389	\$200,389	\$200,389
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<b>93.100-Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Board Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all agency programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967	\$1,191,967

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Graduate Medical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
State General Funds	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863	\$11,185,863

**94.1** *Transfer funds (\$1,228,418) from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program and increase funds (\$725,511) for 126 new residency slots in primary care medicine. (H and S:Transfer funds (\$1,228,418) from the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program in the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and increase funds (\$150,074) for 97 new residency slots in primary care medicine)*

State General Funds	\$1,953,929	\$1,378,492	\$1,378,492	\$1,378,492
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**94.2** Utilize \$219,684 in existing funds to expand the Family Medicine Accelerated Curriculum Training program at Memorial University Medical Center. (H:YES)(S:YES)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**94.3** Increase funds for ten slots in OB/GYN residency programs, with two slots each at Emory, Medical College of Georgia, Memorial University Medical Center, Morehouse, and Navicent Health Care Macon. (S and CC:Increase funds for twenty slots in OB/GYN residency programs, with four slots each at Emory, Medical College of Georgia, Memorial University Medical Center, Morehouse, and Navicent Health Care Macon)

State General Funds	\$153,330	\$306,660	\$306,660
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**94.4** Increase funds for Memorial University Medical Center to partner with Gateway Behavioral Health to start a psychiatry residency program.

State General Funds	\$360,000	\$180,000	\$360,000
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**94.5** Increase funds for three Family Medicine residency positions at the Phoebe Family Medicine Residency program.

State General Funds	\$65,783	\$65,783
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<b>94.100-Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Graduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to address the physician workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,139,792	\$13,077,685	\$13,116,798	\$13,296,798
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,139,792	\$13,077,685	\$13,116,798	\$13,296,798
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,139,792	\$13,077,685	\$13,116,798	\$13,296,798

<b>Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Mercer School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
State General Funds	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911

<b>95.100-Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Mercer School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Mercer University School of Medicine to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911	\$24,039,911

<b>Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
State General Funds	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870	\$23,971,870

**96.1** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to support certified Georgia residents at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) under the Medical Student Capitation Program.*

State General Funds	(\$610,666)	(\$610,895)	(\$610,895)	(\$610,895)
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<b>96.100-Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for the Morehouse School of Medicine and affiliated hospitals to help ensure an adequate supply of primary and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,361,204	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,361,204	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,361,204	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975	\$23,360,975

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Physicians for Rural Areas**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
State General Funds	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000

**97.1** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Georgia South Family Medicine Rural Residency Training Program.*

State General Funds		(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
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**97.2** *Increase funds to expand the loan repayment program for physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses practicing in rural and underserved areas.*

State General Funds		\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
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**97.3** *Increase funds for the rural dentistry loan repayment program.*

State General Funds			\$100,000	\$100,000
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<b>97.100-Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Physicians for Rural Areas</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of physicians in rural areas of the state, and to provide a program of aid to promising medical students.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,910,000	\$1,910,000
State General Funds	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,910,000	\$1,910,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,710,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,910,000	\$1,910,000

**Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Undergraduate Medical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
State General Funds	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218	\$2,437,218

**98.1** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Morehouse School of Medicine Grant program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Undergraduate Medical Education program to support certified Georgia residents at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) under the Medical Student Capitation Program.*

State General Funds	\$610,666	\$610,895	\$610,895	\$610,895
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<b>98.100-Physician Workforce, Georgia Board for: Undergraduate Medical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an adequate supply of primary care and other needed physician specialists through a public/private partnership with medical schools in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,047,884	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,047,884	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,047,884	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113	\$3,048,113

**Georgia Composite Medical Board**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841
State General Funds	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841	\$2,398,841
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841	\$2,698,841

**99.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$32,465	\$32,465	\$32,465	\$32,465
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**99.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$1,255	\$1,255
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**99.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$49,375	\$49,375	\$49,375	\$49,375
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**99.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$311)	(\$311)	(\$311)	(\$311)
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**99.100-Georgia Composite Medical Board****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to license qualified applicants as physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists, and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. Also, investigate complaints and discipline those who violate the Medical Practice Act or other laws governing the professional behavior of the Board licensees.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625	\$2,481,625
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,781,625	\$2,781,625	\$2,781,625	\$2,781,625

**Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677
State General Funds	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677	\$2,214,677

**100.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,882	\$27,882	\$27,882	\$27,882
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**100.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,027	\$1,027	\$1,027	\$1,027
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**100.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$151	\$151	\$151	\$151
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**100.4** *Increase funds to retain special agents.*

State General Funds		\$155,463	\$0	\$26,309
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<b>100.100-Drugs and Narcotics Agency, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by providing an enforcement presence to oversee all laws and regulations pertaining to controlled substances and dangerous drugs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,243,737	\$2,399,200	\$2,243,737	\$2,270,046
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,243,737	\$2,399,200	\$2,243,737	\$2,270,046
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,243,737	\$2,399,200	\$2,243,737	\$2,270,046

**Section 18: Community Supervision, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678
State General Funds	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678	\$160,518,678
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678	\$160,528,678

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$182,397,375	\$182,450,629	\$182,353,392	\$182,431,330
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$182,397,375	\$182,450,629	\$182,353,392	\$182,431,330
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$182,407,375	\$182,460,629	\$182,363,392	\$182,441,330

**Departmental Administration (DCS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028
State General Funds	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028	\$9,137,028

**101.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$109,865	\$109,865	\$109,865	\$109,865
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**101.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
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**101.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$58,262	\$58,262	\$58,262	\$58,262
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**101.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$26,179	\$26,179	\$26,179	\$26,179
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**101.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$8,424)	(\$8,424)	(\$8,424)	(\$8,424)
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**101.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,263	\$2,263	\$2,263	\$2,263
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**101.7** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$76,359
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<b>101.100-Departmental Administration (DCS)</b>
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<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,406,532
State General Funds	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,406,532
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,330,173	\$9,406,532

**Field Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620
State General Funds	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620	\$145,584,620
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620	\$145,594,620

**102.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$342,023	\$342,023	\$342,023	\$342,023
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**102.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$84,828	\$84,828	\$84,828	\$84,828
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**102.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$19,731,209	\$19,731,209	\$19,731,209	\$19,731,209
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**102.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$422,947	\$422,947	\$422,947	\$422,947
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**102.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$142,912)	(\$142,912)	(\$142,912)	(\$142,912)
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**102.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$38,402	\$38,402	\$38,402	\$38,402
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**102.7** *Increase funds for operations at Gwinnett Day Reporting Center.*

State General Funds	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
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**102.8** *Increase funds to account for a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers at Gwinnett Day Reporting Center.*

State General Funds		\$53,254	\$53,254	\$53,254
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<b>102.100-Field Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve Georgia citizens through effective and efficient offender supervision in communities, while providing opportunities for successful outcomes.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$166,611,117	\$166,664,371	\$166,664,371	\$166,664,371
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$166,611,117	\$166,664,371	\$166,664,371	\$166,664,371
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$166,621,117	\$166,674,371	\$166,674,371	\$166,674,371

<b>Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054
State General Funds	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054	\$4,775,054

**103.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$60,863	\$60,863	\$60,863	\$60,863
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**103.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,567	\$2,567	\$2,567	\$2,567
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**103.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$17,947	\$17,947	\$17,947	\$17,947
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**103.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$35,564	\$35,564	\$35,564	\$35,564
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**103.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$413	\$413	\$413	\$413
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**103.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$1,146
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**103.7** *Increase funds for personnel to replace the loss of federal funds for five community coordinators.*

State General Funds	\$388,945	\$388,945	\$291,708	\$291,708
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**103.8** *Pursuant to SB367 (2016 Session) the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry (GOTSR) shall no longer be attached to the Department of Community Supervision for administrative purposes. (G:YES)(H and S:YES; Pursuant to SB367 (2016 Session) the Governor's Office of Transition, Support, and Reentry (GOTSR) shall be recognized as a program in the Department of Community Supervision)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**103.9** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$1,429
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<b>103.100-Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a collaboration of governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to develop and execute a systematic reentry plan for Georgia offenders and ensure the delivery of services to reduce recidivism and support the success of returning citizens.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,282,499	\$5,282,499	\$5,185,262	\$5,186,691
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,282,499	\$5,282,499	\$5,185,262	\$5,186,691
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,282,499	\$5,282,499	\$5,185,262	\$5,186,691

**Misdemeanor Probation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988
State General Funds	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988	\$629,988

**104.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264	\$9,264
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**104.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$401	\$401	\$401	\$401
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**104.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$676)	(\$676)	(\$676)	(\$676)
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**104.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$182	\$182	\$182	\$182
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<b>104.100-Misdemeanor Probation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of all governmental and private misdemeanor probation providers through inspection and investigation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159	\$639,159

<b>Family Violence, Georgia Commission on</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988
State General Funds	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988	\$391,988

**105.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,616	\$8,616	\$8,616	\$8,616
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**105.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$317	\$317	\$317	\$317
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**105.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131
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**105.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
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**105.5** *Increase funds to replace the loss of other funds for operations.*

State General Funds	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000
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**105.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$150
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<b>105.100-Family Violence, Georgia Commission on</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the study and evaluation of needs and services relating to family violence in Georgia, develop models for community task forces on family violence, provide training and continuing education on the dynamics of family violence, and develop standards to be used in the certification and regulation of Family Violence Intervention Programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,577
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,577
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,427	\$534,577

**Section 19: Corrections, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607
State General Funds	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607	\$1,122,345,607
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
Sales and Services	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765	\$1,136,080,765

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,200,037,177	\$1,199,050,069	\$1,177,323,231	\$1,178,092,379
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,200,037,177	\$1,199,050,069	\$1,177,323,231	\$1,178,092,379
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555	\$170,555
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603	\$13,564,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,213,772,335	\$1,212,785,227	\$1,191,058,389	\$1,191,827,537

**County Jail Subsidy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse counties for the costs of incarcerating state prisoners in their local facilities after sentencing.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
State General Funds	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**106.100-County Jail Subsidy**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to reimburse counties for the costs of incarcerating state prisoners in their local facilities after sentencing.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

**Departmental Administration (DOC)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962
State General Funds	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962	\$36,212,962



**107.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$388,463	\$388,463	\$388,463	\$388,463
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**107.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$11,068	\$11,068	\$11,068	\$11,068
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**107.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$740,116	\$740,116	\$740,116	\$740,116
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**107.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$7,463)	(\$7,463)	(\$7,463)	(\$7,463)
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**107.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,398)	(\$5,398)	(\$5,398)	(\$5,398)
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**107.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$208,700
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<b>107.100-Departmental Administration (DOC)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by providing an effective and efficient department that administers a balanced correctional system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,548,448
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,548,448
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,339,748	\$37,548,448

**Detention Centers**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091
State General Funds	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091	\$38,341,091
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000

Sales and Services	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>	<b>\$38,791,091</b>

**108.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$528,864	\$528,864	\$528,864	\$528,864
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**108.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$22,855	\$22,855	\$22,855	\$22,855
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**108.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$15,410)	(\$15,410)	(\$15,410)	(\$15,410)
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**108.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,147)	(\$11,147)	(\$11,147)	(\$11,147)
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**108.5** *Increase funds to expand the GED fast track program at Detention Centers.*

State General Funds	\$351,827	\$351,827	\$351,827	\$351,827
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**108.100-Detention Centers**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, vocational training, work details, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for probationers who require more security or supervision than provided by regular community supervision.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>	<b>\$39,218,080</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$39,668,080</b>	<b>\$39,668,080</b>	<b>\$39,668,080</b>	<b>\$39,668,080</b>

**Food and Farm Operations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059
State General Funds	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059	\$27,585,059

**109.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$23,156	\$23,156	\$23,156	\$23,156
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**109.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$934	\$934	\$934	\$934
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**109.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$630)	(\$630)	(\$630)	(\$630)
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**109.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$456)	(\$456)	(\$456)	(\$456)
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<b>109.100-Food and Farm Operations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage timber, raise crops and livestock, and produce dairy items used in preparing meals for offenders.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063
State General Funds	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063	\$27,608,063

**Health**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576
State General Funds	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576	\$204,222,576
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
Sales and Services	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$204,683,131	\$204,683,131	\$204,683,131	\$204,683,131

**110.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$174,711	\$174,711	\$174,711	\$174,711
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**110.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives for Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$162,922	\$162,922	\$0	\$0
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**110.3** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives for Georgia Correctional Healthcare employees effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,337,623	\$1,337,623	\$1,337,623	\$1,337,623
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**110.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance for Board of Regents contracted employees.*

State General Funds	\$304,875	\$304,875	\$304,875	\$304,875
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**110.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,966	\$5,966	\$5,966	\$5,966
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**110.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Georgia Correctional Healthcare employees and Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel in the physical health contract. (S and CC:Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Georgia Correctional Healthcare employees in the physical health contract)*

State General Funds	\$1,359,864	\$1,359,864	\$1,180,832	\$1,180,832
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**110.7** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,022)	(\$4,022)	(\$4,022)	(\$4,022)
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**110.8** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,910)	(\$2,910)	(\$2,910)	(\$2,910)
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**110.9** *Increase funds to implement an Electronic Health Records (EHR) contract to maintain compliance with Federal 340B Program eligibility.*

State General Funds	\$8,778,894	\$8,778,894	\$8,778,894	\$8,778,894
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**110.10** *Increase funds to cover expenses related to an increase in Hepatitis C treatments.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**110.11** *Increase funds to address rising costs of generic (bulk) prescription medications.*

State General Funds	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620	\$5,964,620
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**110.12** *Increase funds to address rising costs of HIV medications.*

State General Funds	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392	\$2,164,392
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**110.13** *Increase funds to address rising costs of psychotropic medications.*

State General Funds	\$485,688	\$485,688	\$485,688	\$485,688
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**110.14** *Increase funds to address rising costs of chemotherapy medications.*

State General Funds	\$861,408	\$861,408	\$861,408	\$861,408
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**110.15** *Increase funds for personnel for 18 contracted mental health positions for a 66% increase in staffing. (S:Increase funds for 13 contracted mental health positions)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for 18 contracted mental health positions for a 66% increase in staffing)*

State General Funds	\$1,888,608	\$1,888,608	\$1,328,160	\$1,888,608
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**110.16** *Increase funds for eight contracted dental health positions for an 80% increase in staffing. (S and CC:Increase funds for four contracted dental health positions)*

State General Funds	\$764,928	\$764,928	\$382,464	\$382,464
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**110.17** *Increase funds to cover the Department of Juvenile Justice's portion of the administrative costs of the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
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**110.18** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$12,172,584	\$12,054,030	\$0	\$0
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**110.19** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Commitment (YDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$8,056,496	\$7,937,942	\$0	\$0
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**110.20** *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the transfer and consolidation of pharmaceutical and administrative expenses.*

State General Funds		(\$750,000)	\$0	\$0
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<b>110.100-Health</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the required constitutional level of physical, dental, and mental health care to all inmates of the state correctional system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$259,699,223	\$258,712,115	\$237,185,277	\$237,745,725
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$259,699,223	\$258,712,115	\$237,185,277	\$237,745,725
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555	\$70,555
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$390,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$260,159,778	\$259,172,670	\$237,645,832	\$238,206,280

**Offender Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497
State General Funds	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497	\$43,545,497
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Sales and Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497	\$43,575,497

**111.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$69,479	\$69,479	\$69,479	\$69,479
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**111.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,264	\$2,264	\$2,264	\$2,264
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**111.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,526)	(\$1,526)	(\$1,526)	(\$1,526)
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**111.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,104)	(\$1,104)	(\$1,104)	(\$1,104)
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<b>111.100-Offender Management</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and operate the following agency-wide support services to ensure public safety: canine units, the County Correctional Institutions program, Correctional Emergency Response Teams, inmate classification, inmate diagnostics, the jail coordination unit, the release and agreements unit, and tactical squads.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610	\$43,614,610
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,644,610	\$43,644,610	\$43,644,610	\$43,644,610

**Private Prisons**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
State General Funds	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608

<b>112.100-Private Prisons</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to contract with private companies to provide cost effective prison facilities that ensure public safety.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608	\$135,395,608

**State Prisons****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093
State General Funds	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093	\$605,383,093
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
Sales and Services	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696	\$618,177,696

**113.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,947,590	\$8,947,590	\$8,947,590	\$8,947,590
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**113.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$337,940	\$337,940	\$337,940	\$337,940
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**113.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$981,346	\$981,346	\$981,346	\$981,346
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**113.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain canine officers.*

State General Funds	\$83,243	\$83,243	\$83,243	\$83,243
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**113.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$227,855)	(\$227,855)	(\$227,855)	(\$227,855)
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**113.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$164,824)	(\$164,824)	(\$164,824)	(\$164,824)
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**113.7** *Increase funds for six months of operations for Metro Re-entry Prison.*

State General Funds	\$6,302,513	\$6,302,513	\$6,302,513	\$6,302,513
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**113.8** *Increase funds for personnel to convert 30 part-time teaching positions to full-time positions to provide educational enhancements to academic programs in state prisons.*

State General Funds	\$1,438,170	\$1,438,170	\$1,438,170	\$1,438,170
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**113.9** *Increase funds for literacy and math instructional software at all facilities statewide.*

State General Funds	\$568,323	\$568,323	\$568,323	\$568,323
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**113.10** *Increase funds for personnel to add one regional CTE Social Services Program Consultant position.*

State General Funds	\$95,877	\$95,877	\$95,877	\$95,877
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**113.11** *Increase funds and utilize existing funds of \$812,960 to expand vocational/technical programs at ten state prisons.*

State General Funds	\$927,040	\$927,040	\$727,040	\$727,040
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<b>113.100-State Prisons</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide housing, academic education, religious support, vocational training, counseling, and substance abuse treatment for violent and/or repeat offenders, or nonviolent offenders who have exhausted all other forms of punishment in a secure, well supervised setting; to assist in the reentry of these offenders back into society; and to provide fire services and work details to the Department, state agencies, and local communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$624,672,456	\$624,672,456	\$624,472,456	\$624,472,456
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$624,672,456	\$624,672,456	\$624,472,456	\$624,472,456
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603	\$12,694,603
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$637,467,059	\$637,467,059	\$637,267,059	\$637,267,059

**Transition Centers**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721
State General Funds	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721	\$31,654,721

**114.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$472,404	\$472,404	\$472,404	\$472,404
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**114.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$16,890	\$16,890	\$16,890	\$16,890
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**114.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$11,388)	(\$11,388)	(\$11,388)	(\$11,388)
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**114.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$8,238)	(\$8,238)	(\$8,238)	(\$8,238)
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**114.5** *Increase funds to expand vocational/technical programs at six transition centers.*

State General Funds	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000
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<b>114.100-Transition Centers</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide "work release," allowing inmates to obtain and maintain a paying job in the community, while still receiving housing, academic education, counseling, and substance abuse treatment in a structured center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389	\$32,484,389

*Section 20: Defense, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382
State General Funds	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382	\$11,568,382
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Royalties and Rents	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Sales and Services	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$68,035,530	\$68,035,530	\$68,035,530	\$68,035,530

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,060,034	\$12,375,514	\$12,060,034	\$12,060,034
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,060,034	\$12,375,514	\$12,060,034	\$12,060,034
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273	\$53,204,273
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875	\$3,262,875
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156	\$1,210,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,527,182	\$68,842,662	\$68,527,182	\$68,527,182

**Departmental Administration (DOD)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079
State General Funds	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079	\$1,187,079

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,910,607	\$1,910,607	\$1,910,607	\$1,910,607

**115.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,090	\$12,090	\$12,090	\$12,090
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**115.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240
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**115.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$90)	(\$90)	(\$90)	(\$90)
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**115.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$102)	(\$102)	(\$102)	(\$102)
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**115.5** *Increase funds for the Military Support Center. (CC:NO; Reflect in the Department of Community Affairs)*

State General Funds		\$315,480	\$0	\$0
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<b>115.100-Departmental Administration (DOD)</b>
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<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration to the organized militia in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,199,217	\$1,514,697	\$1,199,217	\$1,199,217
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,199,217	\$1,514,697	\$1,199,217	\$1,199,217
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528	\$723,528
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,922,745	\$2,238,225	\$1,922,745	\$1,922,745

**Military Readiness**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228
State General Funds	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228	\$5,226,228
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
Royalties and Rents	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
Sales and Services	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747	\$43,124,747

**116.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,132	\$27,132	\$27,132	\$27,132
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**116.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$2,475
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**116.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$925)	(\$925)	(\$925)	(\$925)
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**116.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,047)	(\$1,047)	(\$1,047)	(\$1,047)
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<b>116.100-Military Readiness</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide and maintain facilities for the training of Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force personnel, and to provide an organized militia that can be activated and deployed at the direction of the President or Governor for a man-made crisis or natural disaster.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863	\$5,253,863
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522	\$34,639,522

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997	\$3,258,997
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548	\$1,881,548
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171	\$171,171
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278	\$1,206,278
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$43,152,382	\$43,152,382	\$43,152,382	\$43,152,382

**Youth Educational Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075
State General Funds	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075	\$5,155,075
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
Sales and Services	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176	\$23,000,176

**117.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$27,260	\$27,260	\$27,260	\$27,260
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**117.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,783	\$1,783	\$1,783	\$1,783
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**117.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$666)	(\$666)	(\$666)	(\$666)
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**117.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$755)	(\$755)	(\$755)	(\$755)
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**117.5** *Increase funds for personnel to provide a state match for the Youth Challenge Academy employee retention initiative.*

State General Funds	\$424,257	\$424,257	\$424,257	\$424,257
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<b>117.100-Youth Educational Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational and vocational opportunities to at-risk youth through Youth Challenge Academies and Starbase programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954	\$5,606,954
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223	\$17,841,223
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878	\$3,878
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,452,055	\$23,452,055	\$23,452,055	\$23,452,055

*Section 21: Driver Services, Department of*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016
State General Funds	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016	\$67,673,016
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137	\$70,517,137

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772	\$69,104,175
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772	\$69,090,772	\$69,104,175
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121	\$2,844,121
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$71,934,893	\$71,934,893	\$71,934,893	\$71,948,296

**Departmental Administration (DDS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440
State General Funds	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440	\$9,689,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
Sales and Services	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297	\$10,190,297

**118.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$91,279	\$91,279	\$91,279	\$91,279
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**118.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,098	\$2,098	\$2,098	\$2,098
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**118.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$9,667	\$9,667	\$9,667	\$9,667
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**118.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,722)	(\$1,722)	(\$1,722)	(\$1,722)
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**118.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$13,403
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**118.98** *Change the name of the Customer Service Support program to the Departmental Administration program.*

*(G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**118.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>118.100-Departmental Administration (DDS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is for administration of license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and commercial truck compliance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762	\$9,804,165
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762	\$9,790,762	\$9,804,165
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857	\$500,857
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,291,619	\$10,291,619	\$10,291,619	\$10,305,022

**License Issuance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556
State General Funds	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556	\$57,047,556
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
Sales and Services	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391	\$58,875,391

**119.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$581,156	\$581,156	\$581,156	\$581,156
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**119.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$23,192	\$23,192	\$23,192	\$23,192
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**119.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$236,062	\$236,062	\$236,062	\$236,062
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**119.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$106,895	\$106,895	\$106,895	\$106,895
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**119.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$11,518)	(\$11,518)	(\$11,518)	(\$11,518)
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**119.6** *Increase funds to replace the loss of federal funds to support five full-time and one part-time investigative assistant positions.*

State General Funds	\$261,470	\$261,470	\$261,470	\$261,470
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**119.7** *Increase funds for two full-time and two part-time driver examiner positions at the Sandy Springs Customer Service Center.*

State General Funds	\$106,033	\$106,033	\$106,033	\$106,033
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**119.100-License Issuance****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to issue and renew drivers' licenses, maintain driver records, operate Customer Service Centers, provide online access to services, provide motorcycle safety instruction, produce driver manuals, and investigate driver's license fraud.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846	\$58,350,846
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835	\$1,827,835
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,178,681	\$60,178,681	\$60,178,681	\$60,178,681

**Regulatory Compliance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020
State General Funds	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020	\$936,020
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
Sales and Services	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449	\$1,451,449

**120.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,783	\$9,783	\$9,783	\$9,783
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**120.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$665	\$665	\$665	\$665
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**120.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$3,066	\$3,066	\$3,066	\$3,066
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**120.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$370)	(\$370)	(\$370)	(\$370)
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**120.100-Regulatory Compliance**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate driver safety and education programs for both novice and problem drivers by approving driver education curricula and auditing third-party driver education providers for compliance with state laws and regulations; and to certify ignition interlock device providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$949,164	\$949,164	\$949,164	\$949,164
State General Funds	\$949,164	\$949,164	\$949,164	\$949,164
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
Sales and Services	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429	\$515,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,464,593	\$1,464,593	\$1,464,593	\$1,464,593

*Section 22: Early Care and Learning, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722	\$413,415,722
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
Lottery Proceeds	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759	\$389,573,759
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624	\$166,259,624
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481	\$803,149,481

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$426,002,099	\$426,002,099	\$426,002,099	\$426,360,460
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,514,847
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$389,573,759	\$399,351,105	\$399,351,105	\$389,573,759
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$166,259,624	\$176,036,970	\$176,036,970	\$166,259,624
<b>CCDF Mandatory &amp; Matching Funds CFDA93.596</b>	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047	\$125,696,047
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$815,735,858	\$825,513,204	\$825,513,204	\$816,094,219

**Child Care Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
State General Funds	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342	\$55,569,342
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984	\$204,020,984
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964	\$4,388,964
CCDF Mandatory & Matching Funds CFDA93.596	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326	\$259,615,326

**121.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$39,614	\$39,614	\$39,614	\$39,614
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**121.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,435	\$1,435	\$1,435	\$1,435
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**121.3** *Increase funds for the Childcare and Parent Services program for tiered reimbursement for Quality Rated childcare providers.*

State General Funds	\$5,546,095	\$5,546,095	\$5,546,095	\$5,546,095
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**121.4** *Transfer 135 Childcare and Parent Services positions from the Department of Human Services Child Care Services, Child Welfare Services, Departmental Administration, and Federal Eligibility Benefit Services programs to the Department of Early Care and Learning Child Care Services program and utilize existing federal funds to provide eligibility services.  
(G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$0
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$0

**121.5** *Increase funds for the DECAL foundation.*

State General Funds				\$357,718
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**121.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds

\$643

**121.100-Child Care Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate, license, and train child care providers; to support the infant and toddler and afterschool networks; and to provide inclusion services for children with disabilities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,514,847
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,156,486	\$61,514,847
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$204,020,984	\$213,798,330	\$213,798,330	\$204,020,984
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$4,388,964	\$14,166,310	\$14,166,310	\$4,388,964
<b>CCDF Mandatory &amp; Matching Funds CFDA93.596</b>	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088	\$97,618,088
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932	\$102,013,932
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$265,202,470	\$274,979,816	\$274,979,816	\$265,560,831

**Nutrition**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000

**122.100-Nutrition**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that USDA-compliant meals are served to eligible children and adults in day care settings and to eligible youth during the summer.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000	\$148,000,000

**Pre-Kindergarten Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380	\$357,846,380
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380	\$358,021,380

**123.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$5,204,708	\$5,204,708	\$5,204,708	\$5,204,708
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**123.2** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$3,559	\$3,559	\$3,559	\$3,559
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**123.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$1,789,855	\$1,789,855	\$1,789,855	\$1,789,855
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**123.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$788	\$788	\$788	\$788
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**123.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$323	\$323	\$323	\$323
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<b>123.100-Pre-Kindergarten Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding, training, technical assistance, and oversight of Pre-Kindergarten programs operated by public and private providers throughout the state and to improve the quality of early learning and increase school readiness for Georgia's four-year-olds.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613	\$364,845,613

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$365,020,613	\$365,020,613	\$365,020,613	\$365,020,613

**Quality Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775

<b>124.100-Quality Initiatives</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement innovative strategies and programs that focus on improving the quality of and access to early education, child care, and nutrition for Georgia's children and families.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775	\$37,377,775
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660	\$13,695,660
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115	\$23,682,115
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775	\$37,512,775



**Section 23: Economic Development, Department of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101
State General Funds	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101	\$32,278,101
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419	\$106,299,419

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,164,938	\$32,730,419	\$33,340,419	\$33,293,859
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$33,164,938	\$32,730,419	\$33,340,419	\$33,293,859
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,121,318	\$74,021,318
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$74,021,318	\$74,021,318	\$74,121,318	\$74,021,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$107,186,256	\$106,751,737	\$107,461,737	\$107,315,177

**Departmental Administration (DEcD)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550
State General Funds	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550	\$4,628,550

**125.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$65,419	\$65,419	\$65,419	\$65,419
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**125.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,409	\$2,409	\$2,409	\$2,409
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**125.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$619)	(\$619)	(\$619)	(\$619)
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**125.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$361	\$361	\$361	\$361
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**125.5** *Reduce funds to reflect maintenance savings due to the purchase of eight new vehicles in HB43 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds		(\$15,630)	(\$15,630)	(\$15,630)
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**125.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$3,440
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**125.100-Departmental Administration (DEcD)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to influence, affect, and enhance economic development in Georgia and provide information to people and companies to promote the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,696,120	\$4,680,490	\$4,680,490	\$4,683,930
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,696,120	\$4,680,490	\$4,680,490	\$4,683,930
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,696,120	\$4,680,490	\$4,680,490	\$4,683,930

**Film, Video, and Music****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845
State General Funds	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845	\$1,118,845

**126.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,585	\$12,585	\$12,585	\$12,585
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**126.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$463	\$463	\$463	\$463
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**126.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$69	\$69	\$69	\$69
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**126.100-Film, Video, and Music**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase industry awareness of Georgia business opportunities, financial incentives, infrastructure resources, and natural resources in order to attract film, video, music, and electronic gaming industry projects and businesses to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962	\$1,131,962

**Arts, Georgia Council for the**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations, fund grants and services for non-profit arts and cultural organizations, and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499
State General Funds	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499	\$716,499
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400	\$659,400
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899	\$1,375,899

**127.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,530	\$8,530	\$8,530	\$8,530
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**127.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$314	\$314	\$314	\$314
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**127.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47
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**127.4** *Increase funds for personnel for one program associate position.*

State General Funds	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**127.5** *Reduce funds in administration.*

State General Funds		(\$13,889)	(\$13,889)	(\$13,889)
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**127.6** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Council for the Arts program to the Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project program for grants.*

State General Funds	(\$176,356)	\$0	(\$176,356)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$659,400)	\$0	(\$659,400)
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>	<b>(\$835,756)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$835,756)</b>

**127.7** *Increase funds for arts grants.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**127.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

State General Funds	\$0
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<b>127.100-Arts, Georgia Council for the</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for Council operations and maintain the Georgia State Art Collection and Capitol Galleries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$790,390	\$535,145	\$811,501	\$535,145
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$790,390	\$535,145	\$811,501	\$535,145
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$659,400	\$0	\$759,400	\$0
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$659,400	\$0	\$759,400	\$0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,449,790</b>	<b>\$535,145</b>	<b>\$1,570,901</b>	<b>\$535,145</b>

**Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to institute a statewide 'Grassroots' arts program, with the goal to increase the arts participation and support throughout the state with grants no larger than \$5,000.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
State General Funds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

**128.1** *Transfer funds from the Georgia Council for the Arts program to the Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project program for grants.*

State General Funds	\$176,356	\$0	\$176,356
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$659,400	\$0	\$659,400
<b>Total Public Funds:</b>	<b>\$835,756</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$835,756</b>

**128.2** *Increase funds for Partner, Project and Education arts grants.*

State General Funds			\$100,000
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**128.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.*

State General Funds			\$0
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<b>128.100-Georgia Council for the Arts - Special Project</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to increase arts participation and support throughout the state with grants for non-profit arts and cultural organizations through Partner Grants, Project Grants, Education Grants and the 'Grassroots' arts program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$476,356	\$300,000	\$576,356
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$300,000	\$476,356	\$300,000	\$576,356
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>		\$659,400		\$659,400
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>		\$659,400		\$659,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$1,135,756</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$1,235,756</b>

**Global Commerce**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286
State General Funds	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286	\$11,264,286
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,264,286</b>	<b>\$11,264,286</b>	<b>\$11,264,286</b>	<b>\$11,264,286</b>

**129.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$112,941	\$112,941	\$89,223	\$89,223
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**129.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,160	\$4,160	\$3,286	\$3,286
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**129.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$623	\$623	\$492	\$492
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**129.4** *Increase funds for contracts for the economic development outreach initiative in China.*

State General Funds	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
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**129.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one trade representative position (\$90,000) and one project manager position (\$90,000). (S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for one project manager position)*

State General Funds	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
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**129.97** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Innovation and Technology program to the Global Commerce program.*

State General Funds			\$1,552,814	\$1,552,814
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**129.98** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Global Commerce program to the International Relations and Trade program.*

State General Funds			(\$2,728,122)	(\$2,728,122)
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**129.100-Global Commerce****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote Georgia as a state that is appealing to businesses along with being competitive in the international trade market; recruit, retain, and expand businesses in Georgia through a network of statewide and regional project managers, foreign and domestic marketing, and participation in Georgia Allies; help develop international markets for Georgia products and attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing international technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,962,010	\$11,962,010	\$10,671,979	\$10,671,979
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,962,010	\$11,962,010	\$10,671,979	\$10,671,979
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,962,010	\$11,962,010	\$10,671,979	\$10,671,979

**Governor's Office of Workforce Development**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918

**130.100-Governor's Office of Workforce Development**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve the job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918	\$73,361,918

**Innovation and Technology**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296
State General Funds	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296	\$1,542,296

**131.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,090	\$10,090	\$10,090	\$10,090
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**131.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$372	\$372	\$372	\$372
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**131.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$56	\$56	\$56	\$56
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**131.98** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Innovation and Technology program to the Global Commerce program.*

State General Funds			(\$1,552,814)	(\$1,552,814)
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<b>131.100-Innovation and Technology</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to market and promote strategic industries to existing and potential Georgia businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,552,814	\$1,552,814	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,552,814	\$1,552,814	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,552,814	\$1,552,814	\$0	\$0

**Small and Minority Business Development****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers, and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342	\$976,342

**132.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$14,052	\$14,052	\$14,052	\$14,052
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**132.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$518	\$518	\$518	\$518
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**132.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$78	\$78	\$78	\$78
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<b>132.100-Small and Minority Business Development</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist entrepreneurs and small and minority businesses by providing technical assistance on planning, advocacy, business needs, and identifying potential markets and suppliers, and to provide assistance to local communities in growing small businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990	\$990,990



**Tourism****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283
State General Funds	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283	\$11,731,283

**133.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$80,942	\$80,942	\$80,942	\$80,942
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**133.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,981	\$2,981	\$2,981	\$2,981
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**133.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$446	\$446	\$446	\$446
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**133.4** *Increase funds for the new visitor information center at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.*

State General Funds	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
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**133.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the National Infantry Museum.*

State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
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**133.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change.*

State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0
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**133.7** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the Georgia Historical Society.*

State General Funds		(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0
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**133.8** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for the Georgia Humanities Council.*

State General Funds		(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0
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**133.9** *Eliminate funds for the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.*

State General Funds		(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)
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**133.10** *Reduce funds for one-time funding for marketing. (S:Increase funds for general tourism marketing (\$50,000) and marketing for Georgia's music industry and attractions (\$50,000))(CC:Increase funds for general tourism marketing (\$25,000) and marketing for Georgia's music industry and attractions (\$25,000))*

State General Funds	(\$200,000)	\$100,000	\$50,000
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**133.11** *Utilize \$600,000 in existing funds for marketing the Year of Film in Georgia. (H:YES)(S and CC:YES; Utilize \$600,000 in existing funds for general tourism marketing to include marketing for the Year of Film in Georgia)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>133.100-Tourism</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide information to visitors about tourism opportunities throughout the state, operate and maintain state welcome centers, fund the Georgia Historical Society and Georgia Humanities Council, and work with communities to develop and market tourism products in order to attract more tourism to the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,740,652	\$11,400,652	\$11,910,652	\$11,860,652
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,740,652	\$11,400,652	\$11,910,652	\$11,860,652
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,740,652	\$11,400,652	\$11,910,652	\$11,860,652

**International Relations and Trade**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0

**501.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$23,718	\$23,718
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**501.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$874	\$874
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**501.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$131	\$131
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**501.4** *Increase funds for personnel for one trade representative position.*

State General Funds	\$90,000	\$90,000
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**501.98** *Transfer funds and associated positions from the Global Commerce program to the International Relations and Trade program.*

State General Funds	\$2,728,122	\$2,728,122
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<b>501.100-International Relations and Trade</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop international markets for Georgia products and to attract international companies to the state through business and trade missions, foreign advertising, a network of overseas offices and representatives, and by providing technical and educational assistance to businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,842,845	\$2,842,845
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,842,845	\$2,842,845
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,842,845	\$2,842,845

**Section 24: Education, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964
State General Funds	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964	\$8,911,091,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330	\$10,866,622,330

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,426,810,090	\$9,425,338,860	\$9,425,002,742	\$9,427,358,368
State General Funds	\$9,426,810,090	\$9,425,338,860	\$9,425,002,742	\$9,427,358,368
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403	\$1,916,624,403
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773	\$1,916,604,773
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$38,905,963	\$38,905,963	\$39,364,809	\$39,364,809
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$43,836
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463	\$27,764,463
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,513,558	\$11,513,558
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,054,712	\$11,054,712	\$11,513,558	\$11,513,558
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,382,340,456	\$11,380,869,226	\$11,380,991,954	\$11,383,347,580

**Agricultural Education****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689
State General Funds	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689	\$9,404,689
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978	\$11,110,978

**134.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$6,767	\$180,767	\$180,767	\$180,767
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**134.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
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**134.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$5,177	\$124,177	\$124,177	\$124,177
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**134.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$377)	(\$377)	(\$377)	(\$377)
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**134.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$66	\$66	\$66	\$66
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**134.6** *Increase funds for the Young Farmer programs in Newton and Fannin counties.*

State General Funds		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
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**134.7** *Increase funds to meet projected expenses.*

State General Funds		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
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<b>134.100-Agricultural Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local school systems with developing and funding agricultural education programs, and to provide afterschool and summer educational and leadership opportunities for students.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,416,334	\$9,894,334	\$9,894,334	\$9,894,334
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,416,334	\$9,894,334	\$9,894,334	\$9,894,334
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289	\$800,289
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000	\$906,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,122,623	\$11,600,623	\$11,600,623	\$11,600,623

**Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for grants for film and audio-video equipment to local school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
State General Funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**135.1** *Reduce funds to reflect projected expenses.*

State General Funds			(\$2,250,000)	\$0
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**135.100-Audio-Video Technology and Film Grants** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funds for grants for film and audio-video equipment to local school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000	\$2,500,000
State General Funds	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000	\$2,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$250,000	\$2,500,000

**Business and Finance Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550
State General Funds	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550	\$7,678,550
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,458,062	\$28,458,062	\$28,458,062	\$28,458,062

**136.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$125,312	\$125,312	\$125,312	\$125,312
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**136.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,615	\$4,615	\$4,615	\$4,615
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**136.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$7,135	\$7,135	\$7,135	\$7,135
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**136.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,674)	(\$1,674)	(\$1,674)	(\$1,674)
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**136.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,218	\$1,218	\$1,218	\$1,218
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**136.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$16,994
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<b>136.100-Business and Finance Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for business, finance, facilities, and pupil transportation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156	\$7,832,150
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156	\$7,815,156	\$7,832,150
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512	\$779,512
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$28,594,668	\$28,594,668	\$28,594,668	\$28,611,662

**Central Office**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730
State General Funds	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730	\$4,204,730
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
Sales and Services	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,523,251	\$21,523,251	\$21,523,251	\$21,523,251

**137.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$56,441	\$56,441	\$56,441	\$56,441
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**137.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,133	\$1,133	\$1,133	\$1,133
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**137.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$20,329	\$20,329	\$20,329	\$20,329
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**137.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$588)	(\$588)	(\$588)	(\$588)
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**137.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$547	\$547	\$547	\$547
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**137.6** *Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for one program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities.*

State General Funds		(\$125,000)	\$0	(\$125,000)
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**137.7** *Increase funds for statewide Positive Behavior and Intervention Support trainers.*

State General Funds		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
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**137.8** *Increase funds for the American Association of Adapted Sports Program (AAASP) to provide services for physically disabled youth in public schools.*

State General Funds			\$25,000	\$25,000
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**137.9** *Increase funds for Dougherty County to plan and develop a project with AmeriCorps that supports elementary level reading and math programs. (CC:Reflect in Innovation Grants in Governor's Office of Student Achievement program)*

State General Funds			\$15,000	\$0
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**137.10** *Increase funds for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants. (CC:Reflect in Innovation Grants in Governor's Office of Student Achievement program)*

State General Funds			\$50,000	\$0
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**137.11** *Increase funds for implementation of HB338 (2017 Session) to hire the Chief Turnaround Officer and to assist underperforming schools.*

State General Funds \$1,000,000

<b>137.100-Central Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the State Board of Education, Departmental programs, and local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,282,592	\$4,457,592	\$4,672,592	\$5,482,592
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,282,592	\$4,457,592	\$4,672,592	\$5,482,592
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592	\$17,074,592
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929	\$243,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,601,113	\$21,776,113	\$21,991,113	\$22,801,113

**Charter Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942
State General Funds	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942	\$2,159,942

**138.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds \$11,668

**138.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds \$416

**138.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds (\$129)

**138.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$113	\$113	\$113	\$113
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<b>138.100-Charter Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize charter schools and charter systems and to provide funds for competitive grants for planning, implementation, facilities, and operations of those entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010	\$2,172,010

**Communities in Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
State General Funds	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100	\$1,203,100

**139.1** *Increase funds for local affiliates.*

State General Funds		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
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<b>139.100-Communities in Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support Performance Learning Centers and maintain a network of local affiliate organizations across the state, and to partner with other state and national organizations to support student success in school and beyond.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,203,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100	\$1,228,100

**Curriculum Development**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097
State General Funds	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097	\$3,742,097
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622	\$6,735,622

**140.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$54,657	\$54,657	\$54,657	\$54,657
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**140.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$911	\$911	\$911	\$911
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**140.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$17,403	\$17,403	\$17,403	\$17,403
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**140.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$482)	(\$482)	(\$482)	(\$482)
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**140.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$531	\$531	\$531	\$531
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**140.100-Curriculum Development**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop a statewide, standards-based curriculum to guide instruction and assessment, and to provide training and instructional resources to teachers for implementing this curriculum.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117	\$3,815,117
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489	\$2,955,489
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036

<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036	\$38,036
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,808,642	\$6,808,642	\$6,808,642	\$6,808,642

**Federal Programs****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318

**141.100-Federal Programs****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate federally funded programs and allocate federal funds to school systems.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318	\$993,010,318

**Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561
State General Funds	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561	\$63,926,561
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603	\$72,186,603

**142.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$1,051,492	\$1,051,492	\$1,051,492	\$1,051,492
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**142.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38	\$38	\$38	\$38
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**142.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$1,164,696	\$1,164,696	\$1,164,696	\$1,164,696
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**142.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
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**142.5** *Utilize existing funds from savings from student enrollment decline for staff training to improve instructional practices and for behavioral and therapeutic services contracts. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>142.100-Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), which provides services, education, and resources for students ages three to twenty-one with autism or severe emotional behavioral problems and their families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788	\$66,142,788
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042	\$8,260,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$74,402,830	\$74,402,830	\$74,402,830	\$74,402,830

**Georgia Virtual School**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277
State General Funds	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277	\$3,000,277
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
Sales and Services	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753	\$10,109,753

**143.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,924	\$44,924	\$44,924	\$44,924
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**143.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$154	\$154	\$154	\$154
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**143.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$26,652	\$26,652	\$26,652	\$26,652
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**143.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$391)	(\$391)	(\$391)	(\$391)
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**143.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$436	\$436	\$436	\$436
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**143.100-Georgia Virtual School****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the accessibility and breadth of course offerings so that Georgia students can recover credits, access supplementary resources, enhance their studies, or earn additional credits in a manner not involving on-site interaction with a teacher.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052	\$3,072,052
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476	\$7,109,476
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,181,528	\$10,181,528	\$10,181,528	\$10,181,528

**Information Technology Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873
State General Funds	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873	\$21,550,873
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870	\$22,215,870

**144.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$197,054	\$197,054	\$197,054	\$197,054
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**144.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,233	\$6,233	\$6,233	\$6,233
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**144.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$22,699	\$22,699	\$22,699	\$22,699
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**144.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,187)	(\$2,187)	(\$2,187)	(\$2,187)
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**144.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,914	\$1,914	\$1,914	\$1,914
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<b>144.100-Information Technology Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage enterprise technology for the department, provide internet access to local school systems, support data collection and reporting needs, and support technology programs that assist local school systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586	\$21,776,586
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825	\$106,825
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172	\$558,172
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,441,583	\$22,441,583	\$22,441,583	\$22,441,583

**Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives, including children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
State General Funds	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618	\$11,304,618

**145.1** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$211,238	\$211,238	\$211,238	\$211,238
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**145.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$202,124	\$202,124	\$202,124	\$202,124
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**145.3** *Reduce funds for Residential Treatment Facilities based on attendance.*

State General Funds	(\$560,639)	(\$138,015)	(\$138,015)	(\$138,015)
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**145.4** *Increase funds for Sparsity Grants.*

State General Funds	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,300	\$39,300
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**145.5** *Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for one program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities. (S:Increase funds for one part-time program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities)(CC:Transfer funds from the Central Office program to the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for one program manager position to provide state level support for the education component of Residential Treatment Facilities)*

State General Funds		\$125,000	\$60,000	\$125,000
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**145.6** *Direct the Department of Education to provide an audit on the financial and operational status of all Residential Treatment Facilities to the Governor and Georgia General Assembly by July 1, 2017. (S:YES)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds			\$0	\$0
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**145.100-Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund specific initiatives, including children in residential education facilities and sparsity grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$11,196,641	\$11,744,265	\$11,679,265	\$11,744,265
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$11,196,641	\$11,744,265	\$11,679,265	\$11,744,265
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,196,641	\$11,744,265	\$11,679,265	\$11,744,265

**Nutrition**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501
State General Funds	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501	\$23,578,501
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$853,875,157</b>	<b>\$853,875,157</b>	<b>\$853,875,157</b>	<b>\$853,875,157</b>

**146.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,449	\$5,449	\$5,449	\$5,449
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**146.2** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$484,841	\$484,841	\$484,841	\$484,841
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**146.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
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**146.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$4,710	\$4,710	\$4,710	\$4,710
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**146.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$77)	(\$77)	(\$77)	(\$77)
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**146.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$53
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<b>146.100-Nutrition</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide leadership, training, technical assistance, and resources, so local program personnel can deliver meals that support nutritional well-being and performance at school and comply with federal standards.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489	\$24,073,489
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832	\$830,187,832
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824	\$108,824
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$854,370,145	\$854,370,145	\$854,370,145	\$854,370,145

**Preschool Disabilities Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
State General Funds	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294	\$33,698,294

**147.1** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$432,960	\$432,960	\$432,960	\$432,960
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**147.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$637,635	\$637,635	\$637,635	\$637,635
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**147.3** *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	\$794,243	\$794,243	\$794,243	\$794,243
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<b>147.100-Preschool Disabilities Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide early educational services to three- and four-year-old students with disabilities so that they enter school better prepared to succeed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132	\$35,563,132

**Quality Basic Education Equalization**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
State General Funds	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036	\$498,729,036

**148.1** *Increase funds for Equalization grants.*

State General Funds	\$85,855,866	\$85,855,866	\$85,855,866	\$85,833,380
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<b>148.100-Quality Basic Education Equalization</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide additional financial assistance to local school systems ranking below the statewide average of per pupil tax wealth as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-165.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,562,416
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,562,416
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,584,902	\$584,562,416

**Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
State General Funds	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)	(\$1,704,062,671)

**149.1** *Adjust funds for the Local Five Mill Share.*

State General Funds	(\$73,101,650)	(\$73,101,650)	(\$73,101,650)	(\$73,101,650)
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**149.100-Quality Basic Education Local Five Mill Share****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this program is to recognize the required local portion of the Quality Basic Education program as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-164.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)
State General Funds	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)	(\$1,777,164,321)

**Quality Basic Education Program****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320
State General Funds	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320	\$9,835,244,320

**150.1** *Increase funds for a 2% increase to the state base salary schedule effective September 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$160,105,154	\$160,105,154	\$160,105,154	\$160,105,154
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**150.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$177,960,254	\$177,960,254	\$177,960,254	\$177,960,254
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**150.3** *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience.*

State General Funds	\$133,281,108	\$133,317,976	\$133,281,108	\$133,317,976
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**150.4** *Reduce funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	(\$365,762)	(\$361,111)	(\$361,111)	(\$361,111)
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**150.5** *Increase funds for school nurses.*

State General Funds	\$178,289	\$154,989	\$154,989	\$154,989
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**150.6** *Increase funds for the State Commission Charter School supplement.*

State General Funds	\$11,319,816	\$9,315,934	\$9,315,934	\$9,315,934
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**150.7** *Increase funds for the Special Needs Scholarship. (H and S: YES; Realize savings from program attrition in the Special Needs Scholarship to fund additional growth)*

State General Funds	\$4,441,199	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**150.8** *Increase funds for charter system grants.*

State General Funds	\$9,390,501	\$9,864,195	\$9,864,195	\$9,864,195
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**150.9** *Increase funds for school counselors to reflect HB283 (2013 Session).*

State General Funds		\$4,051,741	\$4,051,741	\$4,051,741
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**150.10** *Increase funds for school counselors to districts that have a large concentration of military students.*

State General Funds		\$445,145	\$445,145	\$445,145
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**150.11** *Direct the Department of Education to provide a report to the Governor and General Assembly no later than July 1, 2017 on the status of the state's school bus fleet; including a sustainable replenishment model. (H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>150.100-Quality Basic Education Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide formula funds to school systems based on full time equivalent students for the instruction of students in grades K-12 as outlined in O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,331,554,879	\$10,330,098,597	\$10,330,061,729	\$10,330,098,597
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,331,554,879	\$10,330,098,597	\$10,330,061,729	\$10,330,098,597
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,331,554,879	\$10,330,098,597	\$10,330,061,729	\$10,330,098,597

**Regional Education Service Agencies**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
State General Funds	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033	\$10,810,033

**151.1** *Increase funds for a 2% salary increase.*

State General Funds	\$87,245	\$87,245	\$87,245	\$87,245
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**151.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$65,881	\$65,881	\$65,881	\$65,881
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**151.3** *Increase funds for personnel for Positive Behavior and Intervention Support specialists to convert part-time staff to full-time staff. (S:Utilize existing funds (\$1,160,050) and increase funds for part-time Positive Behavior and Intervention Support specialists at each Regional Education Service Agency)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for Positive Behavior and Intervention Support specialists to convert part-time staff to full-time staff)*

State General Funds		\$1,269,950	\$99,950	\$1,269,950
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**151.100-Regional Education Service Agencies****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia's sixteen Regional Education Service Agencies with funds to assist local school systems with improving the effectiveness of their educational programs by providing curriculum consultation, skill enhancement, professional development, technology training, and other shared services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,963,159	\$12,233,109	\$11,063,109	\$12,233,109
State General Funds	\$10,963,159	\$12,233,109	\$11,063,109	\$12,233,109
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,963,159	\$12,233,109	\$11,063,109	\$12,233,109

**School Improvement****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439
State General Funds	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439	\$9,375,439
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>	<b>\$16,244,583</b>

**152.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$157,595	\$157,595	\$157,595	\$157,595
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**152.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,816	\$3,816	\$3,816	\$3,816
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**152.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$48,223	\$48,223	\$48,223	\$48,223
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**152.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,861)	(\$1,861)	(\$1,861)	(\$1,861)
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**152.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,531	\$1,531	\$1,531	\$1,531
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<b>152.100-School Improvement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide research, technical assistance, resources, teacher professional learning, and leadership training for low- performing schools and local educational agencies to help them design and implement school improvement strategies to improve graduation rates and overall student achievement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743	\$9,584,743
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144	\$6,869,144
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$16,453,887</b>	<b>\$16,453,887</b>	<b>\$16,453,887</b>	<b>\$16,453,887</b>

**State Charter School Commission Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
Sales and Services	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463

**153.1** *Increase funds to reflect projected expenditures. (CC:Increase funds to reflect projected expenditures and provide a report on the commission's operating plan for regulating administrative cost growth and optimizing efficiencies to the Appropriations committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2017)*

Sales and Services Not Itemized			\$458,846	\$458,846
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**153.100-State Charter School Commission Administration**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to focus on the development and support of state charter schools in order to better meet the growing and diverse needs of students in this state and to further ensure that state charter schools of the highest academic quality are approved and supported throughout the state in an efficient manner.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309	\$4,156,309
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309	\$4,156,309
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309	\$4,156,309
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,697,463	\$3,697,463	\$4,156,309	\$4,156,309

**State Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610
State General Funds	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610	\$27,283,610
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800



Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
Sales and Services	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,889,948</b>	<b>\$28,889,948</b>	<b>\$28,889,948</b>	<b>\$28,889,948</b>

**154.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$413,862	\$413,862	\$413,862	\$413,862
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**154.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$8,813	\$8,813	\$8,813	\$8,813
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**154.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$152,157	\$152,157	\$152,157	\$152,157
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**154.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$9,575)	(\$9,575)	(\$9,575)	(\$9,575)
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**154.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,022	\$4,022	\$4,022	\$4,022
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**154.6** *Increase funds for training and experience.*

State General Funds	\$550,205	\$550,205	\$550,205	\$550,205
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**154.7** *Reduce funds for differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers.*

State General Funds	(\$11,150)	(\$11,150)	(\$11,150)	(\$11,150)
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<b>154.100-State Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare sensory-impaired and multi-disabled students to become productive citizens by providing a learning environment addressing their academic, vocational, and social development.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,391,944</b>	<b>\$28,391,944</b>	<b>\$28,391,944</b>	<b>\$28,391,944</b>
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944	\$28,391,944
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299	\$141,299
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669	\$121,669
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630	\$19,630
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039	\$1,465,039
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443	\$1,412,443
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952	\$42,952
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844	\$3,844
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$29,998,282	\$29,998,282	\$29,998,282	\$29,998,282

**Technology/Career Education****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380
State General Funds	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380	\$17,489,380
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484	\$62,936,484

**155.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,250	\$293,125	\$293,125	\$293,125
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**155.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$708	\$708	\$708	\$708
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**155.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$10,261	\$207,614	\$207,614	\$207,614
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**155.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$322)	(\$322)	(\$322)	(\$322)
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**155.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$294	\$294	\$294	\$294
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**155.100-Technology/Career Education**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to equip students with academic, vocational, technical, and leadership skills and to extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day and year.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,530,571	\$17,990,799	\$17,990,799	\$17,990,799
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$17,530,571	\$17,990,799	\$17,990,799	\$17,990,799
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080	\$40,668,080
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024	\$4,779,024
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$62,977,675	\$63,437,903	\$63,437,903	\$63,437,903

**Testing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639
State General Funds	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639	\$26,718,639
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620	\$42,489,620

**156.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$42,810	\$42,810	\$42,810	\$42,810
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**156.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$720	\$720	\$720	\$720
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**156.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$21,098	\$21,098	\$21,098	\$21,098
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**156.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$413)	(\$413)	(\$413)	(\$413)
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**156.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$416	\$416	\$416	\$416
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**156.6** *Reduce funds to reflect a reduction in the number of state mandated tests due to SB364 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds		(\$1,500,000)	(\$425,000)	(\$750,000)
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**156.7** *Transfer funds from the Department of Education's Testing program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program and utilize \$1,231,900 in existing innovation grant funds to provide one AP STEM exam for every student taking an AP STEM course.*

State General Funds		(\$1,470,750)	\$0	(\$1,470,750)
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**156.8** *Increase funds for concordant testing models as prescribed in SB211 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds			\$425,000	\$250,000
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**156.100-Testing****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the statewide student assessment program and provide related testing instruments and training to local schools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,783,270	\$23,812,520	\$26,783,270	\$24,812,520
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$26,783,270	\$23,812,520	\$26,783,270	\$24,812,520
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981	\$15,770,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,554,251	\$39,583,501	\$42,554,251	\$40,583,501

**Tuition for Multiple Disability Students**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
State General Funds	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946

**157.100-Tuition for Multiple Disability Students**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to partially reimburse school systems for private residential placements when the school system is unable to provide an appropriate program for a multi-disabled student.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946	\$1,551,946

**The formula calculation for Quality Basic Education funding assumes a base unit cost of \$2,548.34. In addition, all local school system allotments for Quality Basic Education shall be made in accordance with funds appropriated by this Act.**

**Section 25: Employees' Retirement System of Georgia**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275
State General Funds	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275	\$28,810,275
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$54,901,364	\$54,901,364	\$54,901,364	\$54,901,364

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712	\$31,663,712
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712	\$30,092,712	\$31,663,712

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$56,101,601	\$56,101,601	\$56,101,601	\$57,672,601

**Deferred Compensation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813	\$4,518,813

**158.1 Increase funds for contracts.**

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
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**158.100-Deferred Compensation****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide excellent service to participants in the deferred compensation program for all employees of the state, giving them an effective supplement for their retirement planning.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813	\$4,768,813

**Georgia Military Pension Fund****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
State General Funds	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875	\$2,017,875

**159.1** *Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	\$359,437	\$359,437	\$359,437	\$359,437
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<b>159.100-Georgia Military Pension Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for members of the Georgia National Guard.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312	\$2,377,312

**Public School Employees Retirement System**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
State General Funds	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000	\$26,277,000

**160.1** *Increase funds for the actuarially determined employer contribution in accordance with the most recent actuarial report.*

State General Funds	\$1,428,000	\$1,428,000	\$1,428,000	\$1,428,000
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**160.2** *Increase funds to provide an increase in the PSERS multiplier from \$14.75 per year of service to \$15.00 per year of service.*

State General Funds				\$1,571,000
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<b>160.100-Public School Employees Retirement System</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to account for the receipt of retirement contributions, ensure sound investing of system funds, and provide timely and accurate payment of retirement benefits.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$29,276,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$29,276,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$27,705,000	\$29,276,000

**System Administration (ERS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400
State General Funds	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400	\$515,400
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
State Funds Transfers	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
Retirement Payments	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276	\$21,572,276
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676	\$22,087,676

**161.1** *Eliminate funds for HB508 and SB243 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)	(\$505,000)
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**161.2** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for information technology equipment for a network update project in FY2017.*

Retirement Payments	(\$360,000)	(\$360,000)	(\$360,000)	(\$360,000)
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**161.3** *Increase funds for contracts.*

Retirement Payments	\$27,800	\$27,800	\$27,800	\$27,800
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<b>161.100-System Administration (ERS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect employee and employer contributions, invest the accumulated funds, and disburse retirement benefits to members and beneficiaries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076	\$21,240,076
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,250,476	\$21,250,476	\$21,250,476	\$21,250,476

**It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed 24.81% for New Plan employees and 20.06% for Old Plan employees. For the GSEPS employees, the employer contribution rate shall not exceed 21.78% for the pension portion of the benefit and 3.0% in employer match contributions for**



**the 401(k) portion of the benefit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution for Public School Employees' Retirement System shall not exceed \$780.92 per member for State Fiscal Year 2018.**

***Section 26: Forestry Commission, State***

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201
State General Funds	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201	\$36,253,201
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
Royalties and Rents	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Sales and Services	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
State Funds Transfers	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$49,479,737	\$49,479,737	\$49,479,737	\$49,479,737

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,864,404	\$36,864,404	\$36,864,404	\$36,875,232
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$36,864,404	\$36,864,404	\$36,864,404	\$36,875,232
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349	\$6,074,349
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687	\$6,941,687
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187	\$4,286,187
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500	\$210,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,090,940	\$50,090,940	\$50,090,940	\$50,101,768

**Commission Administration (SFC)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer work force needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571
State General Funds	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571	\$3,740,571
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
Sales and Services	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151	\$3,972,151

**162.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$43,616	\$43,616	\$43,616	\$43,616
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**162.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,628	\$1,628	\$1,628	\$1,628
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**162.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,600)	(\$2,600)	(\$2,600)	(\$2,600)
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**162.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$215)	(\$215)	(\$215)	(\$215)
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**162.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds \$10,828

**162.98** *Change the agency name of the Georgia Forestry Commission to the State Forestry Commission pursuant to Title 12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

<b>162.100-Commission Administration (SFC)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer work force needs, handle purchasing, accounts receivable and payable, meet information technology needs, and provide oversight that emphasizes customer values and process innovation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000	\$3,793,828
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000	\$3,783,000	\$3,793,828
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800	\$48,800
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780	\$182,780
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,014,580	\$4,014,580	\$4,014,580	\$4,025,408

**Forest Management**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost-share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043
State General Funds	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043	\$2,850,043
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
Sales and Services	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
State Funds Transfers	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926	\$7,634,926

**163.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$53,342	\$53,342	\$53,342	\$53,342
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**163.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,992	\$1,992	\$1,992	\$1,992
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**163.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$3,180)	(\$3,180)	(\$3,180)	(\$3,180)
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**163.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$264)	(\$264)	(\$264)	(\$264)
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**163.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest*

*biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

State General Funds \$0                      \$0                      \$0                      \$0

<b>163.100-Forest Management</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure the stewardship of forest lands; to collect and analyze state forestry inventory data; to administer federal forestry cost share assistance programs; to study forest health and invasive species control issues; to manage state-owned forests; to educate private forest landowners and timber harvesters about best management practices; to assist communities with management of forested greenspace; to promote and obtain conservation easements; to manage Georgia's Carbon Registry; to promote retention, investment, and/or expansion of new emerging and existing forest and forest biomass industries, and, during extreme fire danger, to provide logistical, overhead, and direct fire suppression assistance to the Forest Protection program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933	\$2,901,933
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151	\$3,645,151
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732	\$950,732
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$187,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732	\$763,732
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$189,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,686,816	\$7,686,816	\$7,686,816	\$7,686,816

**Forest Protection****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587
State General Funds	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587	\$29,662,587
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
Royalties and Rents	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Sales and Services	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
State Funds Transfers	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580	\$36,665,580

**164.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$473,446	\$473,446	\$473,446	\$473,446
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**164.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$17,677	\$17,677	\$17,677	\$17,677
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**164.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$56,328	\$56,328	\$56,328	\$56,328
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**164.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$28,226)	(\$28,226)	(\$28,226)	(\$28,226)
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**164.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,341)	(\$2,341)	(\$2,341)	(\$2,341)
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<b>164.100-Forest Protection</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure an aggressive and efficient response and suppression of forest fires in the unincorporated areas of the State; to mitigate hazardous forest fuels; to issue burn permits, to provide statewide education in the prevention of wildfires; to perform wildfire arson investigations; to promote community wildland fire planning and protection through cooperative agreements with fire departments; to train and certify firefighters in wildland firefighting; to provide assistance and support to rural fire departments including selling wildland fire engines and tankers; and to support the Forest Management program during periods of low fire danger.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471	\$30,179,471
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681	\$2,246,681
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312	\$4,741,312
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500	\$2,385,500
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812	\$2,272,812

<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,182,464	\$37,182,464	\$37,182,464	\$37,182,464

**Tree Seedling Nursery**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
Sales and Services	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
State Funds Transfers	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080

**165.100-Tree Seedling Nursery**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to produce an adequate quantity of high quality forest tree seedlings for sale at reasonable cost to Georgia landowners.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717	\$133,717
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863	\$1,066,863
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500



<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080	\$1,207,080

*Section 27: Governor, Office of the*

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577
State General Funds	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577	\$58,465,577
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
Reserved Fund Balances	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
State Funds Transfers	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545	\$89,388,545

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$59,135,851	\$60,606,601	\$59,094,973	\$61,269,172
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$59,135,851	\$60,606,601	\$59,094,973	\$61,269,172
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112	\$30,115,112
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,058,819	\$91,529,569	\$90,017,941	\$92,192,140

**Governor's Emergency Fund****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
State General Funds	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041

**166.100-Governor's Emergency Fund****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide emergency funds to draw on when disasters create extraordinary demands on government.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
State General Funds	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041	\$11,062,041

**Governor's Office****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be \$40,000.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562
State General Funds	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562	\$6,645,562

**167.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$105,160	\$105,160	\$105,160	\$105,160
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**167.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,873	\$3,873	\$3,873	\$3,873
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**167.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$109	\$109	\$109	\$109
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**167.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900
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**167.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$1,654
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<b>167.100-Governor's Office</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide numerous duties including, but not limited to: granting commissions, appointments and vacancies, maintaining order, and temporary transfer of institutions between departments or agencies. The Mansion allowance per O.C.G.A. 45-7-4 shall be \$40,000.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,760,258
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,760,258
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,758,604	\$6,760,258

**Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627
State General Funds	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627	\$8,745,627

**168.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$108,079	\$108,079	\$108,079	\$108,079
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**168.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,980	\$3,980	\$3,980	\$3,980
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**168.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,736)	(\$1,736)	(\$1,736)	(\$1,736)
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**168.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102	\$1,102
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**168.5** *Transfer funds from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Natural Resources for the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns.*

State General Funds	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
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**168.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$827
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<b>168.100-Planning and Budget, Governor's Office of</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve state government operations and services by leading and assisting in the evaluation, development, and implementation of budgets, plans, programs, and policies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,879
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,879
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,052	\$8,842,879

**Child Advocate, Office of the**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589
State General Funds	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589	\$1,003,589

**169.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$14,369	\$14,369	\$14,369	\$14,369
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**169.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$529	\$529	\$529	\$529
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**169.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$196	\$196	\$196	\$196
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**169.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$507	\$507	\$507	\$507
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**169.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$132
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<b>169.100-Child Advocate, Office of the</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for the protection and well-being of children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,322
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,322
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,190	\$1,019,322

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840
State General Funds	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840	\$2,781,840
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
Reserved Fund Balances	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sales and Services	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325

State Funds Transfers	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>	<b>\$33,292,878</b>

**170.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$45,889	\$45,889	\$45,889	\$45,889
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**170.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,721	\$1,721	\$1,721	\$1,721
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**170.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$33,070	\$33,070	\$33,070	\$33,070
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**170.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,278)	(\$1,278)	(\$1,278)	(\$1,278)
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**170.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,220	\$1,220	\$1,220	\$1,220
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**170.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for operations for Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center analyst positions.*

State General Funds	(\$56,820)	(\$56,820)	(\$56,820)	(\$56,820)
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**170.7** *Increase funds for personnel to add two new analysts to work in the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center to provide for Homeland Security Activity and cyber terrorism intelligence for the prevention and discovery of terrorist threats or attacks. (CC:Increase funds for personnel to add two new analysts to work in the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center to provide for Homeland Security Activity and cyber terrorism intelligence for the prevention and discovery of terrorist threats or attacks and reflect October 1, 2017 start date)*

State General Funds			\$209,122	\$156,841
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**170.8** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$786
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**170.98** *Change the name of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency pursuant to SB416 (2016 Session). (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

**170.100-Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, Georgia** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a disaster, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery program by coordinating federal, state, and other resources and supporting local governments to respond to major disasters and emergency events, and to coordinate state resources for the preparation and prevention of threats and acts of terrorism and to serve as the State's point of contact for the federal Department of Homeland Security.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,805,642	\$2,805,642	\$3,014,764	\$2,963,269
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,805,642	\$2,805,642	\$3,014,764	\$2,963,269
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182	\$29,703,182
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531	\$660,531
<b>Reserved Fund Balances</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Reserved Fund Balances Not Itemized</b>	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531	\$160,531
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325	\$147,325
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$33,316,680	\$33,316,680	\$33,525,802	\$33,474,307

**Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838
State General Funds	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838	\$689,838

**171.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,825	\$11,825	\$11,825	\$11,825
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**171.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$435	\$435	\$435	\$435
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**171.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$157)	(\$157)	(\$157)	(\$157)
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**171.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$666)	(\$666)	(\$666)	(\$666)
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**171.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$226
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**171.100-Equal Opportunity, Georgia Commission on****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the Georgia Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, and the Fair Housing Act, which makes it unlawful to discriminate against any individual.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,501
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,501
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,275	\$701,501

**Professional Standards Commission, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790
State General Funds	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790	\$7,051,790
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720	\$7,463,720



**172.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$113,868	\$113,868	\$113,868	\$113,868
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**172.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,843	\$3,843	\$3,843	\$3,843
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**172.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$5,543	\$5,543	\$5,543	\$5,543
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**172.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$40)	(\$40)	(\$40)	(\$40)
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**172.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$980	\$980	\$980	\$980
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**172.6** *Increase funds for personnel for an education specialist position.*

State General Funds	\$110,782	\$110,782	\$110,782	\$110,782
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**172.7** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$1,297
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<b>172.100-Professional Standards Commission, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to direct the preparation of, certify, recognize, and recruit Georgia educators, and to enforce standards regarding educator professional preparation, performance, and ethics.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766	\$7,288,063
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766	\$7,286,766	\$7,288,063
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930	\$411,930
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,698,696	\$7,698,696	\$7,698,696	\$7,699,993

**Office of the State Inspector General**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215
State General Funds	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215	\$688,215

**173.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,032	\$12,032	\$12,032	\$12,032
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**173.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$443	\$443	\$443	\$443
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**173.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$113	\$113	\$113	\$113
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**173.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$163	\$163	\$163	\$163
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**173.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$188
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**173.100-Office of the State Inspector General**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to foster and promote accountability and integrity in state government by investigating and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$701,154
State General Funds	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$701,154
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$700,966	\$701,154

**Student Achievement, Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075
State General Funds	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075	\$19,797,075

**174.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$119,480	\$119,480	\$119,480	\$119,480
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**174.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,210	\$3,210	\$3,210	\$3,210
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**174.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$23,295	\$23,295	\$23,295	\$23,295
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**174.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$13,301	\$13,301	\$13,301	\$13,301
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**174.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,954	\$2,954	\$2,954	\$2,954
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**174.6** *Utilize existing funds for an early language and literacy pilot program. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**174.7** *Transfer funds from the Department of Education's Testing program to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program and utilize \$1,231,900 in existing innovation grant funds to provide one AP STEM exam for every student taking an AP STEM course.*

State General Funds	\$1,470,750	\$0	\$1,470,750	
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**174.8** *Utilize \$1,500,000 in existing innovation grant funds for a competitive grant program that would provide certified school counselor-graduation specialists for the lowest performing high schools in the state, giving a priority to those schools on the chronically failing schools list. (H: YES)(S: YES; Utilize \$1,200,000 in existing innovation grant funds for a competitive grant program that would provide certified school counselor-graduation specialists for the lowest performing high schools in the state, giving a priority to those schools on the chronically failing schools list)(CC: YES; Utilize \$1,250,000 in existing innovation grant funds for a competitive grant program that would provide certified school counselor-graduation specialists for the lowest performing high schools in the state, giving a priority to those schools on the chronically failing schools list)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	
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**174.9** *Continue to provide \$600,000 in grants to local school systems to increase participation and achievement in AP STEM courses. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**174.10** *Reduce funds for innovation grants and recognize a future increase in funds for low-performing schools through HB237 (2017 Session). (CC:NO)*

State General Funds		(\$300,000)	\$0
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**174.11** *Increase funds for Innovation Grants. (CC:Increase funds for Innovation Grants including STAR Academy for drop-out prevention and innovative reading and math programs)*

State General Funds		\$50,000	\$500,000
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**174.12** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds			\$620
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<b>174.100-Student Achievement, Office of</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support educational accountability, evaluation, and reporting efforts, establishment of standards on state assessments, the preparation and release of the state's education report card and scoreboard, and education research to inform policy and budget efforts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,959,315	\$21,430,065	\$19,709,315	\$21,930,685
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,959,315	\$21,430,065	\$19,709,315	\$21,930,685
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,959,315	\$21,430,065	\$19,709,315	\$21,930,685

**The Mansion allowance shall be \$40,000.**

**Section 28: Human Services, Department of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394
State General Funds	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394	\$642,045,394
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464	\$1,061,025,464
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096	\$504,525,096
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259	\$16,946,259
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515	\$87,462,515

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764	\$56,000,764
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967	\$76,506,967
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458	\$12,259,458
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405	\$307,324,405
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556	\$299,830,556
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>	<b>\$2,600,245</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>	<b>\$1,734,416,778</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$732,262,463</b>	<b>\$753,242,309</b>	<b>\$754,925,988</b>	<b>\$757,325,486</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$732,262,463</b>	<b>\$753,242,309</b>	<b>\$754,925,988</b>	<b>\$757,325,486</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,066,973,224</b>	<b>\$1,058,760,746</b>	<b>\$1,060,560,746</b>	<b>\$1,070,538,092</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$499,375,490</b>	<b>\$492,955,704</b>	<b>\$494,755,704</b>	<b>\$504,733,050</b>
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	<b>\$16,946,259</b>	<b>\$16,946,259</b>	<b>\$16,946,259</b>	<b>\$16,946,259</b>
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	<b>\$98,559,881</b>	<b>\$96,767,189</b>	<b>\$96,767,189</b>	<b>\$96,767,189</b>
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	<b>\$56,000,764</b>	<b>\$56,000,764</b>	<b>\$56,000,764</b>	<b>\$56,000,764</b>
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	<b>\$76,506,967</b>	<b>\$76,506,967</b>	<b>\$76,506,967</b>	<b>\$76,506,967</b>
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	<b>\$12,259,458</b>	<b>\$12,259,458</b>	<b>\$12,259,458</b>	<b>\$12,259,458</b>
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	<b>\$307,324,405</b>	<b>\$307,324,405</b>	<b>\$307,324,405</b>	<b>\$307,324,405</b>
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	<b>\$299,830,556</b>	<b>\$299,830,556</b>	<b>\$299,830,556</b>	<b>\$299,830,556</b>
<b>TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604</b>	<b>\$7,493,849</b>	<b>\$7,493,849</b>	<b>\$7,493,849</b>	<b>\$7,493,849</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>	<b>\$28,745,675</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675	\$27,245,675
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$2,600,245	\$4,600,245	\$2,600,245	\$2,600,245
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032	\$1,141,032
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,830,581,607	\$1,845,348,975	\$1,846,832,654	\$1,859,209,498

**Adoptions Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624
State General Funds	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624	\$33,581,624
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169	\$58,838,169
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169	\$42,438,169
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793	\$92,419,793

**175.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$33,072	\$33,072	\$33,072	\$33,072
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**175.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,218	\$1,218	\$1,218	\$1,218
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**175.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,990	\$1,990	\$1,990	\$1,990
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**175.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)
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**175.5** Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.

State General Funds	(\$310,906)	(\$310,906)	(\$310,906)	(\$310,906)
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$310,906	\$310,906	\$310,906	\$310,906
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**175.100-Adoptions Services** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support and facilitate the safe permanent placement of children by prescreening families and providing support and financial services after adoption.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979	\$33,305,979
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$59,149,075	\$59,149,075	\$59,149,075	\$59,149,075
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$42,749,075	\$42,749,075	\$42,749,075	\$42,749,075
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000	\$16,400,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$92,455,054	\$92,455,054	\$92,455,054	\$92,455,054

**After School Care**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000

**176.100-After School Care** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand the provision of after school care services and draw down TANF maintenance of effort funds.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000

<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000

**Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715
State General Funds	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715	\$1,326,715
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,361,968	\$6,361,968	\$6,361,968	\$6,361,968

**177.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552	\$7,552
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**177.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$277	\$277	\$277	\$277
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**177.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$454	\$454	\$454	\$454
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**177.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$233)	(\$233)	(\$233)	(\$233)
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<b>177.100-Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote child abuse and neglect prevention programs and support child victims of abuse.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765	\$1,334,765
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253	\$5,035,253
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583	\$1,962,583
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670



<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670	\$3,072,670
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,370,018	\$6,370,018	\$6,370,018	\$6,370,018

**Child Care Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to permit low-income families to be self-reliant while protecting the safety and well-being of their children by ensuring access to child care.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346	\$9,777,346

**178.1** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning. (CC:NO)*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$9,777,346)	(\$9,777,346)	(\$9,777,346)	\$0
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<b>178.100-Child Care Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to permit low-income families to be self-reliant while protecting the safety and well-being of their children by ensuring access to child care.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,777,346
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,777,346
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,777,346

**Child Support Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121
State General Funds	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121	\$29,060,121
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500

Sales and Services	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
State Funds Transfers	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135	\$108,583,135

**179.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$255,853	\$255,853	\$255,853	\$255,853
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**179.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,423	\$9,423	\$9,423	\$9,423
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**179.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$14,528	\$14,528	\$14,528	\$14,528
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**179.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$7,440)	(\$7,440)	(\$7,440)	(\$7,440)
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**179.5** *Increase funds to the Division of Child Support Services Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) for a \$1 per hour increase. (CC:Increase funds to adjust the Division of Child Support Services Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) to a \$57.50 hourly rate)*

State General Funds			\$72,000	\$362,310
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<b>179.100-Child Support Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to encourage and enforce the parental responsibility of paying financial support.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,332,485	\$29,332,485	\$29,404,485	\$29,694,795
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$29,332,485	\$29,332,485	\$29,404,485	\$29,694,795
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754	\$76,285,754
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500	\$2,841,500

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760	\$395,760
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$108,855,499	\$108,855,499	\$108,927,499	\$109,217,809

**Child Welfare Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878
State General Funds	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878	\$158,298,878
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636	\$190,725,636
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339	\$27,497,339
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073	\$32,401,073
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997
TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
State Funds Transfers	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153	\$349,151,153

**180.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$2,701,864	\$2,701,864	\$2,701,864	\$2,701,864
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**180.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$123,208	\$123,208	\$123,208	\$123,208
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**180.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$51,792	\$51,792	\$51,792	\$51,792
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**180.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$43,997)	(\$43,997)	(\$43,997)	(\$43,997)
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**180.5** *Increase funds for personnel for salaries for child welfare services workers by 19 percent.*

State General Funds	\$25,874,554	\$25,874,554	\$25,874,554	\$25,874,554
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$5,174,911	\$5,174,911	\$5,174,911	\$5,174,911
Total Public Funds:	\$31,049,465	\$31,049,465	\$31,049,465	\$31,049,465

**180.6** *Increase funds for personnel for 80 additional employees for foster care support services.*

State General Funds	\$2,861,585	\$2,861,585	\$2,861,585	\$2,861,585
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,111,735	\$1,111,735	\$1,111,735	\$1,111,735
Total Public Funds:	\$3,973,320	\$3,973,320	\$3,973,320	\$3,973,320

**180.7** *Increase funds for personnel for 27 additional employees to fully implement the supervisor-mentor program.*

State General Funds	\$2,514,997	\$2,514,997	\$2,514,997	\$2,514,997
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**180.8** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$76,977)	(\$76,977)	(\$76,977)	(\$76,977)
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**180.9** *Increase funds to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to enhance state-wide capacity.*

State General Funds	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
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**180.10** *Increase funds to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Special Assistant Attorney Generals (SAAGs) for a \$5 per hour increase. (S:Increase funds to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) for a \$1 per hour increase)(CC:Increase funds to adjust the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) to a \$57.50 hourly rate)*

State General Funds	\$1,500,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
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**180.11** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds	\$155,877
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**180.100-Child Welfare Services** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate allegations of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect, and to provide services to protect the child and strengthen the family.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$192,382,881	\$194,382,881	\$193,182,881	\$193,338,758
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$192,382,881	\$194,382,881	\$193,182,881	\$193,338,758
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$196,935,305	\$196,935,305	\$196,935,305	\$196,935,305
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$27,420,362	\$27,420,362	\$27,420,362	\$27,420,362
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$38,687,719	\$38,687,719	\$38,687,719	\$38,687,719
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841	\$240,841
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537	\$2,844,537
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846	\$127,741,846
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997	\$120,247,997
<b>TANF Transfers to Social Services Block Grant per 42 USC 604</b>	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849	\$7,493,849
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639	\$126,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$389,444,825	\$391,444,825	\$390,244,825	\$390,400,702

**Community Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137

**181.100-Community Services** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide services and activities through local agencies to assist low-income Georgians with employment, education, nutrition, and housing services.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137	\$16,110,137

**Departmental Administration (DHS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411
State General Funds	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411	\$36,413,411
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605	\$53,771,605
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674	\$31,680,674
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
State Funds Transfers	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303	\$103,110,303

**182.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$773,268	\$773,268	\$773,268	\$773,268
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**182.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$28,479	\$28,479	\$28,479	\$28,479
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**182.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$46,520	\$46,520	\$46,520	\$46,520
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**182.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$23,825)	(\$23,825)	(\$23,825)	(\$23,825)
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**182.5** *Increase funds for the Integrated Eligibility System information technology project.*

State General Funds	\$10,997,544	\$10,997,544	\$10,997,544	\$10,997,544
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**182.6** *Increase funds for personnel for 25 additional human resources employees to meet recruitment demands.*

State General Funds	\$2,520,929	\$2,520,929	\$2,520,929	\$2,520,929
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**182.7** *Transfer one-time matching funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Community Living Services program for the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Program (ADSSP) grant.*

State General Funds	(\$80,067)	(\$80,067)	(\$80,067)	(\$80,067)
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**182.8** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program for personnel for a forensic specialist in the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU).*

State General Funds	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)	(\$93,205)
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**182.9** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$2,537,101)	(\$2,537,101)	(\$2,537,101)	(\$2,537,101)
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**182.10** *Increase funds for Georgia Alzheimer's Project. (CC:Increase funds for Georgia Alzheimer's Project and provide a report to the Georgia General Assembly by July 1, 2018)*

State General Funds		\$2,060,000	\$1,428,975	\$4,120,000
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**182.11** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$28,367
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**182.100-Departmental Administration (DHS)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administration and support for the Divisions and Operating Office in meeting the needs of the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$50,583,054	\$52,643,054	\$52,012,029	\$54,731,421
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$50,583,054	\$52,643,054	\$52,012,029	\$54,731,421
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$51,234,504	\$51,234,504	\$51,234,504	\$51,234,504
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$29,143,573	\$29,143,573	\$29,143,573	\$29,143,573
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176	\$540,176
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718	\$6,786,718
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159	\$332,159
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977	\$4,292,977
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375	\$2,539,375
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526	\$7,599,526
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744	\$12,824,744
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744	\$11,324,744
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543	\$100,543
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$114,742,845	\$116,802,845	\$116,171,820	\$118,891,212

**Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195	\$19,413,195
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477	\$23,199,477



**183.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$260,422	\$260,422	\$260,422	\$260,422
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**183.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,591	\$9,591	\$9,591	\$9,591
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**183.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$15,667	\$15,667	\$15,667	\$15,667
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**183.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$8,024)	(\$8,024)	(\$8,024)	(\$8,024)
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**183.5** *Increase funds for personnel for an additional 11 adult protective services supervisors.*

State General Funds	\$766,484	\$766,484	\$766,484	\$766,484
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**183.6** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention program for personnel for a forensic specialist in the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit (FSIU).*

State General Funds	\$93,205	\$93,205	\$93,205	\$93,205
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**183.7** *Increase funds to adjust the Special Assistant Attorneys General (SAAGs) to a \$57.50 hourly rate.*

State General Funds				\$5,795
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<b>183.100-Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevention</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to prevent disabled adults and elder persons from abuse, exploitation and neglect, and investigate situations where it might have occurred.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540	\$20,556,335
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540	\$20,550,540	\$20,556,335
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282	\$3,786,282
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166	\$1,542,166
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116	\$2,244,116
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,336,822	\$24,336,822	\$24,336,822	\$24,342,617

**Elder Community Living Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281
State General Funds	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281	\$20,903,281
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$48,674,824	\$48,674,824	\$48,674,824	\$48,674,824

**184.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,674	\$5,674	\$5,674	\$5,674
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**184.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$209	\$209	\$209	\$209
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**184.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$341	\$341	\$341	\$341
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**184.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$175)	(\$175)	(\$175)	(\$175)
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**184.5** *Increase funds for 1,000 additional Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based slots.*

State General Funds	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
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**184.6** *Increase funds to provide home delivered and congregate meal services.*

State General Funds	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
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**184.7** *Transfer one-time matching funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Elder Community Living Services program for the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Program (ADSSP) grant.*

State General Funds	\$80,067	\$80,067	\$80,067	\$80,067
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**184.100-Elder Community Living Services** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgians who need nursing home level of care the option of remaining in their own communities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$25,939,397	\$25,939,397	\$25,939,397	\$25,939,397
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$25,939,397	\$25,939,397	\$25,939,397	\$25,939,397
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543	\$27,771,543
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113	\$23,890,113
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430	\$3,881,430
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$53,710,940	\$53,710,940	\$53,710,940	\$53,710,940

**Elder Support Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older Georgians, so that they may live in their homes and communities, by providing health, employment, nutrition, and other support and education services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324
State General Funds	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324	\$4,133,324
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268
Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592	\$10,749,592

**185.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,473	\$9,473	\$9,473	\$9,473
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**185.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$349	\$349	\$349	\$349
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**185.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$570	\$570	\$570	\$570
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**185.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$292)	(\$292)	(\$292)	(\$292)
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<b>185.100-Elder Support Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older Georgians, so that they may live in their homes and communities, by providing health, employment, nutrition, and other support and education services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424	\$4,143,424
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268	\$6,616,268
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268	\$5,866,268
<b>Social Services Block Grant CFDA93.667</b>	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,759,692	\$10,759,692	\$10,759,692	\$10,759,692

**Energy Assistance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027

<b>186.100-Energy Assistance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027	\$55,320,027

**Federal Eligibility Benefit Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176
State General Funds	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176	\$118,479,176
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711	\$196,919,711

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578	\$97,610,578
Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$315,398,887</b>	<b>\$315,398,887</b>	<b>\$315,398,887</b>	<b>\$315,398,887</b>

**187.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$837,897	\$837,897	\$837,897	\$837,897
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**187.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$38,209	\$38,209	\$38,209	\$38,209
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**187.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$16,061	\$16,061	\$16,061	\$16,061
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**187.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$13,644)	(\$13,644)	(\$13,644)	(\$13,644)
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**187.5** *Reduce funds to reflect the transfer of Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) eligibility services from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Early Care and Learning.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$1,488,874)	(\$1,488,874)	(\$1,488,874)	(\$1,488,874)
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<b>187.100-Federal Eligibility Benefit Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to verify eligibility and provide support services for Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699	\$119,357,699
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$195,430,837	\$195,430,837	\$195,430,837	\$195,430,837
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$96,121,704	\$96,121,704	\$96,121,704	\$96,121,704
<b>Community Services Block Grant CFDA93.569</b>	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946	\$295,946

<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852	\$5,343,852
<b>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance CFDA93.568</b>	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578	\$348,578
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330	\$70,800,330
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427	\$22,520,427
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$314,788,536	\$314,788,536	\$314,788,536	\$314,788,536

**Out-of-Home Care****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910
State General Funds	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910	\$186,536,910
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240	\$91,438,240
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$276,171	\$276,171	\$276,171	\$276,171
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609	\$42,311,609
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150	\$277,975,150

**188.1** *Increase funds for growth in out-of-home care utilization.*

State General Funds	\$30,889,879	\$20,166,982	\$20,166,982	\$20,166,982
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$4,502,452	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Public Funds:	\$35,392,331	\$20,166,982	\$20,166,982	\$20,166,982

**188.2** *Increase funds for Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) foster parent per diem rates by fifty-seven percent. (H and S: Increase Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) foster parent per diem rates by \$10)*

State General Funds	\$3,898,847	\$10,722,897	\$10,722,897	\$10,722,897
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658		\$1,818,503	\$1,818,503	\$1,818,503
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,419,786	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Public Funds:	\$12,318,633	\$12,541,400	\$12,541,400	\$12,541,400

**188.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 67.89% to 68.50%.*

State General Funds	(\$308,268)	(\$308,268)	(\$308,268)	(\$308,268)
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Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$308,268	\$308,268	\$308,268	\$308,268
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**188.4** *Increase funds for the first installment of a two-year plan to increase relative foster care provider per diem rates by \$10.*

State General Funds	\$14,924,850	\$14,924,850	\$14,924,850	\$14,924,850
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**188.5** *Increase funds for the first installment of a two-year plan to increase Child Placing Agencies' (CPA) foster parent per diem rates by \$10.*

State General Funds	\$5,255,343	\$5,255,343	\$5,255,343	\$5,255,343
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$891,257	\$891,257	\$891,257	\$891,257
Total Public Funds:	\$6,146,600	\$6,146,600	\$6,146,600	\$6,146,600

**188.6** *Increase funds for the Families First COACHES program. (CC:Increase funds for the Families First COACHES program and provide a report to the Georgia General Assembly by December 31, 2017)*

State General Funds	\$3,082,704	\$2,000,000		
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<b>188.100-Out-of-Home Care</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe and appropriate temporary homes for children removed from their families due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$221,017,368	\$237,298,714	\$240,381,418	\$239,298,714
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$221,017,368	\$237,298,714	\$240,381,418	\$239,298,714
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$104,668,746	\$94,456,268	\$94,456,268	\$94,456,268
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,695,957	\$276,171	\$276,171	\$276,171
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$47,122,329	\$45,329,637	\$45,329,637	\$45,329,637
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460	\$48,850,460
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$325,686,114	\$331,754,982	\$334,837,686	\$333,754,982

**Refugee Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225

**189.100-Refugee Assistance****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225	\$11,388,225

**Residential Child Care Licensing****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200
State General Funds	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200	\$1,640,200
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463	\$2,259,463

**190.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$41,681	\$41,681	\$41,681	\$41,681
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**190.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,535	\$1,535	\$1,535	\$1,535
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**190.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,508	\$2,508	\$2,508	\$2,508
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**190.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,284)	(\$1,284)	(\$1,284)	(\$1,284)
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**190.100-Residential Child Care Licensing** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the health and safety of children who receive full-time care outside of their homes by licensing, monitoring, and inspecting residential care providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640	\$1,684,640
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263	\$619,263
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,303,903	\$2,303,903	\$2,303,903	\$2,303,903

**Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610

**191.100-Support for Needy Families - Basic Assistance** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide cash assistance to needy families in compliance with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610	\$48,306,610
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610	\$48,406,610

**Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755

**192.100-Support for Needy Families - Work Assistance****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist needy Georgian families in achieving self-sufficiency by obtaining and keeping employment as well as complying with Georgia's state plan for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755	\$25,567,755
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889	\$8,234,889
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866	\$17,332,866
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755	\$25,667,755

**Council On Aging****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656
State General Funds	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656	\$238,656

**193.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$3,276	\$3,276	\$3,276	\$3,276
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**193.2 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.**

State General Funds	\$121	\$121	\$121	\$121
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**193.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$104	\$104	\$104	\$104
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**193.4** *Increase funds for operations.*

State General Funds			\$10,000	\$10,000
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<b>193.100-Council On Aging</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers in achieving safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$242,157	\$242,157	\$252,157	\$252,157
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$242,157	\$242,157	\$252,157	\$252,157
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$242,157	\$242,157	\$252,157	\$252,157

**Family Connection**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
State General Funds	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148	\$8,823,148
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967	\$9,995,967

**194.1** *Increase funds to increase each county's allocation from \$47,000 to \$50,000. (CC:Increase funds to increase each county's allocation from \$47,000 to \$48,500)*

State General Funds		\$238,500	\$238,500	\$238,500
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<b>194.100-Family Connection</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide a statewide network of county collaboratives that work to improve conditions for children and families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,823,148	\$9,061,648	\$9,061,648	\$9,061,648
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,823,148	\$9,061,648	\$9,061,648	\$9,061,648

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819	\$1,172,819
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,995,967	\$10,234,467	\$10,234,467	\$10,234,467

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485
State General Funds	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485	\$286,485
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,206,461	\$3,206,461	\$3,206,461	\$3,206,461

**195.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,106	\$4,106	\$4,106	\$4,106
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**195.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$151	\$151	\$151	\$151
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**195.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$73)	(\$73)	(\$73)	(\$73)
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**195.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$197	\$197	\$197	\$197
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**195.5** *Increase funds to provide more training, employment and support. (S and CC:Recognize in Vocational Rehabilitation Program)*

State General Funds		\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0
Total Public Funds:		\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0

<b>195.100-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Business Enterprise Program</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people who are blind in becoming successful contributors to the state's economy.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$290,866	\$790,866	\$290,866	\$290,866
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$290,866	\$790,866	\$290,866	\$290,866
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,919,976	\$4,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,919,976	\$4,919,976	\$2,919,976	\$2,919,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,210,842	\$5,710,842	\$3,210,842	\$3,210,842

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509
State General Funds	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509	\$1,287,509
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869	\$12,289,869

**196.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$155,060	\$155,060	\$155,060	\$155,060
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**196.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,711	\$5,711	\$5,711	\$5,711
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**196.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,768)	(\$2,768)	(\$2,768)	(\$2,768)
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**196.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,445	\$7,445	\$7,445	\$7,445
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**196.5** *Reduce funds.*

State General Funds				(\$50,000)
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**196.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$10,828
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<b>196.100-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Departmental Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957	\$1,413,785
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957	\$1,452,957	\$1,413,785
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360	\$10,902,360
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,455,317	\$12,455,317	\$12,455,317	\$12,416,145

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922

<b>197.100-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Disability Adjudication Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to efficiently process applications for federal disability programs so that eligible Georgia citizens can obtain support.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922	\$75,429,922

<b>Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334

<b>198.100-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Georgia Industries for the Blind</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to employ people who are blind in manufacturing and packaging facilities in Bainbridge and Griffin.*

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334	\$9,507,334

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Roosevelt Warm Springs Medical Hospital**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide rehabilitative and medical care for individuals to return to the most independent lifestyle possible.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
State General Funds	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

**199.1** *Reduce funds to recognize shift to self-sustaining funding model.*

State General Funds		(\$600,000)	(\$300,000)	\$0
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<b>199.100-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Roosevelt Warm Springs Medical Hospital</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide rehabilitative and medical care for individuals to return to the most independent lifestyle possible.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,600,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,600,000

**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761
State General Funds	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761	\$19,822,761
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
Sales and Services	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303
State Funds Transfers	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090



Agency to Agency Contracts	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>	<b>\$102,094,724</b>

**200.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$185,888	\$185,888	\$185,888	\$185,888
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**200.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,846	\$6,846	\$6,846	\$6,846
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**200.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$3,318)	(\$3,318)	(\$3,318)	(\$3,318)
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**200.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$8,926	\$8,926	\$8,926	\$8,926
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**200.5** *Transfer funds (\$175,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and increase funds (\$325,000) to provide state match for 766 additional scholarships and operations. (S:Transfer funds (\$125,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and increase funds (\$325,000) to provide state match for additional scholarships and operations)(CC:Transfer funds (\$175,000) in operations from the Georgia Council on Development Disabilities program, attached to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, attached to the Department of Human Services, for the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE) initiative; and recognize Memorandum of Understanding with GCDD to maintain council's active participation in the IPSE partnership)*

State General Funds		\$500,000	\$450,000	\$500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized			\$1,800,000	\$2,000,000
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized		\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0

Total Public Funds:	\$2,500,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000
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**200.6** *Increase funds to provide more training, employment and support.*

State General Funds		\$500,000	\$500,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Total Public Funds:		\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**200.7** *Increase funds for the Warrior Alliance. (CC:Increase funds for the Warrior Alliance and provide a report to the General Assembly by July 1, 2018 on the number of veterans served and successful transitions to private employment within industry)*

State General Funds		\$100,000	\$100,000
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**200.100-Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation Program****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,021,103	\$20,521,103	\$21,071,103	\$21,121,103
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,021,103	\$20,521,103	\$21,071,103	\$21,121,103
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$80,622,563	\$80,822,563
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$76,822,563	\$76,822,563	\$80,622,563	\$80,822,563
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097	\$3,472,097
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,977,303	\$3,977,303	\$1,977,303	\$1,977,303
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090	\$518,090
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,459,213	\$3,459,213	\$1,459,213	\$1,459,213
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$102,293,066	\$104,793,066	\$107,143,066	\$107,393,066

All Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit payments are calculated utilizing a factor of 66.0% of the standards of need; such payments shall be made from the date of certification and not from the date of application; and the following maximum benefits and maximum standards of need shall apply:

For an assistance group of one, the standard of need is \$235, and the maximum monthly amount is \$155.

For an assistance group of two, the standard of need is \$356, and the maximum monthly amount is \$235.

For an assistance group of three, the standard of need is \$424, and the maximum monthly amount is \$280.

**For an assistance group of four, the standard of need is \$500, and the maximum monthly amount is \$330.  
 For an assistance group of five, the standard of need is \$573, and the maximum monthly amount is \$378.  
 For an assistance group of six, the standard of need is \$621, and the maximum monthly amount is \$410.  
 For an assistance group of seven, the standard of need is \$672, and the maximum monthly amount is \$444.  
 For an assistance group of eight, the standard of need is \$713, and the maximum monthly amount is \$470.  
 For an assistance group of nine, the standard of need is \$751, and the maximum monthly amount is \$496.  
 For an assistance group of ten, the standard of need is \$804, and the maximum monthly amount is \$530.  
 For an assistance group of eleven, the standard of need is \$860, and the maximum monthly amount is \$568.  
 Provided, the Department of Human Services is authorized to make supplemental payments on these maximum monthly amounts up to the amount that is equal to the minimum hourly wage for clients who are enrolled in subsidized work experience and subsidized employment.**

*Section 29: Insurance, Office of the Commission of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395
State General Funds	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395	\$20,375,395
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
State Funds Transfers	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,145,729	\$21,145,729	\$21,145,729	\$21,145,729

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372	\$20,806,940
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372	\$20,802,372	\$20,806,940
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308	\$431,308
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,572,706	\$21,572,706	\$21,572,706	\$21,577,274

**Departmental Administration (COI)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and industrial loan transactions and maintain a fire-safe environment.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514
State General Funds	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514	\$1,926,514

**201.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$35,541	\$35,541	\$35,541	\$35,541
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**201.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,312	\$1,312	\$1,312	\$1,312
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**201.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$801	\$801	\$801	\$801
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**201.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$520	\$520	\$520	\$520
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**201.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$4,568
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**201.100-Departmental Administration (COI)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to be responsible for protecting the rights of Georgia citizens in insurance and industrial loan transactions and maintain a fire-safe environment.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,969,256
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,969,256
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,964,688	\$1,969,256

**Enforcement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, industrial loan, fire safety, and fraud.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778
State General Funds	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778	\$807,778

**202.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$14,901	\$14,901	\$14,901	\$14,901
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**202.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550
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**202.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$336	\$336	\$336	\$336
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**202.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$218	\$218	\$218	\$218
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**202.100-Enforcement**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide legal advice and to initiate legal proceedings with regard to enforcement of specific provisions of state law relating to insurance, industrial loan, fire safety, and fraud.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783	\$823,783

**Fire Safety****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777
State General Funds	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777	\$7,054,777
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
State Funds Transfers	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,819,171	\$7,819,171	\$7,819,171	\$7,819,171

**203.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$130,144	\$130,144	\$130,144	\$130,144
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**203.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,803	\$4,803	\$4,803	\$4,803
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**203.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$3,820
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**203.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,935	\$2,935	\$2,935	\$2,935
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**203.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,902	\$1,902	\$1,902	\$1,902
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**203.100-Fire Safety** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote fire safety awareness through education and training, and to protect the public from fire and limit the loss of life and property by setting the minimum fire safety standards in the state, enforcing and regulating fire safety rules for public buildings and manufactured housing, and regulating the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381	\$7,198,381
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368	\$425,368
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026	\$334,026
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,962,775	\$7,962,775	\$7,962,775	\$7,962,775

**Industrial Loan**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and examining finance companies that provide consumer loans of \$3,000 or less.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742
State General Funds	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742	\$683,742

**204.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$12,613	\$12,613	\$12,613	\$12,613
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**204.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$465	\$465	\$465	\$465
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**204.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$284	\$284	\$284	\$284
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**204.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$184	\$184	\$184	\$184
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**204.100-Industrial Loan****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect consumers by licensing, regulating, and examining finance companies that provide consumer loans of \$3,000 or less.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288	\$697,288

**Insurance Regulation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584
State General Funds	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584	\$9,902,584
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524	\$9,908,524

**205.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$182,679	\$182,679	\$182,679	\$182,679
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**205.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,741	\$6,741	\$6,741	\$6,741
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**205.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators*

State General Funds	\$19,439	\$19,439	\$19,439	\$19,439
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**205.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$4,119	\$4,119	\$4,119	\$4,119
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**205.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$2,670	\$2,670	\$2,670	\$2,670
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<b>205.100-Insurance Regulation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that licensed insurance entities maintain solvency and conform to state law by conducting financial and market examinations, investigating policyholder complaints, monitoring for compliance with state laws and regulations, reviewing and approving premium rates, and disseminating information to the public and the insurance industry about the state's insurance laws and regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232	\$10,118,232
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940	\$5,940
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,124,172	\$10,124,172	\$10,124,172	\$10,124,172

**Section 30: Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511
State General Funds	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511	\$131,760,511
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
Sales and Services	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594

State Funds Transfers	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$234,184,847</b>	<b>\$234,184,847</b>	<b>\$234,184,847</b>	<b>\$234,184,847</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$143,619,935	\$144,623,130	\$145,827,630	\$145,180,783
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$143,619,935	\$144,623,130	\$145,827,630	\$145,180,783
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379	\$68,577,379
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879	\$67,585,879
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363	\$33,726,363
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772	\$1,727,772
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591	\$31,998,591
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$246,044,271</b>	<b>\$247,047,466</b>	<b>\$248,251,966</b>	<b>\$247,605,119</b>

**Bureau Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222
State General Funds	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222	\$8,150,222
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594

State Funds Transfers	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,328,416</b>	<b>\$8,328,416</b>	<b>\$8,328,416</b>	<b>\$8,328,416</b>

**206.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$61,269	\$72,867	\$72,867	\$72,867
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**206.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$48,411	\$48,411	\$48,411	\$48,411
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**206.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$16,471	\$16,471	\$16,471	\$16,471
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**206.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131
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**206.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$14,475
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**206.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>206.100-Bureau Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the highest quality investigative, scientific, information services, and resources for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,276,504	\$8,288,102	\$8,288,102	\$8,302,577
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,276,504	\$8,288,102	\$8,288,102	\$8,302,577
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594	\$120,594
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,454,698	\$8,466,296	\$8,466,296	\$8,480,771

**Criminal Justice Information Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531
State General Funds	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531	\$4,610,531
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
Sales and Services	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425	\$10,919,425

**207.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$52,579	\$72,867	\$72,867	\$72,867
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**207.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,098	\$1,098	\$1,098	\$1,098
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<b>207.100-Criminal Justice Information Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide the State of Georgia with essential information and identification services through the operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Criminal History System, Criminal Justice Information Services network, Protective Order Registry, Sexual Violent Offender Registry, and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,664,208	\$4,684,496	\$4,684,496	\$4,684,496
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,664,208	\$4,684,496	\$4,684,496	\$4,684,496
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894	\$6,308,894
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,973,102	\$10,993,390	\$10,993,390	\$10,993,390

**Forensic Scientific Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851
State General Funds	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851	\$35,058,851
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
Sales and Services	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$36,983,400	\$36,983,400	\$36,983,400	\$36,983,400

**208.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$192,336	\$473,634	\$473,634	\$473,634
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**208.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$364	\$364	\$364	\$364
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**208.3** *Increase funds for personnel for retention and recruitment initiatives for Medical Examiner positions.*

State General Funds	\$533,332	\$533,332	\$533,332	\$533,332
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**208.4** *Increase funds to establish a forensic pathology fellowship program to improve recruitment and retention.*

State General Funds	\$241,529	\$241,529	\$241,529	\$241,529
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**208.5** *Increase funds for personnel for six forensic scientist positions.*

State General Funds	\$643,995	\$643,995	\$643,995	\$643,995
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**208.6** *Increase funds for personnel for four scientist and two technician positions to address the backlog rape kits per SB304 (2016 Session). (S:Increase funds for personnel, supplies and overtime for eight scientist and four technician positions to address the backlog rape kits per SB304 (2016 Session))(CC:Increase funds for personnel and supplies for four scientist and two technician positions starting July 1, 2017 and four scientist and two technician positions starting January 1, 2018 to address the backlog rape kits per SB304 (2016 Session))*

State General Funds		\$600,000	\$1,517,000	\$855,678
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**208.7** *Increase funds to annualize five scientist positions.*

State General Funds		\$155,864	\$155,864	\$155,864
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**208.8** *Increase funds to annualize five toxicology positions.*

State General Funds		\$254,301	\$254,301	\$254,301
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**208.100-Forensic Scientific Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forensic analysis and testimony in the areas of chemistry (drug identification), firearms, digital imaging, forensic biology (serology/DNA), latent prints, pathology, questioned documents, photography, toxicology, implied consent, and trace evidence in support of the criminal justice system; to provide medical examiner (autopsy) services; and to analyze and enter samples into national databases such as AFIS, CODIS, and NIBIN.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$36,670,407	\$37,961,870	\$38,878,870	\$38,217,548
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$36,670,407	\$37,961,870	\$38,878,870	\$38,217,548
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684	\$1,766,684
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865	\$157,865
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,594,956	\$39,886,419	\$40,803,419	\$40,142,097

**Regional Investigative Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to*

*coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969
State General Funds	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969	\$40,192,969
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
Sales and Services	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692	\$43,432,692

**209.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$422,484	\$109,300	\$109,300	\$109,300
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**209.2** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$291,278	\$291,278	\$291,278	\$291,278
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**209.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$5,791,151	\$5,791,151	\$5,791,151	\$5,791,151
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**209.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$995	\$995	\$995	\$995
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**209.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for operations for investigator positions.*

State General Funds	(\$700,110)	(\$1,728,815)	(\$1,728,815)	(\$1,728,815)
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**209.6** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for operations for Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center analyst positions.*

State General Funds	(\$56,820)	(\$52,820)	(\$52,820)	(\$52,820)
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**209.7** *Increase funds to annualize 22 investigator positions.*

State General Funds		\$1,017,735	\$1,017,735	\$1,017,735
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<b>209.100-Regional Investigative Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, collect, preserve, and process evidence located during crime scene investigations, and to assist in the investigation, identification, arrest and prosecution of individuals. The purpose of this appropriation is also to coordinate and operate the following specialized units: bingo unit, anti-terrorist team, forensic art, bomb disposal unit, high technology investigations unit, communications center, regional drug enforcement, and polygraph examinations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$45,941,947	\$45,621,793	\$45,621,793	\$45,621,793
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$45,941,947	\$45,621,793	\$45,621,793	\$45,621,793
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073	\$1,515,073
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650	\$1,724,650
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451	\$1,653,451
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199	\$71,199
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$49,181,670	\$48,861,516	\$48,861,516	\$48,861,516

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268
State General Funds	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268	\$30,951,268
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
Sales and Services	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244	\$121,724,244



**210.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$22,224	\$17,539	\$17,539	\$17,539
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**210.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$818	\$818	\$818	\$818
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**210.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$10)	(\$10)	(\$10)	(\$10)
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**210.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$559	\$559	\$559	\$559
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**210.5** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create adult felony drug courts.*

State General Funds	\$1,473,833	\$1,473,833	\$1,473,833	\$1,473,833
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**210.6** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create mental health courts.*

State General Funds	\$764,552	\$764,552	\$764,552	\$764,552
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**210.7** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create family dependency treatment courts.*

State General Funds	\$656,146	\$656,146	\$656,146	\$656,146
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**210.8** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create veterans' courts.*

State General Funds	\$564,870	\$564,870	\$564,870	\$564,870
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**210.9** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create DUI accountability courts.*

State General Funds	\$220,977	\$220,977	\$220,977	\$220,977
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**210.10** *Increase funds for the Accountability Courts Grants Program to expand and create juvenile accountability courts.*

State General Funds	\$64,661	\$64,661	\$64,661	\$64,661
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**210.11** *Increase funds for Juvenile Justice Incentive Grants and for personnel for one new fidelity manager.*

State General Funds	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
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**210.12** *Increase funds for personnel for a statistical analyst position to provide analytical support to grant applications. (H and S: Increase funds for one grant planner position)*

State General Funds	\$75,225	\$75,225	\$75,225	\$75,225
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**210.13** *Increase funds to meet required state match of federal cost share.*

State General Funds	\$53,664	\$53,664	\$53,664	\$53,664
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**210.14** *Increase Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding for domestic violence shelters. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>210.100-Criminal Justice Coordinating Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and coordinate criminal justice efforts throughout Georgia, help create safe and secure communities, and award grants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$35,188,787	\$35,184,102	\$35,184,102	\$35,184,102
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$35,188,787	\$35,184,102	\$35,184,102	\$35,184,102
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022	\$65,283,022
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522	\$64,291,522
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500	\$991,500
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954	\$25,489,954
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321	\$29,321
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633	\$25,460,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$125,961,763	\$125,957,078	\$125,957,078	\$125,957,078

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability  
Court Judges**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
State General Funds	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247	\$403,247

**211.1** *Increase funds for personnel for a treatment specialist to monitor accountability court treatment providers and provide technical assistance to the courts.*

State General Funds	\$81,412	\$81,412	\$81,412	\$81,412
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**211.2** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds		\$4,685	\$4,685	\$4,685
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<b>211.100-Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Council of Accountability Court Judges</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support adult felony drug courts, DUI courts, juvenile drug courts, family dependency treatment courts, mental health courts, and veteran's courts, as well as the Council of Accountability Court Judges. No state funds shall be provided to any accountability court where such court is delinquent in the required reporting and remittance of all fines and fees collected by such court.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$484,659	\$489,344	\$489,344	\$489,344
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$484,659	\$489,344	\$489,344	\$489,344
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$484,659	\$489,344	\$489,344	\$489,344

<b>Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe shelter and related services for victims of family violence and their dependent children and to provide education about family violence to communities across the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
State General Funds	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423

**212.1** *Increase funds to support the 46 state-certified domestic violence shelters.*

State General Funds			\$287,500	\$287,500
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<b>212.100-Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide safe shelter and related services for victims of family violence and their dependent children and to provide education about family violence to communities across the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,680,923	\$12,680,923
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,680,923	\$12,680,923
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,393,423	\$12,393,423	\$12,680,923	\$12,680,923

*Section 31: Juvenile Justice, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653
State General Funds	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653	\$327,004,653
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
Sales and Services	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
Federal Funds Transfers	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165	\$335,149,165

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$316,765,979	\$317,003,087	\$337,087,013	\$337,154,387
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$316,765,979	\$317,003,087	\$337,087,013	\$337,154,387
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205	\$7,804,205
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027	\$6,309,027
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502	\$40,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$324,910,491	\$325,147,599	\$345,231,525	\$345,298,899

**Community Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services,*

*wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865
State General Funds	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865	\$93,026,865
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620
Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
Federal Funds Transfers	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468	\$94,868,468

**213.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$803,893	\$803,893	\$803,893	\$803,893
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**213.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$36,119	\$36,119	\$36,119	\$36,119
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**213.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$1,119,892	\$1,119,892	\$1,119,892	\$1,119,892
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**213.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$422,198	\$422,198	\$422,198	\$422,198
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**213.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$17,419)	(\$17,419)	(\$17,419)	(\$17,419)
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<b>213.100-Community Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public, hold youth accountable for their actions, assist youth in becoming law-abiding citizens and transition youth from secure detention, and provide the following alternative detention options: non-secure*

*detention shelters, housebound detention, emergency shelters, a short-term stay in a residential placement, tracking services, wraparound services, electronic monitoring, or detention in an alternative program. Additionally, Community Supervision supervises youth directly in the community according to their risk and need levels, provides transitional and treatment services to those youth either directly or by brokering or making appropriate referrals for services, and provides agency-wide services, including intake, court services, and case management.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548	\$95,391,548
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798	\$1,541,798
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620	\$46,620
<b>Foster Care Title IV-E CFDA93.658</b>	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178	\$1,495,178
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>Federal Funds Transfers</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>FF Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805	\$299,805
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$97,233,151	\$97,233,151	\$97,233,151	\$97,233,151

#### **Departmental Administration (DJJ)**

#### **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040
State General Funds	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040	\$24,064,040
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
Sales and Services	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170	\$24,082,170

**214.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$239,270	\$239,270	\$239,270	\$239,270
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**214.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$10,668	\$10,668	\$10,668	\$10,668
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**214.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$318,380	\$318,380	\$318,380	\$318,380
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**214.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$124,702	\$124,702	\$124,702	\$124,702
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**214.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$5,145)	(\$5,145)	(\$5,145)	(\$5,145)
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**214.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$67,374
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**214.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>214.100-Departmental Administration (DJJ)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding youthful offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of effective services in appropriate settings.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915	\$24,819,289
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915	\$24,751,915	\$24,819,289
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130	\$18,130
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,770,045	\$24,770,045	\$24,770,045	\$24,837,419

**Secure Commitment (YDCs)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154
State General Funds	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154	\$91,646,154
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Sales and Services	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334	\$96,209,334

**215.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,142,591	\$1,142,591	\$1,207,760	\$1,207,760
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**215.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$45,235	\$45,235	\$45,235	\$45,235
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**215.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$256,415	\$256,415	\$256,415	\$256,415
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**215.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$528,769	\$528,769	\$528,769	\$528,769
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**215.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$21,815)	(\$21,815)	(\$21,815)	(\$21,815)
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**215.6** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Commitment (YDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University. (H:YES; Transfer funds, except for one medical oversight position, to the Department of Corrections' Health program for the addition of medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the Department of Corrections' physical health contract with Augusta University)*

State General Funds	(\$8,056,496)	(\$7,937,942)	\$0	\$0
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**215.7** *Utilize existing funds to provide differentiated pay for newly certified math and science teachers. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**215.8** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel in the physical health contract.*

State General Funds	\$71,613	\$71,613
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**215.9** *Increase funds to cover the administrative costs of the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$400,000	\$400,000
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**215.10** *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the transfer and consolidation of pharmaceutical and administrative expenses.*

State General Funds	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
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<b>215.100-Secure Commitment (YDCs)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions, and provide secure care and supervision of youth including academic, recreational, vocational, medical, mental health, counseling, and religious services for those youth committed to the Department's custody, or convicted of an offense under Senate Bill 440.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$85,540,853	\$85,659,407	\$94,034,131	\$94,034,131
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$85,540,853	\$85,659,407	\$94,034,131	\$94,034,131
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231	\$4,554,231
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949	\$8,949
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,104,033	\$90,222,587	\$98,597,311	\$98,597,311

**Secure Detention (RYDCs)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594
State General Funds	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594	\$118,267,594
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423

Sales and Services	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$119,989,193</b>	<b>\$119,989,193</b>	<b>\$119,989,193</b>	<b>\$119,989,193</b>

**216.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$1,525,291	\$1,525,291	\$1,623,044	\$1,623,044
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**216.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$58,958	\$58,958	\$58,958	\$58,958
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**216.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$689,182	\$689,182	\$689,182	\$689,182
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**216.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$29,379)	(\$29,379)	(\$29,379)	(\$29,379)
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**216.5** *Increase funds for the new Wilkes RYDC to reflect a November opening date.*

State General Funds	\$1,899,992	\$1,899,992	\$1,899,992	\$1,899,992
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**216.6** *Increase funds for operations and personnel to annualize expenditures of the Terrell RYDC facility opened in October 2016 and to address the Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO) salary differential as provided by HB751 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$842,609	\$842,609	\$842,609	\$842,609
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**216.7** *Transfer funds from the Department of Juvenile Justice's Secure Detention (RYDCs) program to the Department of Corrections Health program for the addition of Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the physical health contract with Augusta University. (H: YES; Transfer funds, except for one medical oversight position, to the Department of Corrections' Health program for the addition of medical personnel, pharmacy costs, and administrative costs to the Department of Corrections' physical health contract with Augusta University)*

State General Funds	(\$12,172,584)	(\$12,054,030)	\$0	\$0
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**216.8** *Reduce funds based on the projected lapse factor.*

State General Funds			(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
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**216.9** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81% for Department of Juvenile Justice medical personnel in the physical health contract.*

State General Funds	\$107,419	\$107,419
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**216.10** *Increase funds to cover the administrative costs of the physical health contract with Augusta University.*

State General Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000
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**216.11** *Reduce funds to reflect savings from the transfer and consolidation of pharmaceutical and administrative expenses.*

State General Funds	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
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<b>216.100-Secure Detention (RYDCs)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public and hold youth accountable for their actions and, provide temporary, secure care, and supervision of youth who are charged with crimes or who have been found guilty of crimes and are awaiting disposition of their cases by juvenile courts or awaiting placement in one of the Department's treatment programs or facilities, or sentenced to the Short Term Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$111,081,663	\$111,200,217	\$122,909,419	\$122,909,419
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$111,081,663	\$111,200,217	\$122,909,419	\$122,909,419
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176	\$1,708,176
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423	\$13,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$112,803,262	\$112,921,816	\$124,631,018	\$124,631,018

**Section 32: Labor, Department of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592
State General Funds	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592	\$13,292,592
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973	\$132,736,973

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682	\$13,516,194
State General Funds	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682	\$13,508,682	\$13,516,194
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857	\$117,461,857
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$132,953,063	\$132,953,063	\$132,953,063	\$132,960,575

**Departmental Administration (DOL)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work with public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150
State General Funds	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150	\$1,682,150
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
Sales and Services	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,907,300</b>	<b>\$33,907,300</b>	<b>\$33,907,300</b>	<b>\$33,907,300</b>

**217.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$39,453	\$39,453	\$39,453	\$39,453
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**217.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,453	\$1,453	\$1,453	\$1,453
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**217.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$610	\$610	\$610	\$610
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**217.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$161	\$161	\$161	\$161
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**217.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$7,512
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<b>217.100-Departmental Administration (DOL)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to work with public and private partners in building a world-class workforce system that contributes to Georgia's economic prosperity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827	\$1,731,339
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827	\$1,723,827	\$1,731,339
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292	\$31,312,292
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858	\$912,858
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273	\$140,273
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585	\$772,585
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$33,948,977</b>	<b>\$33,948,977</b>	<b>\$33,948,977</b>	<b>\$33,956,489</b>

**Labor Market Information****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639

**218.100-Labor Market Information****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect, analyze, and publish a wide array of information about the state's labor market.*

<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639	\$2,536,639

**Unemployment Insurance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847
State General Funds	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847	\$4,314,847
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033	\$38,914,033

**219.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$66,525	\$66,525	\$66,525	\$66,525
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**219.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450
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**219.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028
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**219.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$271	\$271	\$271	\$271
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**219.5** *Utilize existing state funds for the collection of administrative assessments. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**219.100-Unemployment Insurance**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance Georgia's economic strength by collecting unemployment insurance taxes from Georgia's employers and distributing unemployment benefits to eligible claimants.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121	\$4,385,121
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186	\$34,599,186
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,984,307	\$38,984,307	\$38,984,307	\$38,984,307

**Workforce Solutions**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist employers and job seekers with job matching services and to promote economic growth and development.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595
State General Funds	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595	\$7,295,595
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Funds Transfers	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$57,379,001	\$57,379,001	\$57,379,001	\$57,379,001

**220.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$98,583	\$98,583	\$98,583	\$98,583
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**220.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,631	\$3,631	\$3,631	\$3,631
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**220.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,524	\$1,524	\$1,524	\$1,524
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**220.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$401	\$401	\$401	\$401
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**220.100-Workforce Solutions****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist employers and job seekers with job matching services and to promote economic growth and development.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734	\$7,399,734
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740	\$49,013,740
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666	\$1,069,666
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$57,483,140	\$57,483,140	\$57,483,140	\$57,483,140

**Section 33: Law, Department of****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108
State General Funds	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108	\$31,055,108
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740
Sales and Services	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051



Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912	\$71,909,912

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$32,060,570	\$31,865,264	\$31,897,404	\$32,001,062
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$32,060,570	\$31,865,264	\$31,897,404	\$32,001,062
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740	\$939,740
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051	\$772,051
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$72,915,374	\$72,720,068	\$72,752,208	\$72,855,866

**Law, Department of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
State General Funds	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697	\$29,714,697
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629
Sales and Services	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689

Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Funds Transfers	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400	\$66,969,400

**221.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$618,412	\$618,412	\$618,412	\$618,412
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**221.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$22,776	\$22,776	\$22,776	\$22,776
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**221.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$23,281)	(\$23,281)	(\$23,281)	(\$23,281)
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**221.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$7,386	\$7,386	\$7,386	\$7,386
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**221.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one paralegal/administrative position. (H:Increase funds for one paralegal/administrative position (\$65,166) and one attorney position in the Solicitor's General Office(\$97,694))*

State General Funds	\$65,166	\$162,860	\$0	\$0
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**221.6** *Increase funds to continue a fellowship program to recruit top talent for the agency.*

State General Funds	\$293,000	\$0	\$195,000	\$293,000
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**221.7** *Utilize existing funds of \$75,000 for the E-Discovery platform. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**221.8** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$5,658
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**221.100-Law, Department of** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the attorney and legal advisor for all state agencies, departments, authorities, and the Governor; to provide binding opinions on legal questions concerning the state of Georgia and its agencies; and to prepare all contracts and agreements regarding any matter in which the state of Georgia is involved.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,698,156	\$30,502,850	\$30,534,990	\$30,638,648
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,698,156	\$30,502,850	\$30,534,990	\$30,638,648
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629	\$937,629
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940	\$769,940
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689	\$167,689
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074	\$36,317,074
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$67,952,859	\$67,757,553	\$67,789,693	\$67,893,351

**Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411	\$1,340,411
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,940,512	\$4,940,512	\$4,940,512	\$4,940,512

**222.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$21,631	\$21,631	\$21,631	\$21,631
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**222.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$797	\$797	\$797	\$797
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**222.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,230)	(\$1,230)	(\$1,230)	(\$1,230)
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**222.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$805	\$805	\$805	\$805
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**222.100-Medicaid Fraud Control Unit****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve as the center for the identification, arrest, and prosecution of providers of health services and patients who defraud the Medicaid Program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414	\$1,362,414
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990	\$3,597,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111	\$2,111
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,962,515	\$4,962,515	\$4,962,515	\$4,962,515

**There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of \$500,000 of the moneys collected in accordance with O.C.G.A. Title 10, Chapter 1, Article 28. The sum of money is appropriated for use by the Department of Law for consumer protection for all the purposes for which such moneys may be appropriated pursuant to Article 28.**

**Section 34: Natural Resources, Department of****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965
State General Funds	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965	\$105,802,965
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482	\$72,644,482
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457	\$63,833,457
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025	\$8,811,025
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289	\$96,669,289

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713	\$605,713
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907
Royalties and Rents	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540	\$54,540
Sales and Services	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129	\$95,995,129
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782	\$239,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$275,356,518</b>	<b>\$275,356,518</b>	<b>\$275,356,518</b>	<b>\$275,356,518</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$110,451,448</b>	<b>\$110,528,903</b>	<b>\$110,578,903</b>	<b>\$110,593,079</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$110,451,448</b>	<b>\$110,528,903</b>	<b>\$110,578,903</b>	<b>\$110,593,079</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$72,644,482</b>	<b>\$72,644,482</b>	<b>\$72,644,482</b>	<b>\$72,644,482</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$63,833,457</b>	<b>\$63,833,457</b>	<b>\$63,833,457</b>	<b>\$63,833,457</b>
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	<b>\$8,811,025</b>	<b>\$8,811,025</b>	<b>\$8,811,025</b>	<b>\$8,811,025</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$96,669,289</b>	<b>\$96,669,289</b>	<b>\$96,669,289</b>	<b>\$96,669,289</b>
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>	<b>\$605,713</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>	<b>\$13,907</b>
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>	<b>\$54,540</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>	<b>\$95,995,129</b>
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>	<b>\$239,782</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$280,005,001</b>	<b>\$280,082,456</b>	<b>\$280,132,456</b>	<b>\$280,146,632</b>

**Coastal Resources****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904
State General Funds	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904	\$2,191,904
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
Royalties and Rents	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450	\$7,354,450

**223.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$29,686	\$29,686	\$29,686	\$29,686
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**223.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,160	\$1,160	\$1,160	\$1,160
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**223.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$572)	(\$572)	(\$572)	(\$572)
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**223.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$294)	(\$294)	(\$294)	(\$294)
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**223.100-Coastal Resources****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to preserve the natural, environmental, historic, archaeological, and recreational resources of the state's coastal zone by balancing economic development with resource preservation and improvement by assessing and restoring*

*coastal wetlands, by regulating development within the coastal zone, by promulgating and enforcing rules and regulations to protect the coastal wetlands, by monitoring the population status of commercially and recreationally fished species and developing fishery management plans, by providing fishing education, and by constructing and maintaining artificial reefs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884	\$2,221,884
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621	\$5,054,621
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925	\$107,925
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760	\$70,760
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165	\$37,165
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,384,430	\$7,384,430	\$7,384,430	\$7,384,430

**Departmental Administration (DNR)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522
State General Funds	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522	\$12,119,522
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
Sales and Services	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587	\$12,158,587

**224.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$109,562	\$109,562	\$109,562	\$109,562
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**224.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,280	\$4,280	\$4,280	\$4,280
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**224.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,112)	(\$2,112)	(\$2,112)	(\$2,112)
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**224.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,087)	(\$1,087)	(\$1,087)	(\$1,087)
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**224.5** *Increase funds for the Georgia State Games Commission.*

State General Funds			\$25,000	\$0
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**224.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$39,176
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**224.100-Departmental Administration (DNR)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for all programs of the department.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,230,165	\$12,230,165	\$12,255,165	\$12,269,341
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,230,165	\$12,230,165	\$12,255,165	\$12,269,341
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065	\$39,065
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,269,230	\$12,269,230	\$12,294,230	\$12,308,406

**Environmental Protection****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881
State General Funds	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881	\$30,507,881
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815



Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$55,584,073</b>	<b>\$55,584,073</b>	<b>\$55,584,073</b>	<b>\$55,584,073</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
Sales and Services	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$209,782</b>	<b>\$209,782</b>	<b>\$209,782</b>	<b>\$209,782</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$126,551,551</b>	<b>\$126,551,551</b>	<b>\$126,551,551</b>	<b>\$126,551,551</b>

**225.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$308,939	\$308,939	\$308,939	\$308,939
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**225.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$12,069	\$12,069	\$12,069	\$12,069
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**225.3** *Utilize other funds to retain criminal investigators (\$15,156). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$5,956)	(\$5,956)	(\$5,956)	(\$5,956)
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**225.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$3,065)	(\$3,065)	(\$3,065)	(\$3,065)
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**225.6** *Utilize existing funds (\$1,560,000) for water-related studies and regional plan updates. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.7** *Utilize existing funds (\$810,692) for the agricultural water metering initiative. (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.8** Utilize existing funds (\$239,308) for three positions to implement new coal combustion rules and regulations. (G:YES)(H and S:Utilize existing funds of \$239,308 for coal combustion residuals oversight and permitting)

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**225.9** The Environmental Protection Division shall present to the Georgia General Assembly a plan for financing and implementation over three years to complete assessment reports and dam break routings. (S:YES)(CC:YES)

State General Funds			\$0	\$0
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<b>225.100-Environmental Protection</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the quality of Georgia's air by controlling, monitoring and regulating pollution from large, small, mobile, and area sources (including pollution from motor vehicle emissions) by performing ambient air monitoring, and by participating in the Clean Air Campaign; to protect Georgia's land by permitting, managing, and planning for solid waste facilities, by implementing waste reduction strategies, by administering the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Underground Storage Tank program, by cleaning up scrap tire piles, and by permitting and regulating surface mining operations; to protect Georgia and its citizens from hazardous materials by investigating and remediating hazardous sites, and by utilizing the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund to manage the state's hazardous sites inventory, to oversee site cleanup and brownfield remediation, to remediate abandoned sites, to respond to environmental emergencies, and to monitor and regulate the hazardous materials industry in Georgia. The purpose of this appropriation is also to ensure the quality and quantity of Georgia's water supplies by managing floodplains, by ensuring the safety of dams, by monitoring, regulating, and certifying water quality, and by regulating the amount of water used.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868	\$30,819,868
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815	\$40,249,815
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397	\$31,450,397
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418	\$8,799,418
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073	\$55,584,073
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571	\$16,571
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502	\$55,567,502
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782	\$209,782
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$126,863,538	\$126,863,538	\$126,863,538	\$126,863,538

**Hazardous Waste Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
State General Funds	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423

**226.100-Hazardous Waste Trust Fund**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund investigations and cleanup of abandoned landfills and other hazardous sites, to meet cost-sharing requirements for Superfund sites identified by the US Environmental Protection Agency, to fund related operations and oversight positions within the Environmental Protection Division, and to reimburse local governments for landfill remediation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423	\$4,027,423

**Historic Preservation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, protect, and preserve Georgia's historical sites by administering historic preservation grants, by cataloging all historic resources statewide, by providing research and planning required to list a site on the state and national historic registries, by working with building owners to ensure that renovation plans comply with historic preservation standards, and by executing and sponsoring archaeological research.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258
State General Funds	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258	\$1,717,258
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045	\$2,738,045

**227.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$20,672	\$20,672	\$20,672	\$20,672
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**227.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$808	\$808	\$808	\$808
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**227.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$398)	(\$398)	(\$398)	(\$398)
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**227.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$205)	(\$205)	(\$205)	(\$205)
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**227.5** *Transfer funds from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Natural Resources for the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns.*

State General Funds	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
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**227.6** *Increase funds for personnel for one position and for a salary adjustment for review historians and architects, as recommended by the House Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation (HR978, 2016 Session).*

State General Funds		\$77,455	\$77,455	\$77,455
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<b>227.100-Historic Preservation</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to identify, protect, and preserve Georgia's historical sites by administering historic preservation grants, by cataloging all historic resources statewide, by providing research and planning required to list a site on the state and national historic registries, by working with building owners to ensure that renovation plans comply with historic preservation standards, and by executing and sponsoring archaeological research.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,753,135	\$1,830,590	\$1,830,590	\$1,830,590
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,753,135	\$1,830,590	\$1,830,590	\$1,830,590
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787	\$1,020,787
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180	\$1,009,180
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607	\$11,607
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,773,922	\$2,851,377	\$2,851,377	\$2,851,377

**Law Enforcement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach*

*hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799
State General Funds	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799	\$19,112,799
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749	\$22,117,749

**228.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$20,605	\$20,605	\$20,605	\$20,605
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**228.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$10,710	\$10,710	\$10,710	\$10,710
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**228.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$199,329	\$199,329	\$199,329	\$199,329
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**228.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$3,537,656	\$3,537,656	\$3,537,656	\$3,537,656
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**228.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$5,284)	(\$5,284)	(\$5,284)	(\$5,284)
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**228.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,719)	(\$2,719)	(\$2,719)	(\$2,719)
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<b>228.100-Law Enforcement</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce all state and federal laws and departmental regulations relative to protecting Georgia's wildlife, natural, archeological, and cultural resources, DNR properties, boating safety, and litter and waste laws; to teach*

*hunter and boater education classes; and to assist other law enforcement agencies upon request in providing public safety for the citizens and visitors of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096	\$22,873,096
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293	\$3,001,293
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657	\$3,657
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,878,046	\$25,878,046	\$25,878,046	\$25,878,046

**Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948
State General Funds	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948	\$15,052,948
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
Sales and Services	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,648,768	\$50,648,768	\$50,648,768	\$50,648,768

**229.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$142,204	\$142,204	\$142,204	\$142,204
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**229.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,556	\$5,556	\$5,556	\$5,556
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**229.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,741)	(\$2,741)	(\$2,741)	(\$2,741)
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**229.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,411)	(\$1,411)	(\$1,411)	(\$1,411)
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**229.5** *Eliminate funds for one-time funding for raising sunken vessels causing navigational hazards in Lake Lanier.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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**229.6** *Eliminate funds for the Georgia Civil War Commission.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0
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<b>229.100-Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to manage, operate, market, and maintain the state's golf courses, parks, lodges, conference centers, and historic sites.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,146,556	\$15,146,556	\$15,171,556	\$15,171,556
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,146,556	\$15,146,556	\$15,171,556	\$15,171,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029	\$3,204,029
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791	\$32,391,791
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382	\$518,382
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409	\$31,873,409
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,742,376	\$50,742,376	\$50,767,376	\$50,767,376

**Solid Waste Trust Fund**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775
State General Funds	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775	\$2,720,775

**230.1** *Increase funds for solid waste cleanup activities.*

State General Funds	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
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<b>230.100-Solid Waste Trust Fund</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program; to enable emergency, preventative, and corrective actions at solid waste disposal facilities; to assist local governments with the development of solid waste management plans; and to promote statewide recycling and waste reduction programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775	\$2,790,775

**Wildlife Resources**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455
State General Funds	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455	\$18,352,455
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
Royalties and Rents	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
Royalties and Rents Not Itemized	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
Sales and Services	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
State Funds Transfers	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170	\$47,039,170



**231.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$233,783	\$233,783	\$233,783	\$233,783
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**231.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,133	\$9,133	\$9,133	\$9,133
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**231.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,506)	(\$4,506)	(\$4,506)	(\$4,506)
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**231.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$2,319)	(\$2,319)	(\$2,319)	(\$2,319)
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<b>231.100-Wildlife Resources</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to regulate hunting, fishing, and the operation of watercraft in Georgia; to provide hunter and boating education; to protect non-game and endangered wildlife; to promulgate statewide hunting, fishing, trapping, and coastal commercial fishing regulations; to operate the state's archery and shooting ranges; to license hunters and anglers; and to register boats.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546	\$18,588,546
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937	\$20,113,937
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778	\$8,542,778
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250
<b>Royalties and Rents</b>	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
<b>Royalties and Rents Not Itemized</b>	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153	\$8,515,153
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$47,275,261	\$47,275,261	\$47,275,261	\$47,275,261

**Provided, that to the extent State Parks and Historic Sites receipts are realized in excess of the amount of such funds contemplated in this Act, the Office of Planning and Budget is authorized to use up to 50 percent of the excess receipts to supplant State funds and the balance may be amended into the budget of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division for the most critical needs of the Division. This provision shall not apply to revenues collected from a state park's parking pass implemented by the Department.**

*Section 35: Pardons and Paroles, State Board of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212
State General Funds	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212	\$16,452,212
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262	\$17,258,262

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$17,579,705	\$17,579,705	\$17,598,370	\$17,604,724
State General Funds	\$17,579,705	\$17,579,705	\$17,598,370	\$17,604,724
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,579,705	\$17,579,705	\$17,598,370	\$17,604,724

**Board Administration (SBPP)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
State General Funds	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352	\$1,092,352

**232.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$16,351	\$16,351	\$16,351	\$16,351
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**232.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$477	\$477	\$477	\$477
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**232.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,577	\$5,577	\$5,577	\$5,577
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**232.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$62)	(\$62)	(\$62)	(\$62)
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**232.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$6,354
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<b>232.100-Board Administration (SBPP)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support for the agency.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,121,049
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,121,049
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,114,695	\$1,121,049

**Clemency Decisions**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343
State General Funds	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343	\$14,868,343
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050	\$806,050
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393	\$15,674,393

**233.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$192,042	\$192,042	\$192,042	\$192,042
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**233.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$9,648	\$9,648	\$9,648	\$9,648
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**233.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$622,239	\$622,239	\$622,239	\$622,239
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**233.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$112,855	\$112,855	\$112,855	\$112,855
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**233.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,252)	(\$1,252)	(\$1,252)	(\$1,252)
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**233.6** *Increase funds for personnel for two hearing examiner positions.*

State General Funds	\$156,440	\$156,440	\$175,105	\$175,105
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**233.7** *Eliminate funds for federal task forces to reflect the transfer of personnel to the Department of Community Supervision.*

Federal Funds Not Itemized	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)	(\$806,050)
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<b>233.100-Clemency Decisions</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the Board in exercising its constitutional authority over executive clemency. This includes setting tentative parole dates for offenders in the correctional system and all aspects of parole status of offenders in the community including warrants, violations, commutations, and revocations. The Board coordinates all interstate compact release matters regarding the acceptance and placement of parolees into and from the State of Georgia and administers the pardon process by reviewing all applications and granting or denying these applications based on specific criteria.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,960,315	\$15,960,315	\$15,978,980	\$15,978,980
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,960,315	\$15,960,315	\$15,978,980	\$15,978,980
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,960,315	\$15,960,315	\$15,978,980	\$15,978,980

**Victim Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement through the Victim Information Program, to conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, to host victim and visitor days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
State General Funds	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517	\$491,517

**234.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,594	\$9,594	\$9,594	\$9,594
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**234.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$285
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**234.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$3,336	\$3,336	\$3,336	\$3,336
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**234.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$37)	(\$37)	(\$37)	(\$37)
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<b>234.100-Victim Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide notification to victims of changes in offender status or placement through the Victim Information Program, to conduct outreach and information gathering from victims during clemency proceedings, to host victim and visitor days, and act as a liaison for victims to the state corrections system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695	\$504,695

**Section 36: Properties Commission, State**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Funds Transfers	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**Properties Commission, State**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Funds Transfers	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
State Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**235.100-Properties Commission, State**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain long-term plans for state buildings and land; to compile an accessible database of state-owned and leased real property with information about utilization, demand management, and space standards; and to negotiate better rates in the leasing market and property acquisitions and dispositions.*

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>State Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000	\$1,980,000

**Section 37: Public Defender Council, Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327
State General Funds	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327	\$51,899,327

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$85,307,627	\$85,307,627	\$85,307,627	\$85,307,627

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$57,041,131	\$58,420,553	\$57,562,254	\$58,266,540
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$57,041,131	\$58,420,553	\$57,562,254	\$58,266,540
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000	\$33,340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$90,449,431	\$91,828,853	\$90,970,554	\$91,674,840

**Public Defender Council**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, and Central Office.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
State General Funds	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759	\$7,504,759
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
Interest and Investment Income	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059	\$9,413,059

**236.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$128,448	\$128,448	\$128,448	\$128,448
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**236.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731	\$4,731
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**236.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,262	\$5,262	\$5,262	\$5,262
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**236.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,271)	(\$1,271)	(\$1,271)	(\$1,271)
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**236.5** *Increase funds to provide statutorily mandated training.*

State General Funds		\$341,573	\$0	\$341,573
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**236.6** *Increase funds to provide one training director/conflict attorney supervisor position.*

State General Funds		\$113,976	\$0	\$113,976
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**236.7** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$13,967
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**236.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>236.100-Public Defender Council</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, Office of the Mental Health Advocate, Central Office, and the administration of the Conflict Division.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,641,929	\$8,097,478	\$7,641,929	\$8,111,445
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,641,929	\$8,097,478	\$7,641,929	\$8,111,445
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300	\$68,300
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000	\$1,840,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Interest and Investment Income Not Itemized</b>	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,550,229	\$10,005,778	\$9,550,229	\$10,019,745

**Public Defenders**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
State General Funds	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568	\$44,394,568
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$75,894,568</b>	<b>\$75,894,568</b>	<b>\$75,894,568</b>	<b>\$75,894,568</b>

**237.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$716,859	\$716,859	\$716,859	\$716,859
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**237.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$26,401	\$26,401	\$26,401	\$26,401
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**237.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$29,368	\$29,368	\$29,368	\$29,368
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**237.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$7,093)	(\$7,093)	(\$7,093)	(\$7,093)
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**237.5** *Increase funds for contracted attorneys to ensure geographical coverage and capacity for conflict cases.*

State General Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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**237.6** *Increase funds for personnel to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for four newly established accountability courts in the following circuits: South Georgia, Lookout Mountain, Oconee and Tifton per HB279 (2015 Session). (H and S:Increase funds to reflect an accountability court supplement for circuit public defenders for two newly established accountability courts in the following circuits: South Georgia and Tifton)*

State General Funds	\$39,099	\$19,536	\$19,536	\$19,536
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**237.7** *Increase funds for phase one of a three-year project to electronically store case files at all circuit offices.*

State General Funds	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**237.8** *Increase funds to align the salary scale for public defenders with prosecuting attorneys. (S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for a 2% salary adjustment for assistant public defenders)*

State General Funds		\$974,338	\$806,358	\$806,358
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**237.9** *Increase funds for an additional assistant public defender position for the new judgeship in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and reflect January 1, 2018 start date.*

State General Funds		\$37,982	\$37,982	\$37,982
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**237.10** Increase funds for 10 additional juvenile public defenders. (S:Increase funds for seven additional juvenile public defenders)(CC:Increase funds for 10 additional juvenile public defenders)

State General Funds	\$782,564	\$547,794	\$782,564
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**237.11** Increase funds to annualize 15 juvenile public defenders.

State General Funds	\$307,546	\$307,546	\$307,546
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**237.12** Increase funds to annualize one Clayton Judicial Circuit assistant public defender position.

State General Funds	\$41,006	\$41,006	\$41,006
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**237.100-Public Defenders**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assure that adequate and effective legal representation is provided, independently of political considerations or private interests, to indigent persons who are entitled to representation under this chapter; provided that staffing for circuits are based on O.C.G.A. 17-12; including providing representation to clients in cases where the Capital Defender or a circuit public defender has a conflict of interest.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$49,399,202	\$50,323,075	\$49,920,325	\$50,155,095
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$49,399,202	\$50,323,075	\$49,920,325	\$50,155,095
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000	\$31,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$80,899,202	\$81,823,075	\$81,420,325	\$81,655,095

**Section 38: Public Health, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772	\$260,498,772
State General Funds	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977	\$245,454,977
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775	\$397,247,775
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Sales and Services	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>	<b>\$581,976</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>	<b>\$671,753,606</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$272,111,602</b>	<b>\$274,963,893</b>	<b>\$273,625,002</b>	<b>\$275,275,331</b>
State General Funds	\$257,067,807	\$259,920,098	\$258,581,207	\$260,231,536
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860	\$13,717,860
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>	<b>\$397,247,775</b>
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219	\$367,328,219
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606	\$16,864,606
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579	\$2,403,579
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>	<b>\$13,425,083</b>
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999	\$478,999
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219	\$8,785,219
Sales and Services	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865	\$4,160,865

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976	\$581,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$683,366,436	\$686,218,727	\$684,879,836	\$686,530,165

**Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496	\$13,424,496
State General Funds	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317	\$6,567,317
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
Sales and Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
State Funds Transfers	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$33,637,277	\$33,637,277	\$33,637,277	\$33,637,277

**238.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$23,250	\$23,250	\$23,250	\$23,250
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**238.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$864	\$864	\$864	\$864
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**238.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$3,636	\$3,636	\$3,636	\$3,636
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**238.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$172	\$172	\$172	\$172
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**238.5** *Increase funds to replace a loss of federal funds to continue providing women's health services.*

State General Funds	\$651,897	\$651,897	\$651,897	\$651,897
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**238.6** *Increase funds to establish an Adolescent to Adult Transition model to improve outcomes for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.*

State General Funds		\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000
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**238.7** *Increase funds for the Diabetes Coordinator position authorized under O.C.G.A. 31-2A-13.*

State General Funds			\$126,000	\$126,000
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**238.8** *Increase funds for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care and the cardiac registry pursuant to the passage of SB102 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds			\$106,800	\$106,800
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**238.9** *Increase funds to evaluate and recommend a program to reduce maternal mortality using outcomes-based research due December 1st, 2017, recognizing that Georgia currently ranks fiftieth in maternal deaths in the United States. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding to evaluate and recommend a program to reduce maternal mortality using outcomes-based research due December 31, 2017, recognizing that Georgia currently ranks fiftieth in maternal deaths in the United States)*

State General Funds			\$100,000	\$100,000
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**238.10** *Increase funds for developing telehealth sickle cell mobile units. (CC:Increase funds to upgrade telehealth sickle cell mobile units)*

State General Funds			\$50,000	\$50,000
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**238.100-Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote the health and well-being of Georgians. Activities include preventing teenage pregnancies, tobacco use prevention, cancer screening and prevention, and family planning services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,104,315	\$14,429,315	\$14,812,115	\$14,812,115
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,247,136	\$7,572,136	\$7,954,936	\$7,954,936
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179	\$6,857,179
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781	\$19,467,781
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424	\$8,397,424
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828	\$516,828
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$149,000
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grant CFDA93.558</b>	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529	\$10,404,529
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000	\$285,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$34,317,096	\$34,642,096	\$35,024,896	\$35,024,896

**Adult Essential Health Treatment Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249

**239.100-Adult Essential Health Treatment Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide treatment and services to low-income Georgians with cancer, and Georgians at risk of stroke or heart attacks.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249	\$6,613,249
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249	\$6,913,249

**Departmental Administration (DPH)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334	\$22,564,334
State General Funds	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539	\$22,432,539
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707	\$35,012,707

**240.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$461,789	\$461,789	\$461,789	\$461,789
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**240.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$17,154	\$17,154	\$17,154	\$17,154
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**240.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$72,216	\$72,216	\$72,216	\$72,216
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**240.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$3,409	\$3,409	\$3,409	\$3,409
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**240.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds \$128,318

<b>240.100-Departmental Administration (DPH)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to all departmental programs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,118,902	\$23,118,902	\$23,118,902	\$23,247,220
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,987,107	\$22,987,107	\$22,987,107	\$23,115,425
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795	\$131,795
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856	\$8,312,856
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918	\$7,045,918
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938	\$1,266,938
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517	\$4,135,517
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$35,567,275	\$35,567,275	\$35,567,275	\$35,695,593

**Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982
State General Funds	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982	\$2,600,982
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
State Funds Transfers	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,448,431	\$26,448,431	\$26,448,431	\$26,448,431

**241.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$34,462	\$34,462	\$34,462	\$34,462
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**241.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,280	\$1,280	\$1,280	\$1,280
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**241.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,389	\$5,389	\$5,389	\$5,389
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**241.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$254	\$254	\$254	\$254
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**241.5** *Increase funds for the Regional Coordinating Hospitals to replace federal funds for emergency preparedness.*

State General Funds		\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
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**241.100-Emergency Preparedness / Trauma System Improvement****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to prepare for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and other emergencies, as well as improving the capacity of the state's trauma system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,642,367	\$2,782,367	\$2,782,367	\$2,782,367
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,642,367	\$2,782,367	\$2,782,367	\$2,782,367
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473	\$23,675,473
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473	\$23,125,473
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976	\$171,976
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,489,816	\$26,629,816	\$26,629,816	\$26,629,816

**Epidemiology****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592	\$4,740,592
State General Funds	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955	\$4,624,955
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
Sales and Services	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,515,091	\$11,515,091	\$11,515,091	\$11,515,091

**242.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,446	\$30,446	\$30,446	\$30,446
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**242.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131	\$1,131
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**242.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$4,761	\$4,761	\$4,761	\$4,761
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**242.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$225
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<b>242.100-Epidemiology</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor, investigate, and respond to disease, injury, and other events of public health concern.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,777,155	\$4,777,155	\$4,777,155	\$4,777,155
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,661,518	\$4,661,518	\$4,661,518	\$4,661,518
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637	\$115,637
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343	\$6,749,343
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593	\$6,552,593
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750	\$196,750
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156	\$25,156
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$11,551,654	\$11,551,654	\$11,551,654	\$11,551,654

**Immunization****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604
State General Funds	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604	\$2,543,604
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,254,792	\$9,254,792	\$9,254,792	\$9,254,792

**243.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$8,204	\$8,204	\$8,204	\$8,204
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**243.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$305	\$305	\$305	\$305
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**243.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,283	\$1,283	\$1,283	\$1,283
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**243.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$61	\$61	\$61	\$61
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**243.100-Immunization****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide immunization, consultation, training, assessment, vaccines, and technical assistance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457	\$2,553,457
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486	\$2,061,486

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702	\$4,649,702
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,264,645	\$9,264,645	\$9,264,645	\$9,264,645

**Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841
State General Funds	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841	\$23,094,841
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664
Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171
Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
Sales and Services	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$50,796,005	\$50,796,005	\$50,796,005	\$50,796,005

**244.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$18,280	\$18,280	\$18,280	\$18,280
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**244.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$679	\$679	\$679	\$679
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**244.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,859	\$2,859	\$2,859	\$2,859
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**244.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135
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<b>244.100-Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to avoid unnecessary health problems in later life by providing comprehensive health services to infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794	\$23,116,794
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186	\$24,082,186
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664	\$15,097,664
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171	\$8,605,171
<b>Medical Assistance Program CFDA93.778</b>	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842	\$246,842
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509	\$132,509
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978	\$3,618,978
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403	\$94,403
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575	\$3,524,575
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$50,817,958	\$50,817,958	\$50,817,958	\$50,817,958

**Infant and Child Health Promotion****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228
State General Funds	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228	\$12,894,228
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061	\$276,610,061

**245.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$49,696	\$49,696	\$49,696	\$49,696
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**245.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,846	\$1,846	\$1,846	\$1,846
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**245.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$7,772	\$7,772	\$7,772	\$7,772
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**245.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$367	\$367	\$367	\$367
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<b>245.100-Infant and Child Health Promotion</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide education and services to promote health and nutrition for infants and children.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909	\$12,953,909
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246	\$263,629,246
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639	\$256,236,639
<b>Maternal &amp; Child Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.994</b>	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607	\$7,392,607
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587	\$86,587
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$276,669,742	\$276,669,742	\$276,669,742	\$276,669,742

**Infectious Disease Control**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374
State General Funds	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374	\$31,929,374
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661	\$47,927,661
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009

Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009	\$13,009
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$79,870,044</b>	<b>\$79,870,044</b>	<b>\$79,870,044</b>	<b>\$79,870,044</b>

**246.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$167,037	\$167,037	\$167,037	\$167,037
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**246.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,205	\$6,205	\$6,205	\$6,205
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**246.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$26,122	\$26,122	\$26,122	\$26,122
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**246.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,233	\$1,233	\$1,233	\$1,233
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**246.100-Infectious Disease Control**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure quality prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>	<b>\$32,129,971</b>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>	<b>\$47,927,661</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>	<b>\$13,009</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$80,070,641</b>	<b>\$80,070,641</b>	<b>\$80,070,641</b>	<b>\$80,070,641</b>

**Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103
State General Funds	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103	\$3,800,103
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681
Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
Sales and Services	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300	\$4,872,300

**247.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$50,144	\$50,144	\$50,144	\$50,144
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**247.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,863	\$1,863	\$1,863	\$1,863
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**247.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$7,842	\$7,842	\$7,842	\$7,842
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**247.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$370	\$370	\$370	\$370
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**247.5** *Increase funds for personnel for a 5% increase for recruitment and retention of environmental health personnel.*

State General Funds	\$1,496,531	\$1,496,531	\$1,496,531	\$1,496,531
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**247.6** *Increase funds for personnel for an additional 15 environmental health specialist positions. (S:Increase funds for personnel for an additional 10 environmental health specialist positions)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for an additional 12 environmental health specialist positions)*

State General Funds		\$998,400	\$665,600	\$798,720
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<b>247.100-Inspections and Environmental Hazard Control</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to detect and prevent environmental hazards, as well as providing inspection and enforcement of health regulations for food service establishments, sewage management facilities, and swimming pools.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,356,853	\$6,355,253	\$6,022,453	\$6,155,573
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,356,853	\$6,355,253	\$6,022,453	\$6,155,573
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063	\$511,063
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681	\$352,681
<b>Preventive Health &amp; Health Services Block Grant CFDA93.991</b>	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382	\$158,382
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134	\$561,134
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,429,050	\$7,427,450	\$7,094,650	\$7,227,770

**Office for Children and Families**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to families.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
State General Funds	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428

**248.100-Office for Children and Families**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enhance coordination and communication among providers and stakeholders of services to families.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428	\$827,428

**Public Health Formula Grants to Counties**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468
State General Funds	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468	\$113,421,468

**249.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,978,124	\$4,978,124	\$4,978,124	\$4,978,124
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**249.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$186,644	\$186,644	\$186,644	\$186,644
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**249.3** *Increase funds for telehealth infrastructure.*

State General Funds	\$2,234,450	\$2,234,450	\$2,234,450	\$2,234,450
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**249.4** *Add funds for the Fulton County Board of Health per HB885 (2016 Session).*

State General Funds	\$978,865	\$978,865	\$978,865	\$978,865
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**249.5** *Increase funds to complete the phase-in of the new general grant-in-aid formula to hold harmless all counties. (S:Begin implementation of the grant-in-aid formula)(CC:Increase funds to reflect final phase-in of the new general grant-in-aid formula to hold harmless all counties)*

State General Funds		\$1,388,891	\$0	\$1,388,891
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<b>249.100-Public Health Formula Grants to Counties</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide general grant-in-aid to county boards of health delivering local public health services.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442	\$121,799,551	\$123,188,442

**Vital Records**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793
State General Funds	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793	\$4,332,793
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,863,473	\$4,863,473	\$4,863,473	\$4,863,473

**250.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$57,184	\$57,184	\$57,184	\$57,184
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**250.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,124	\$2,124	\$2,124	\$2,124
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**250.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$8,942	\$8,942	\$8,942	\$8,942
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**250.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$422	\$422	\$422	\$422
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**250.100-Vital Records****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to register, enter, archive and provide to the public in a timely manner vital records and associated documents.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465	\$4,401,465
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680	\$530,680
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,932,145	\$4,932,145	\$4,932,145	\$4,932,145

**Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935

**251.100-Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide disbursements from the Trust Fund to offset the costs of care and rehabilitative services to citizens of the state who have survived brain or spinal cord injuries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>Brain &amp; Spinal Injury Trust Fund</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935	\$1,325,935

**Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345
State General Funds	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345	\$16,385,345

**252.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,663	\$4,663	\$4,663	\$4,663
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**252.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$172	\$172	\$172	\$172
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**252.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$71	\$71	\$71	\$71
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<b>252.100-Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish, maintain, and administer a trauma center network, to coordinate the best use of existing trauma facilities and to direct patients to the best available facility for treatment of traumatic injury and participate in the accountability mechanism for the entire Georgia trauma system, primarily overseeing the flow of funds for system improvement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251	\$16,390,251

**Section 39: Public Safety, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247
State General Funds	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247	\$153,241,247
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358

Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358	\$27,054,358
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460	\$15,971,460
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Sales and Services	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738	\$20,066,738
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400	\$159,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>	<b>\$217,346,203</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$178,304,932	\$178,642,902	\$178,703,902	\$178,554,244
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$178,304,932	\$178,642,902	\$178,703,902	\$178,554,244
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>	<b>\$27,054,358</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>	<b>\$36,891,198</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>	<b>\$15,971,460</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>	<b>\$20,066,738</b>
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>	<b>\$159,400</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$242,409,888</b>	<b>\$242,747,858</b>	<b>\$242,808,858</b>	<b>\$242,659,200</b>

**Aviation****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442
State General Funds	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442	\$4,073,442
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,183,476	\$4,183,476	\$4,183,476	\$4,183,476

**253.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,160	\$10,160	\$10,160	\$10,160
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**253.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,793	\$1,793	\$1,793	\$1,793
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**253.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$23,001	\$23,001	\$23,001	\$23,001
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**253.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$372,431	\$372,431	\$372,431	\$372,431
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**253.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,947)	(\$2,947)	(\$2,947)	(\$2,947)
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**253.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
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**253.100-Aviation****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide aerial support for search and rescue missions and search and apprehension missions in criminal pursuits within the State of Georgia; to provide transport flights to conduct state business, for emergency medical transport, and to support local and federal agencies in public safety efforts with aerial surveillance and observation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155	\$4,478,155
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034	\$10,034
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,588,189	\$4,588,189	\$4,588,189	\$4,588,189

**Capitol Police Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321

**254.100-Capitol Police Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect life and property in the Capitol Square area, enforce traffic regulations around the Capitol, monitor entrances of state buildings, screen packages and personal items of individuals entering state facilities, and provide general security for elected officials, government employees, and visitors to the Capitol.*



<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321	\$7,953,321
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321	\$8,143,321

**Departmental Administration (DPS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299
State General Funds	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299	\$9,049,299
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$9,058,380	\$9,058,380	\$9,058,380	\$9,058,380

**255.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$112,017	\$112,017	\$112,017	\$112,017
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**255.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,591	\$5,591	\$5,591	\$5,591
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**255.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$21,416	\$21,416	\$21,416	\$21,416
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**255.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$300,820	\$300,820	\$300,820	\$300,820
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**255.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$9,189)	(\$9,189)	(\$9,189)	(\$9,189)
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**255.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$858	\$858	\$858	\$858
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**255.7** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$29,100
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**255.100-Departmental Administration (DPS)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,480,812	\$9,480,812	\$9,480,812	\$9,509,912
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,480,812	\$9,480,812	\$9,480,812	\$9,509,912
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571	\$5,571
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,489,893	\$9,489,893	\$9,489,893	\$9,518,993

**Field Offices and Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168
State General Funds	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168	\$109,563,168
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
Sales and Services	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$120,053,924	\$120,053,924	\$120,053,924	\$120,053,924

**256.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$318,884	\$318,884	\$318,884	\$318,884
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**256.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$69,085	\$69,085	\$69,085	\$69,085
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**256.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$700,540	\$700,540	\$700,540	\$700,540
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**256.4** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$14,580,572	\$14,580,572	\$14,580,572	\$14,580,572
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**256.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$113,538)	(\$113,538)	(\$113,538)	(\$113,538)
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**256.6** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$10,604	\$10,604	\$10,604	\$10,604
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**256.7** *Increase funds for technology upgrades.*

State General Funds	\$416,000	\$416,000	\$416,000	\$416,000
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**256.8** *Utilize existing funds of \$6,192,015 to fund operations for three 50 person trooper schools. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**256.100-Field Offices and Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide enforcement for traffic and criminal laws through the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Division, and support a variety of specialized teams and offices, which include the Motorcycle Unit, Criminal Interdiction Unit, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Special Projects Adjutant Office, Headquarters Adjutant Office, Special Investigations Office, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, and the Training Unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315	\$125,545,315
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148	\$1,888,148
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608	\$8,602,608
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708	\$7,698,708
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900	\$53,900
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>Sanctions, Fines, and Penalties Not Itemized</b>	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$850,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$136,036,071	\$136,036,071	\$136,036,071	\$136,036,071

**Motor Carrier Compliance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734	\$10,960,734
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

Sales and Services	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
State Funds Transfers	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042	\$26,087,042

**257.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$85,302	\$85,302	\$85,302	\$85,302
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**257.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$7,071	\$7,071	\$7,071	\$7,071
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**257.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$3,965,951	\$3,965,951	\$3,965,951	\$3,965,951
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**257.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$11,621)	(\$11,621)	(\$11,621)	(\$11,621)
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**257.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,086	\$1,086	\$1,086	\$1,086
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<b>257.100-Motor Carrier Compliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide inspection, regulation, and enforcement for size, weight, and safety standards as well as traffic and criminal laws for commercial motor carriers, limousines, non-consensual tow trucks, household goods movers, all buses, and large passenger vehicles as well as providing High Occupancy Vehicle and High Occupancy Toll lane use restriction enforcement.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523	\$15,008,523
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764	\$3,880,764
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144	\$11,231,144
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958

<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958	\$4,898,958
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186	\$6,329,186
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,134,831	\$30,134,831	\$30,134,831	\$30,134,831

**Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748
State General Funds	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748	\$775,748

**258.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$10,600	\$10,600	\$10,600	\$10,600
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**258.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390
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**258.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260
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**258.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$86	\$86	\$86	\$86
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**258.5** *Increase funds for personnel for two compliance/evaluation district manager positions.*

State General Funds		\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
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**258.6** *Increase funds for two vehicles for compliance/evaluation district manager positions.*

State General Funds	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
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**258.7** *Increase funds for computers and related equipment for compliance/evaluation district manager positions.*

State General Funds	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
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**258.8** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds			\$376
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<b>258.100-Firefighter Standards and Training Council, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide professionally trained, competent, and ethical firefighters with the proper equipment and facilities to ensure a fire-safe environment for Georgia citizens, and establish professional standards for fire service training including consulting, testing, and certification of Georgia firefighters.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$788,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,460
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$788,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,460
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$788,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,084	\$1,008,460

**Highway Safety, Office of**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881
State General Funds	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881	\$3,505,881
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
State Funds Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971	\$23,847,971

**259.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$16,937	\$16,937	\$16,937	\$16,937
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**259.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$624	\$624	\$624	\$624
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**259.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$564	\$564	\$564	\$564
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**259.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615
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**259.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$262
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**259.100-Highway Safety, Office of****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to educate the public on highway safety issues, and facilitate the implementation of programs to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Georgia roadways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,883
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,621	\$3,524,883
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178	\$19,689,178
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912	\$507,912
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,866,711	\$23,866,711	\$23,866,711	\$23,866,973



**Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658
State General Funds	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658	\$2,991,658

**260.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,692	\$30,692	\$30,692	\$30,692
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**260.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,516	\$1,516	\$1,516	\$1,516
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**260.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$206,596	\$206,596	\$206,596	\$206,596
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**260.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$21,769	\$21,769	\$21,769	\$21,769
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**260.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$168	\$168	\$168	\$168
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**260.6** *Increase funds for personnel for two criminal investigator positions and for operations.*

State General Funds	\$189,393	\$189,363	\$189,363	\$189,363
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**260.7** *Increase funds for contracts to standardize mandate testing at all academies.*

State General Funds	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
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**260.8** *Increase funds for personnel for one curriculum specialist position. (H:Increase one-time funds for one curriculum specialist position)(S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for one curriculum specialist position)*

State General Funds	\$82,194	\$82,194	\$82,194	\$82,194
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**260.9** *Increase funds for statutory training costs for local police chiefs.*

State General Funds	\$118,000	\$129,000	\$0
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**260.10** *Reduce funds for stipends for curriculum development by subject area experts.*

State General Funds		(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
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**260.11** *Increase funds for the Sheriffs' Training Academy.*

State General Funds		\$100,000	\$0
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**260.12** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds			\$865
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<b>260.100-Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to set standards for the law enforcement community; ensure adequate training at the highest level for all of Georgia's law enforcement officers and public safety professionals; and, certify individuals when all requirements are met. Investigate officers and public safety professionals when an allegation of unethical and/or illegal conduct is made, and sanction these individuals by disciplining officers and public safety professionals when necessary.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,623,986	\$3,741,956	\$3,802,956	\$3,574,821
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,623,986	\$3,741,956	\$3,802,956	\$3,574,821
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,623,986	\$3,741,956	\$3,802,956	\$3,574,821

**Public Safety Training Center, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317
State General Funds	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317	\$12,321,317
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
Sales and Services	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$22,204,683	\$22,204,683	\$22,204,683	\$22,204,683

**261.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$77,299	\$77,299	\$77,299	\$92,375
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**261.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,579	\$6,579	\$6,579	\$6,579
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**261.3** *Increase funds to provide a 20% pay increase for law enforcement officers.*

State General Funds	\$1,052,147	\$1,052,147	\$1,052,147	\$1,052,147
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**261.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$35,550)	(\$35,550)	(\$35,550)	(\$35,550)
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**261.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$619)	(\$619)	(\$619)	(\$619)
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**261.6** *Increase funds for system equipment and software upgrades for online public safety training courses.*

State General Funds	\$126,952	\$126,952	\$126,952	\$126,952
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**261.7** *Increase funds for personnel and operations for 12 Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) positions.*

State General Funds	\$1,262,323	\$1,262,323	\$1,262,323	\$1,293,260
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**261.8** *Increase funds for personnel for 10 Public Safety Training (PST) Instructor positions for six satellite academies.*

State General Funds	\$870,824	\$870,824	\$870,824	\$870,824
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**261.9** *Increase funds for personnel for two curriculum developer positions in the Instructional Services Division.*

State General Funds	\$174,164	\$174,164	\$174,164	\$174,164
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**261.10** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$2,726
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**261.100-Public Safety Training Center, Georgia** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that results in professional and competent public safety services for the people of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436	\$15,904,175
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436	\$15,855,436	\$15,904,175
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663	\$1,580,663
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703	\$8,302,703
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794	\$3,183,794
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909	\$5,118,909
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$25,738,802	\$25,738,802	\$25,738,802	\$25,787,541

**Section 40: Public Service Commission**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823
State General Funds	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823	\$9,119,823
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923	\$10,462,923

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,284,763	\$9,413,638	\$9,432,513	\$9,434,186
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,284,763	\$9,413,638	\$9,432,513	\$9,434,186
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100	\$1,343,100
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$10,627,863	\$10,756,738	\$10,775,613	\$10,777,286

**Commission Administration (PSC)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930
State General Funds	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930	\$1,489,930
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430	\$1,573,430

**262.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$24,306	\$24,306	\$24,306	\$24,306
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**262.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$895	\$895	\$895	\$895
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**262.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$215)	(\$215)	(\$215)	(\$215)
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**262.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$293	\$293	\$293	\$293
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**262.5** *Increase funds for utility research contract.*

State General Funds		\$18,875	\$37,750	\$37,750
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**262.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$1,673
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<b>262.100-Commission Administration (PSC)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist the Commissioners and staff in achieving the agency's goals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,515,209	\$1,534,084	\$1,552,959	\$1,554,632
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,515,209	\$1,534,084	\$1,552,959	\$1,554,632
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500	\$83,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,598,709	\$1,617,584	\$1,636,459	\$1,638,132

**Facility Protection****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564
State General Funds	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564	\$1,097,564
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664	\$2,328,664

**263.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$19,603	\$19,603	\$19,603	\$19,603
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**263.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$722	\$722	\$722	\$722
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**263.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$173)	(\$173)	(\$173)	(\$173)
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**263.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$236	\$236	\$236	\$236
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**263.100-Facility Protection****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce state and federal regulations pertaining to buried utility facility infrastructure and to promote safety through training and inspections.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952
State General Funds	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952	\$1,117,952
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100	\$1,231,100
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,349,052	\$2,349,052	\$2,349,052	\$2,349,052

**Utilities Regulation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329
State General Funds	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329	\$6,532,329
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829	\$6,560,829

**264.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$114,682	\$114,682	\$114,682	\$114,682
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**264.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,224	\$4,224	\$4,224	\$4,224
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**264.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,014)	(\$1,014)	(\$1,014)	(\$1,014)
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**264.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,381	\$1,381	\$1,381	\$1,381
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**264.5** *Increase funds for personnel for one utility analyst for the Commission's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) section.*

State General Funds		\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
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**264.100-Utilities Regulation**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to monitor the rates and service standards of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies, approve supply plans for electric and natural gas companies, monitor utility system and telecommunications network planning, arbitrate complaints among competitors, provide consumer protection and education, and certify competitive natural gas and telecommunications providers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,651,602	\$6,761,602	\$6,761,602	\$6,761,602
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,651,602	\$6,761,602	\$6,761,602	\$6,761,602
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500	\$28,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,680,102	\$6,790,102	\$6,790,102	\$6,790,102

*Section 41: Regents, University System of Georgia*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074
State General Funds	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074	\$2,145,702,074
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
Sales and Services	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency Funds Transfers	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,370,711,762	\$7,370,711,762	\$7,370,711,762	\$7,370,711,762

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,298,666,478	\$2,305,192,037	\$2,305,005,787	\$2,305,085,976
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,298,666,478	\$2,305,192,037	\$2,305,005,787	\$2,305,085,976
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386	\$5,208,406,386



<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171	\$4,269,171
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680	\$2,322,854,680
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303	\$2,130,007,303
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377	\$192,847,377
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239	\$271,887,239
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296	\$2,609,395,296
<b>Record Center Storage Fees</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219	\$409,174,219
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302	\$16,603,302
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971	\$13,316,971
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,523,676,166	\$7,530,201,725	\$7,530,015,475	\$7,530,095,664

**Agricultural Experiment Station****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187
State General Funds	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187	\$38,763,187
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Sales and Services	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
Agency Funds Transfers	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042

Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>	<b>\$76,316,106</b>

**265.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$582,061	\$582,061	\$582,061	\$582,061
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**265.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$607,478	\$607,478	\$607,478	\$607,478
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**265.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$78,495) and retiree health benefits (\$85,224).*

State General Funds	\$163,719	\$163,719	\$163,719	\$163,719
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**265.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Agricultural Experiment Station program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$786,586	\$786,586	\$786,586	\$786,586
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**265.5** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the ruminant nutritionist and row crop physiologist positions.*

State General Funds	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000	\$84,000
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**265.6** *Increase funds for maintenance and operations.*

State General Funds		\$4,120,000	\$4,120,000	\$4,120,000
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**265.100-Agricultural Experiment Station**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve production, processing, new product development, food safety, storage, and marketing to increase profitability and global competitiveness of Georgia's agribusiness.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$40,987,031	\$45,107,031	\$45,107,031	\$45,107,031
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$40,987,031	\$45,107,031	\$45,107,031	\$45,107,031
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877	\$32,069,877
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$22,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877	\$8,069,877

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042	\$5,483,042
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$78,539,950	\$82,659,950	\$82,659,950	\$82,659,950

**Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, educational outreach, and consultation for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
Sales and Services	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
State Funds Transfers	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331

**266.100-Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide diagnostic services, educational outreach, and consultation for veterinarians and animal owners to ensure the safety of Georgia's food supply and the health of Georgia's production, equine, and companion animals.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000	\$3,225,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000	\$2,850,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331	\$3,286,331
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331	\$6,511,331

**Cooperative Extension Service****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899
State General Funds	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899	\$34,830,899
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Sales and Services	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
Agency Funds Transfers	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$66,164,828	\$66,164,828	\$66,164,828	\$66,164,828

**267.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$509,854	\$509,854	\$509,854	\$509,854
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**267.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$684,406	\$684,406	\$684,406	\$684,406
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**267.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$101,993) and retiree health benefits (\$149,940).*

State General Funds	\$251,933	\$251,933	\$251,933	\$251,933
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**267.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Cooperative Extension Service program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$702,864	\$702,864	\$702,864	\$702,864
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**267.5** *Increase funds for personnel to annualize the viticulturist, grain crop agronomist, and vegetable pathologist positions.*

State General Funds	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000
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**267.6** *Transfer funds and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program in the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program. (H and S:Transfer funds for personnel (\$553,019) and operations (\$43,750) and eight positions from the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission program attached to the Department of Agriculture to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service program for a new subprogram)*

State General Funds	\$553,019	\$596,769	\$596,769	\$596,769
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**267.7** *Increase funds for maintenance and operations.*

State General Funds		\$2,140,000	\$2,140,000	\$2,140,000
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<b>267.100-Cooperative Extension Service</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide training, educational programs, and outreach to Georgians in agricultural, horticultural, food, and family and consumer sciences, and to manage the 4-H youth program for the state.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,658,975	\$39,842,725	\$39,842,725	\$39,842,725
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,658,975	\$39,842,725	\$39,842,725	\$39,842,725
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000	\$23,500,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>Agency Funds Transfers</b>	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>Agency Fund Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929	\$7,833,929
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$68,992,904	\$71,176,654	\$71,176,654	\$71,176,654

**Enterprise Innovation Institute**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
State General Funds	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678	\$19,342,678
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Sales and Services	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678	\$30,242,678

**268.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$122,140	\$122,140	\$122,140	\$122,140
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**268.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$37,100	\$37,100	\$37,100	\$37,100
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**268.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$8,575	\$8,575	\$8,575	\$8,575
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**268.100-Enterprise Innovation Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to advise Georgia manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and government officials on best business practices and technology-driven economic development, and to provide the state share to federal incentive and assistance programs for entrepreneurs and innovative businesses.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493	\$19,510,493
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000	\$10,900,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,410,493	\$30,410,493	\$30,410,493	\$30,410,493

**Forestry Cooperative Extension**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902
State General Funds	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902	\$853,902
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
Sales and Services	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890	\$1,429,890

**269.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,729	\$11,729	\$11,729	\$11,729
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**269.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$16,191	\$16,191	\$16,191	\$16,191
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**269.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$1,691	\$1,691	\$1,691	\$1,691
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**269.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Cooperative Extension program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$19,735	\$19,735	\$19,735	\$19,735
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**269.5** *Increase funds for personnel for a network administrator for the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health to support externally funded research.*

State General Funds		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
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**269.100-Forestry Cooperative Extension**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for faculty to support instruction and outreach about conservation and sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$903,248	\$983,248	\$983,248	\$983,248
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$903,248	\$983,248	\$983,248	\$983,248
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988	\$575,988
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988	\$475,988
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,479,236	\$1,559,236	\$1,559,236	\$1,559,236

**Forestry Research****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563
State General Funds	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563	\$2,725,563
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
Sales and Services	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989	\$12,975,989

**270.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,554	\$44,554	\$44,554	\$44,554
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**270.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$49,824	\$49,824	\$49,824	\$49,824
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**270.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$6,464) and retiree health benefits (\$10,104).*

State General Funds	\$16,568	\$16,568	\$16,568	\$16,568
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**270.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Forestry Research program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$71,814	\$71,814	\$71,814	\$71,814
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<b>270.100-Forestry Research</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct research about economically and environmentally sound forest resources management and to assist non-industrial forest landowners and natural resources professionals in complying with state and federal regulations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323	\$2,908,323
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426	\$10,250,426
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634	\$590,634
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792	\$659,792
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,158,749	\$13,158,749	\$13,158,749	\$13,158,749

**Georgia Archives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137
State General Funds	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137	\$4,678,137
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
Sales and Services	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000
Record Center Storage Fees	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554	\$5,572,554

**271.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$24,127	\$24,127	\$24,127	\$24,127
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**271.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$15,426	\$15,426	\$15,426	\$15,426
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**271.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$2,817	\$2,817	\$2,817	\$2,817
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**271.100-Georgia Archives****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to maintain the state's archives; document and interpret the history of the Georgia State Capitol building; and assist State Agencies with adequately documenting their activities, administering their records management programs, scheduling their records, and transferring their non-current records to the State Records Center.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507	\$4,720,507
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417	\$894,417
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417	\$32,417
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000	\$862,000
<b>Record Center Storage Fees</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,614,924	\$5,614,924	\$5,614,924	\$5,614,924

**Georgia Radiation Therapy Center****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide care and treatment for cancer patients and to administer baccalaureate programs in Medical Dosimetry and Radiation Therapy.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754

**272.100-Georgia Radiation Therapy Center** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide care and treatment for cancer patients and to administer baccalaureate programs in Medical Dosimetry and Radiation Therapy.*

<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754	\$4,236,754

**Georgia Research Alliance** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
State General Funds	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451	\$5,097,451

**273.1** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$6,882	\$6,882	\$6,882	\$6,882
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**273.2** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$910	\$910	\$910	\$910
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**273.100-Georgia Research Alliance** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to expand research and commercialization capacity in public and private universities in Georgia to launch new companies and create jobs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243	\$5,105,243

**Georgia Tech Research Institute** **Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
State General Funds	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979	\$5,810,979
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
Sales and Services	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514	\$412,036,514

**274.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$85,775	\$85,775	\$85,775	\$85,775
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**274.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300	\$12,300
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**274.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$17,275) and retiree health benefits (\$145,710).*

State General Funds	\$162,985	\$162,985	\$162,985	\$162,985
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**274.100-Georgia Tech Research Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to laboratories and research centers affiliated with the Georgia Institute of Technology whose scientific, engineering, industrial, or policy research promotes economic development, health, and safety in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039	\$6,072,039
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535	\$406,225,535
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517	\$255,583,517
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683	\$140,042,683
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335	\$10,599,335
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$412,297,574	\$412,297,574	\$412,297,574	\$412,297,574

**Marine Institute**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055
State General Funds	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055	\$942,055
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,428,336	\$1,428,336	\$1,428,336	\$1,428,336

**275.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$11,567	\$11,567	\$11,567	\$11,567
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**275.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$13,219	\$13,219	\$13,219	\$13,219
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**275.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$2,276	\$2,276	\$2,276	\$2,276
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**275.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Marine Institute program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$24,502	\$24,502	\$24,502	\$24,502
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**275.100-Marine Institute**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support research on coastal processes involving the unique ecosystems of the Georgia coastline and to provide access and facilities for graduate and undergraduate classes to conduct field research on the Georgia coast.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$993,619	\$993,619	\$993,619	\$993,619
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$993,619	\$993,619	\$993,619	\$993,619
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281	\$486,281

<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648	\$367,648
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633	\$93,633
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,479,900	\$1,479,900	\$1,479,900	\$1,479,900

**Marine Resources Extension Center****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822
State General Funds	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822	\$1,267,822
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Sales and Services	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351	\$2,613,351

**276.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$19,493	\$19,493	\$19,493	\$19,493
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**276.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$24,264	\$24,264	\$24,264	\$24,264
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**276.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$3,395	\$3,395	\$3,395	\$3,395
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**276.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Marine Resources Extension Center program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$57,215	\$57,215	\$57,215	\$57,215
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**276.5** *Increase funds for an oyster hatchery manager and an aquaculture agent to grow Georgia's oyster aquaculture industry.*

State General Funds		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
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**276.100-Marine Resources Extension Center**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund outreach, education, and research to enhance coastal environmental and economic sustainability.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,372,189	\$1,522,189	\$1,522,189	\$1,522,189
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,372,189	\$1,522,189	\$1,522,189	\$1,522,189
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529	\$1,345,529
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529	\$655,529
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,717,718	\$2,867,718	\$2,867,718	\$2,867,718

**Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide medical education and patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
State General Funds	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518	\$29,838,518

**277.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$553,693	\$553,693	\$553,693	\$553,693
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**277.100-Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide medical education and patient care, including ambulatory, trauma, cancer, neonatal intensive, and emergency and express care.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211	\$30,392,211

**Public Libraries****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
State General Funds	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155	\$36,208,155
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
Sales and Services	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407	\$40,846,407

**278.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$501,850	\$501,850	\$501,850	\$501,850
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**278.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$492,794	\$492,794	\$492,794	\$492,794
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**278.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$4,654)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**278.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$3,137	\$3,137	\$3,137	\$3,137
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**278.100-Public Libraries** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,201,282	\$37,205,936	\$37,205,936	\$37,205,936
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,201,282	\$37,205,936	\$37,205,936	\$37,205,936
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252	\$4,638,252
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169	\$90,169
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083	\$4,548,083
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$41,839,534	\$41,844,188	\$41,844,188	\$41,844,188

**Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638
State General Funds	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638	\$23,059,638

**279.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$304,650	\$304,650	\$304,650	\$304,650
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**279.2** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$23,232	\$23,232	\$23,232	\$23,232
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**279.3** *Increase funds for the Georgia Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College and State University.*

State General Funds	\$2,712,913	\$2,712,913	\$2,712,913	\$2,712,913
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**279.4** *Transfer funds from the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program in the Department of Community Health for 83 new residency slots.*

State General Funds	(\$1,228,418)	(\$1,228,418)	(\$1,228,418)	(\$1,228,418)
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**279.5** *Increase funds for the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center.*

State General Funds	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
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**279.100-Public Service / Special Funding Initiatives****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund leadership, service, and education initiatives that require funding beyond what is provided by formula.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,872,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,872,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,872,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015	\$24,997,015

**Regents Central Office****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
State General Funds	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606	\$12,063,606

**280.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$74,348	\$74,348	\$74,348	\$74,348
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**280.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$39,828	\$39,828	\$39,828	\$39,828
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**280.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$37,610	\$32,956	\$32,956	\$32,956
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**280.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance.*

State General Funds	\$6,296	\$6,296	\$6,296	\$6,296
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**280.5** *Increase funds for the Southern Regional Education Board to reflect FY2018 dues and contracts amounts.*

State General Funds	\$33,591	\$33,591	\$33,591	\$33,591
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**280.100-Regents Central Office****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to institutions of the University System of Georgia and to fund membership in the Southern Regional Education Board.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,255,279	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,255,279	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$12,255,279	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625	\$12,250,625

**Skidaway Institute of Oceanography****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577
State General Funds	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577	\$1,297,577
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
University System of Georgia Research Funds	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Sales and Services	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,098,197	\$5,098,197	\$5,098,197	\$5,098,197

**281.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$17,103	\$17,103	\$17,103	\$17,103
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**281.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$16,552	\$16,552	\$16,552	\$16,552
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**281.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$1,537) and retiree health benefits (\$18,636).*

State General Funds	\$20,173	\$20,173	\$20,173	\$20,173
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**281.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$36,619	\$36,619	\$36,619	\$36,619
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**281.100-Skidaway Institute of Oceanography****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund research and educational programs regarding marine and ocean science and aquatic environments.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024	\$1,388,024
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620	\$3,800,620
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620	\$2,750,620
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,188,644	\$5,188,644	\$5,188,644	\$5,188,644

**Teaching****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350	\$1,905,455,350
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057	\$6,594,713,057

**282.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,131,243	\$40,131,243	\$40,131,243	\$40,131,243
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**282.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$34,688,783	\$34,688,783	\$34,688,783	\$34,688,783
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**282.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,099,162)	(\$2,099,162)	(\$2,099,162)	(\$2,099,162)
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**282.4** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$5,206,998) and retiree health benefits (\$4,069,520).*

State General Funds	\$9,276,518	\$9,276,518	\$9,276,518	\$9,276,518
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**282.5** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service, Forestry Cooperative Extension, Forestry Research, Marine Institute, Marine Resources Extension Center, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station and Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital programs for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,790,944)	(\$1,790,944)	(\$1,790,944)	(\$1,790,944)
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**282.6** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Department of Agriculture Athens and Tifton Veterinary Laboratories program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	(\$71,200)	(\$71,200)	(\$71,200)	(\$71,200)
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**282.7** *Increase funds to reflect the change in enrollment (\$66,695,501) and square footage (\$3,425,181) at University System of Georgia institutions.*

State General Funds	\$70,120,682	\$70,120,682	\$70,120,682	\$70,120,682
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**282.8** *Reduce funds for Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) to reflect year four of the seven year plan to eliminate the GGC Special Funding Initiative.*

State General Funds	(\$1,375,000)	(\$1,375,000)	(\$1,375,000)	(\$1,375,000)
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**282.9** *Increase funds to adjust the debt service payback amount for projects constructed at Georgia State University (\$989,778) and Kennesaw State University (\$723,814).*

State General Funds	\$1,713,592	\$1,713,592	\$1,713,592	\$1,713,592
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**282.10** *Eliminate funds for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.*

State General Funds	(\$8,000,000)	(\$8,000,000)	(\$8,000,000)	(\$8,000,000)
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**282.11** *Eliminate funds for a legislative commission on government structure.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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**282.12** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Technical College System of Georgia Technical Education program for the Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center (VECTR).*

State General Funds		(\$1,023,100)	(\$1,023,100)	(\$1,023,100)
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**282.100-Teaching****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is provide funds to the Board of Regents for annual allocations to University System of Georgia institutions for student instruction and to establish and operate other initiatives that promote, support, or extend student learning.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,048,024,862	\$2,047,001,762	\$2,047,001,762	\$2,047,001,762
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,048,024,862	\$2,047,001,762	\$2,047,001,762	\$2,047,001,762
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707	\$4,689,257,707
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907	\$2,013,701,907
<b>University System of Georgia Research Funds</b>	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530	\$1,828,854,530
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377	\$184,847,377
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753	\$126,998,753
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047	\$2,548,557,047
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970	\$348,935,970
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077	\$2,199,621,077
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,737,282,569	\$6,736,259,469	\$6,736,259,469	\$6,736,259,469

**Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032
State General Funds	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032	\$2,707,032

**283.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,741	\$40,741	\$40,741	\$40,741
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**283.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$43,061	\$43,061	\$43,061	\$43,061
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**283.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$5,265) and retiree health benefits (\$13,152).*

State General Funds	\$18,417	\$18,417	\$18,417	\$18,417
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**283.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$74,027	\$74,027	\$74,027	\$74,027
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**283.5** *Increase funds for personnel for two field services clinical veterinarians dedicated to food animal practice. (S:Increase funds for personnel for two field services clinical veterinarians dedicated to food animal practice and reflect delayed start dates)(CC:Increase funds for personnel for two field services clinical veterinarians dedicated to food animal practice and reflect October 1, 2017 start date)*

State General Funds		\$310,000	\$155,000	\$232,500
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**283.6** *Increase funds for personnel for one lab supervisor (\$72,500) and one lab technician (\$52,500) for the Poultry Diagnostic Research Laboratory to address disease surveillance. (S and CC:Increase funds for personnel for one lab supervisor (\$72,500) and one lab technician (\$52,500) for the Poultry Diagnostic Research Laboratory to address disease surveillance and reflect delayed start dates)*

State General Funds		\$125,000	\$93,750	\$93,750
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<b>283.100-Veterinary Medicine Experiment Station</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate and conduct research at the University of Georgia on animal disease problems of present and potential concern to Georgia's livestock and poultry industries and to provide training and education in disease research, surveillance, and intervention.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,883,278	\$3,318,278	\$3,132,028	\$3,209,528
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,883,278	\$3,318,278	\$3,132,028	\$3,209,528
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,883,278	\$3,318,278	\$3,132,028	\$3,209,528

**Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418
State General Funds	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418	\$427,418
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418	\$17,427,418

**284.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$7,483	\$7,483	\$7,483	\$7,483
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**284.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$7,491	\$7,491	\$7,491	\$7,491
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**284.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$1,160) and retiree health benefits (\$4,692).*

State General Funds	\$5,852	\$5,852	\$5,852	\$5,852
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**284.4** *Transfer funds from the Teaching program to the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital program for personnel for prior year University of Georgia merit-based pay adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$17,582	\$17,582	\$17,582	\$17,582
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**284.100-Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide clinical instruction for veterinary medicine students, support research that enhances the health and welfare of production and companion animals in Georgia, and address the shortage of veterinarians in Georgia and the nation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$465,826	\$465,826	\$465,826	\$465,826
State General Funds	\$465,826	\$465,826	\$465,826	\$465,826
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$17,465,826	\$17,465,826	\$17,465,826	\$17,465,826



**Payments to Georgia Military College**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades six through twelve at Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and preparatory school.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401
State General Funds	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401	\$5,178,401

**285.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$139,983	\$139,983	\$139,983	\$139,983
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**285.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$145	\$145	\$145	\$145
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**285.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$127,780	\$127,780	\$127,780	\$127,780
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**285.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$14,505)	(\$14,505)	(\$14,505)	(\$14,505)
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**285.5** *Increase funds for enrollment growth and training and experience at the Georgia Military College Preparatory School.*

State General Funds	\$275,895	\$275,895	\$275,895	\$275,895
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**285.6** *Increase funds for the state share of maintenance costs.*

State General Funds		\$454,909	\$454,909	\$454,909
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**285.100-Payments to Georgia Military College**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide quality basic education funding for grades six through twelve at Georgia Military College's Junior Military College and preparatory school.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,707,699	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,707,699	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,707,699	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608	\$6,162,608

**Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706
State General Funds	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706	\$15,153,706

**286.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$130,457	\$130,457	\$130,457	\$130,457
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**286.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,610	\$4,610	\$4,610	\$4,610
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**286.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$4,093	\$4,093	\$4,093	\$4,093
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**286.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$50,037)	(\$50,037)	(\$50,037)	(\$50,037)
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**286.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,506	\$1,506	\$1,506	\$1,506
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**286.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$2,689
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<b>286.100-Payments to Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to create, produce, and distribute high quality programs and services that educate, inform, and entertain audiences, and enrich the quality of their lives.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,247,024
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,247,024
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,244,335	\$15,247,024

**Section 42: Revenue, Department of**

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819	\$183,732,819
State General Funds	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036	\$183,299,036
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906	\$184,551,906

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$190,778,326	\$189,478,326	\$189,478,326	\$189,500,433
State General Funds	\$190,344,543	\$189,044,543	\$189,044,543	\$189,066,650
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087	\$819,087
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580	\$567,580
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$191,597,413	\$190,297,413	\$190,297,413	\$190,319,520

**Departmental Administration (DOR)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662
State General Funds	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662	\$14,043,662

**287.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$188,798	\$188,798	\$188,798	\$188,798
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**287.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,953	\$6,953	\$6,953	\$6,953
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**287.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$68,126	\$68,126	\$68,126	\$68,126
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**287.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,169)	(\$1,169)	(\$1,169)	(\$1,169)
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**287.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$22,107
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**287.100-Departmental Administration (DOR)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer and enforce the tax laws of the State of Georgia and provide general support services to the operating programs of the Department of Revenue.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,328,477
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,328,477
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,306,370	\$14,328,477

**Forestland Protection Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for preferential assessment of qualifying conservation use forestland to counties, municipalities, and school districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5A-2, the Forestland Protection Act, created by HB 1211 and HB 1276 during the 2008 legislative session.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
State General Funds	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351

**288.100-Forestland Protection Grants**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide reimbursement for preferential assessment of qualifying conservation use forestland to counties, municipalities, and school districts pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5A-2, the Forestland Protection Act, created by HB 1211 and HB 1276 during the 2008 legislative session.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351	\$14,072,351

**Industry Regulation**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330	\$7,068,330
State General Funds	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547	\$6,634,547
Tobacco Settlement Funds	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837	\$7,439,837

**289.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$69,659	\$69,659	\$69,659	\$69,659
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**289.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,565	\$2,565	\$2,565	\$2,565
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**289.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$24,936	\$24,936	\$24,936	\$24,936
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**289.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$433,869	\$433,869	\$433,869	\$433,869
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**289.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$25,136	\$25,136	\$25,136	\$25,136
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**289.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$431)	(\$431)	(\$431)	(\$431)
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**289.100-Industry Regulation**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide regulation of the distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products; and conduct checkpoints in areas where reports indicate the use of dyed fuels in on-road vehicles.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,624,064	\$7,624,064	\$7,624,064	\$7,624,064
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,190,281	\$7,190,281	\$7,190,281	\$7,190,281
<b>Tobacco Settlement Funds</b>	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783	\$433,783
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507	\$371,507
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>Prevention &amp; Treatment of Substance Abuse Grant CFDA93.959</b>	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507	\$251,507
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,995,571	\$7,995,571	\$7,995,571	\$7,995,571

**Local Government Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578
State General Funds	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578	\$4,843,578

**290.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$67,772	\$67,772	\$67,772	\$67,772
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**290.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,496	\$2,496	\$2,496	\$2,496
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**290.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$24,454	\$24,454	\$24,454	\$24,454
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**290.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$419)	(\$419)	(\$419)	(\$419)
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**290.100-Local Government Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to assist local tax officials with the administration of state tax laws and administer the unclaimed property unit.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881	\$4,937,881

**Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977
State General Funds	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977	\$11,492,977

**291.1** *Reduce funds for the FY1997 to FY1999 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia deficiency payments.*

State General Funds	(\$615,943)	(\$615,943)	(\$615,943)	(\$615,943)
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**291.100-Local Tax Officials Retirement and FICA**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide state retirement benefits and employer share of FICA to local tax officials.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034
State General Funds	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034	\$10,877,034

**Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603
State General Funds	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603	\$32,734,603

**292.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$158,586	\$158,586	\$158,586	\$158,586
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**292.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,841	\$5,841	\$5,841	\$5,841
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**292.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$57,224	\$57,224	\$57,224	\$57,224
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**292.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$982)	(\$982)	(\$982)	(\$982)
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**292.5** *Increase funds for operations for motor vehicle registration and titling.*

State General Funds	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,550,000
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**292.6** *Increase funds for operations for implementation of the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES).*

State General Funds	\$3,459,028	\$3,459,028	\$3,459,028	\$3,459,028
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**292.100-Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to establish motor vehicle ownership by maintaining title and registration records and validate rebuilt vehicles for road-worthiness for new title issuance.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300	\$37,964,300
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**Office of Special Investigations****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
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State General Funds	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
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TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876	\$5,999,876
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**293.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$58,430	\$58,430	\$58,430	\$58,430
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**293.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,152	\$2,152	\$2,152	\$2,152
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**293.3** *Increase funds for an increase in employer special contribution rates for the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,799	\$4,799	\$4,799	\$4,799
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**293.4** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$133,162	\$133,162	\$133,162	\$133,162
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**293.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$21,084	\$21,084	\$21,084	\$21,084
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**293.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$362)	(\$362)	(\$362)	(\$362)
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<b>293.100-Office of Special Investigations</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to investigate fraudulent taxpayer and criminal activities involving department efforts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141	\$6,219,141

**Revenue Processing**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are received, credited, and deposited according to sound business practices and the law, and to ensure that all tax returns are reviewed and recorded to accurately update taxpayer information.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993
State General Funds	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993	\$15,279,993

**294.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$103,572	\$103,572	\$103,572	\$103,572
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**294.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,815	\$3,815	\$3,815	\$3,815
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**294.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$37,373	\$37,373	\$37,373	\$37,373
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**294.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$641)	(\$641)	(\$641)	(\$641)
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**294.5 Reduce funds.**

State General Funds		(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)
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**294.100-Revenue Processing****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure that all tax payments are received, credited, and deposited according to sound business practices and the law, and to ensure that all tax returns are reviewed and recorded to accurately update taxpayer information.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$15,424,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$15,424,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,424,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112	\$14,124,112

**Tax Compliance****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703
State General Funds	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703	\$59,271,703
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703	\$59,493,703

**295.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State General Funds	\$629,881	\$629,881	\$629,881	\$629,881
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**295.2 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.**

State General Funds	\$23,198	\$23,198	\$23,198	\$23,198
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**295.3 Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.**

State General Funds	\$227,287	\$227,287	\$227,287	\$227,287
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**295.4 Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.**

State General Funds	(\$3,899)	(\$3,899)	(\$3,899)	(\$3,899)
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<b>295.100-Tax Compliance</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to audit tax accounts, ensure compliance, and collect on delinquent accounts.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170	\$60,148,170
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000	\$222,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$60,370,170	\$60,370,170	\$60,370,170	\$60,370,170

**Tax Policy**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945
State General Funds	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945	\$4,240,945

**296.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$59,851	\$59,851	\$59,851	\$59,851
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**296.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,204	\$2,204	\$2,204	\$2,204
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**296.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$21,597	\$21,597	\$21,597	\$21,597
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**296.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$370)	(\$370)	(\$370)	(\$370)
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<b>296.100-Tax Policy</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to conduct all administrative appeals of tax assessments; draft regulations for taxes collected by the department; support the State Board of Equalization; and draft letter rulings and provide research and analysis related to all tax law and policy inquiries.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227	\$4,324,227

**Taxpayer Services****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801
State General Funds	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801	\$14,684,801
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381	\$14,910,381

**297.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$140,767	\$140,767	\$140,767	\$140,767
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**297.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$5,184	\$5,184	\$5,184	\$5,184
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**297.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$50,795	\$50,795	\$50,795	\$50,795
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**297.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$871)	(\$871)	(\$871)	(\$871)
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**297.100-Taxpayer Services****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide assistance to customer inquiries about the administration of individual income tax, sales and use tax, withholding tax, corporate tax, motor fuel and motor carrier taxes, and all registration functions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676	\$14,880,676
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580	\$225,580
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$15,106,256	\$15,106,256	\$15,106,256	\$15,106,256

*Section 43: Secretary of State*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702
State General Funds	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702	\$24,535,702
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Sales and Services	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298	\$29,246,298

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$25,208,203	\$25,007,289	\$25,007,289	\$25,007,289
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$25,208,203	\$25,007,289	\$25,007,289	\$25,007,289
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596	\$4,625,596
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596	\$4,605,596
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$29,918,799	\$29,717,885	\$29,717,885	\$29,717,885

**Corporations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462
State General Funds	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462	\$643,462
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
Sales and Services	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,418,558</b>	<b>\$4,418,558</b>	<b>\$4,418,558</b>	<b>\$4,418,558</b>

**298.1** *Transfer funds from the Corporations program to the Investigations program for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds		(\$200,914)	(\$200,914)	(\$200,914)
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**298.100-Corporations**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to accept and review filings made pursuant to statutes; to issue certifications of records on file; and to provide general information to the public on all filed entities.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$643,462	\$442,548	\$442,548	\$442,548
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$643,462	\$442,548	\$442,548	\$442,548
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096	\$3,775,096
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,418,558</b>	<b>\$4,217,644</b>	<b>\$4,217,644</b>	<b>\$4,217,644</b>

**Elections**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709
State General Funds	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709	\$5,425,709
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,560,709</b>	<b>\$5,560,709</b>	<b>\$5,560,709</b>	<b>\$5,560,709</b>

**299.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$37,970	\$37,970	\$37,970	\$37,970
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**299.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,570	\$1,570	\$1,570	\$1,570
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**299.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$22,792	\$22,792	\$22,792	\$22,792
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**299.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$339)	(\$339)	(\$339)	(\$339)
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<b>299.100-Elections</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer all duties imposed upon the Secretary of State by providing all required filing and public information services, performing all certification and commissioning duties required by law, and assisting candidates, local governments, and citizens in interpreting and complying with all election, voter registration, and financial disclosure laws.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702	\$5,487,702
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$5,622,702	\$5,622,702	\$5,622,702	\$5,622,702

**Investigations**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255
State General Funds	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255	\$2,854,255

**300.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$40,344	\$40,344	\$40,344	\$40,344
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**300.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,668	\$1,668	\$1,668	\$1,668
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**300.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators. (H and S: Transfer funds from the Corporations program to the Investigations program for personnel to retain criminal investigators)*

State General Funds	\$200,914	\$200,914	\$200,914	\$200,914
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**300.4** *Utilize existing funds to retain criminal investigators (\$13,030). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**300.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$24,217	\$24,217	\$24,217	\$24,217
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**300.6** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$360)	(\$360)	(\$360)	(\$360)
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**300.100-Investigations****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to enforce the laws and regulations related to professional licenses, elections, and securities; to investigate complaints; and to conduct inspections of applicants and existing license holders.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038	\$3,121,038

**Office Administration (SOS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355
State General Funds	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355	\$3,316,355
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Sales and Services	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855	\$3,321,855



**301.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$44,925	\$44,925	\$44,925	\$44,925
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**301.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,858	\$1,858	\$1,858	\$1,858
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**301.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$26,966	\$26,966	\$26,966	\$26,966
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**301.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$401)	(\$401)	(\$401)	(\$401)
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<b>301.100-Office Administration (SOS)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide administrative support to the Office of Secretary of State and its attached agencies.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703	\$3,389,703
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,395,203	\$3,395,203	\$3,395,203	\$3,395,203

**Professional Licensing Boards**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753
State General Funds	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753	\$8,296,753
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753	\$8,896,753

**302.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$114,320	\$114,320	\$114,320	\$114,320
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**302.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,728	\$4,728	\$4,728	\$4,728
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**302.3** *Utilize existing funds to retain criminal investigators (\$24,212). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**302.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$64,977	\$64,977	\$64,977	\$64,977
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**302.5** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)	(\$1,019)
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**302.100-Professional Licensing Boards****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to protect the public health and welfare by supporting all operations of Boards which license professions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759	\$8,479,759
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,079,759	\$9,079,759	\$9,079,759	\$9,079,759

**Securities****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examinations, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817
State General Funds	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817	\$684,817
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Sales and Services	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$709,817</b>	<b>\$709,817</b>	<b>\$709,817</b>	<b>\$709,817</b>

**303.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$9,213	\$9,213	\$9,213	\$9,213
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**303.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$381	\$381	\$381	\$381
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**303.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$5,530	\$5,530	\$5,530	\$5,530
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**303.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$82)	(\$82)	(\$82)	(\$82)
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**303.100-Securities**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Georgia Securities Act, the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, and the Georgia Cemetery Act. Functions under each act include registration, examinations, investigation, and administrative enforcement actions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>
<b>State General Funds</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>	<b>\$699,859</b>
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$724,859</b>	<b>\$724,859</b>	<b>\$724,859</b>	<b>\$724,859</b>

**Commission on the Holocaust, Georgia**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$271,789</b>	<b>\$271,789</b>	<b>\$271,789</b>	<b>\$271,789</b>
State General Funds	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789	\$271,789

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$291,789	\$291,789	\$291,789	\$291,789

**304.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$4,553	\$4,553	\$4,553	\$4,553
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**304.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$168	\$168	\$168	\$168
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**304.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,961	\$2,961	\$2,961	\$2,961
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**304.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$156	\$156	\$156	\$156
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**304.100-Commission on the Holocaust, Georgia**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to present and future generations of Georgians in order to create an awareness of the enormity of the crimes of prejudice and inhumanity.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$279,627	\$279,627	\$279,627	\$279,627
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$279,627	\$279,627	\$279,627	\$279,627
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>Contributions, Donations, and Forfeitures Not Itemized</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$299,627	\$299,627	\$299,627	\$299,627

**Real Estate Commission**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562
State General Funds	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562	\$3,042,562

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$3,192,562	\$3,192,562	\$3,192,562	\$3,192,562

**305.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$39,551	\$39,551	\$39,551	\$39,551
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**305.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,457	\$1,457	\$1,457	\$1,457
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**305.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$22,099	\$22,099	\$22,099	\$22,099
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**305.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,384	\$1,384	\$1,384	\$1,384
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**305.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>305.100-Real Estate Commission</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the license law for real estate brokers and salespersons, and provide administrative support to the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board in their administration of the Real Estate Appraisal Act.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053	\$3,107,053
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,257,053	\$3,257,053	\$3,257,053	\$3,257,053

*Section 44: Student Finance Commission and Authority, Georgia*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536	\$807,026,536
State General Funds	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355	\$91,309,355
Lottery Proceeds	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181	\$715,717,181
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State Funds Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186	\$808,665,186

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$890,539,859	\$888,803,085	\$888,452,806	\$879,685,290
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$124,420,321	\$122,683,547	\$122,333,268	\$113,565,752
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$766,119,538	\$766,119,538	\$766,119,538	\$766,119,538
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$892,178,509	\$890,441,735	\$890,091,456	\$881,323,940

**Engineer Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
State General Funds	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500

**306.100-Engineer Scholarship**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide forgivable loans to Georgia residents who are engineering students at Mercer University (Macon campus) and retain those students as engineers in the State.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
State General Funds	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500	\$1,060,500

**Georgia Military College Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
State General Funds	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240

**307.100-Georgia Military College Scholarship**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend Georgia Military College, thereby strengthening Georgia's National Guard with their membership.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
State General Funds	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240	\$1,203,240

**HERO Scholarship**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
State General Funds	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000

**308.1** *Reduce funds based on projected expenditures. (CC:NO)*

State General Funds			(\$200,000)	\$0
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<b>308.100-HERO Scholarship</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones and the spouses and children of such members.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$700,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$700,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$500,000	\$700,000

**HOPE Administration**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032	\$8,314,032
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State Funds Transfers	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$8,952,682	\$8,952,682	\$8,952,682	\$8,952,682

**309.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$111,709	\$111,709	\$111,709	\$111,709
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**309.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$1,213	\$1,213	\$1,213	\$1,213
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**309.3** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.

Lottery Proceeds	\$7,383	\$7,383	\$7,383	\$7,383
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**309.4** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.

Lottery Proceeds	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843
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**309.5** Increase funds to develop and maintain a centralized postsecondary grade point average calculation system for HOPE programs.

Lottery Proceeds	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000
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<b>309.100-HOPE Administration</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide scholarships that reward students with financial assistance in degree, diploma, and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities, and public technical colleges.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180	\$8,867,180
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650	\$38,650
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,505,830	\$9,505,830	\$9,505,830	\$9,505,830

**HOPE GED**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's General Educational Development (GED) recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296

**310.100-HOPE GED****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this program is to encourage Georgia's General Educational Development (GED) recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at an eligible postsecondary institution located in Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296	\$1,930,296

**HOPE Grant****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989

**311.1** *Utilize existing funds to increase HOPE Grant award amount by 3% (\$1,900,642). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

Lottery Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**311.2** *Utilize existing funds to increase the award amount for Zell Miller Grants for students attending technical colleges (\$192,104). (G: YES)(H: YES)(S: YES)*

Lottery Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**311.100-HOPE Grant****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide grants to students seeking a diploma or certificate at a public post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989	\$109,059,989

**HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330	\$47,916,330

**312.1** *Increase funds to increase the award amount for HOPE Scholarships-Private Schools by 3%.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$408,519	\$408,519	\$408,519	\$408,519
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**312.2** *Increase funds to increase the award amount for Zell Miller Scholarships for students attending private postsecondary institutions by 3%.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$106,922	\$106,922	\$106,922	\$106,922
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<b>312.100-HOPE Scholarships - Private Schools</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible private post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771	\$48,431,771

**HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public post-secondary institution.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534	\$522,496,534

**313.1** *Increase funds to increase the award amount for HOPE Scholarships-Public Schools by 3% (\$27,650,912) and to meet the projected need (\$10,813,579).*

Lottery Proceeds	\$38,464,491	\$38,464,491	\$38,464,491	\$38,464,491
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**313.2** *Increase funds to meet the projected need for Zell Miller Scholarship students attending public postsecondary institutions.*

Lottery Proceeds	\$10,869,277	\$10,869,277	\$10,869,277	\$10,869,277
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**313.100-HOPE Scholarships - Public Schools****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide merit scholarships to students seeking an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible public post-secondary institution.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302	\$571,830,302

**Low Interest Loans****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Proceeds	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000

**314.100-Low Interest Loans****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to implement a low-interest loan program to assist with the affordability of a college or technical college education, encourage timely persistence to the achievement of postsecondary credentials, and to incentivize loan recipients to work in public service. The loans are forgivable for recipients who work in certain critical need occupations. The purpose of this appropriation is also to provide loans for students eligible under O.C.G.A. 20-3-400.2(e.1).*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
<b>Lottery Proceeds</b>	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000

**Move on When Ready**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue post-secondary study at approved public and private post-secondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219
State General Funds	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219	\$58,318,219

**315.1** *Increase funds to meet the projected need.*

State General Funds	\$29,418,372	\$29,418,372	\$29,418,372	\$21,021,118
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**315.2** *Reduce funds for transportation grants.*

State General Funds			(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)
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<b>315.100-Move on When Ready</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to allow students to pursue post-secondary study at approved public and private post-secondary institutions, while receiving dual high school and college credit for courses successfully completed.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$87,736,591	\$87,736,591	\$87,236,591	\$78,839,337
State General Funds	\$87,736,591	\$87,736,591	\$87,236,591	\$78,839,337
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$87,736,591	\$87,736,591	\$87,236,591	\$78,839,337

**North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend North Georgia College and State University, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
State General Funds	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740

**316.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**House:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

**Governor:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>316.100-North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide outstanding students with a full scholarship to attend the University of North Georgia, thereby strengthening Georgia's Army National Guard with their membership.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740	\$3,037,740

**North Georgia ROTC Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend North Georgia College and State University and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
State General Funds	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500

**317.1** *Utilize \$163,000 in existing funds to increase the award amount for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Grant for Future Officers from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**317.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

**Senate:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

*House: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

*Governor: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>317.100-North Georgia ROTC Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide Georgia residents with non-repayable financial assistance to attend the University of North Georgia and to participate in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500	\$1,237,500

**Public Safety Memorial Grant**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public post-secondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
State General Funds	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**318.99 CC:** *The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

*Senate: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

*House: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

*Governor: The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**318.100-Public Safety Memorial Grant****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide educational grant assistance to the children of Georgia law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs, correctional officers, and prison guards who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty, to attend a public or private postsecondary institution in the State of Georgia.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

**REACH Georgia Scholarship****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
State General Funds	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000

**319.1 Utilize existing funds to continue a pilot program for youth in foster care. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)**

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**319.100-REACH Georgia Scholarship****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide needs-based scholarships to selected students participating in the REACH Georgia mentorship and scholarship program, which encourages and supports academically promising middle and high school students in their educational pursuits.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000

**Service Cancelable Loans****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.*



TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
State General Funds	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

**320.1** *Increase funds for additional scholarships.*

State General Funds		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
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<b>320.100-Service Cancelable Loans</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide service cancelable loans as authorized in statute including programs for large animal veterinarians and Georgia National Guard members.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000

**Tuition Equalization Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private post-secondary institutions.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
State General Funds	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952	\$21,224,952

**321.1** *Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$1,000 per year. (H:Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$950 per year)(S:Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$975 per year)(CC:Increase funds to increase the award amount from \$900 to \$950 per year)*

State General Funds	\$3,673,548	\$1,836,774	\$2,186,495	\$1,616,233
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<b>321.100-Tuition Equalization Grants</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote the private segment of higher education in Georgia by providing non-repayable grant aid to Georgia residents who attend eligible private post-secondary institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$24,898,500	\$23,061,726	\$23,411,447	\$22,841,185
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$24,898,500	\$23,061,726	\$23,411,447	\$22,841,185
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$24,898,500	\$23,061,726	\$23,411,447	\$22,841,185

**Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private post-secondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204
State General Funds	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204	\$977,204

**322.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$18,055	\$18,055	\$18,055	\$18,055
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**322.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$262	\$262	\$262	\$262
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**322.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$729	\$729	\$729	\$729
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**322.100-Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to authorize private post-secondary schools in Georgia; provide transcripts for students who attended schools that closed; and resolve complaints.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250
State General Funds	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250	\$996,250

**Section 45: Teachers' Retirement System****Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
State General Funds	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
State Funds Transfers	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
Retirement Payments	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190	\$38,693,190

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
<b>Retirement Payments</b>	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$38,401,106	\$38,401,106	\$38,401,106	\$38,401,106

**Local/Floor COLA**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
State General Funds	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000	\$265,000

**323.1** *Reduce funds to reflect the declining population of teachers who qualify for this benefit.*

State General Funds	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
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**323.100-Local/Floor COLA**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide retirees from local retirement systems a minimum allowance upon retirement (Floor) and a post-retirement benefit adjustment (COLA) whenever such adjustment is granted to teachers who retired under TRS.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000	\$240,000

**System Administration (TRS)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
State Funds Transfers	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
Retirement Payments	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190	\$38,428,190

**324.1** *Increase funds for personnel (\$78,416), registrations and dues (\$5,300), contracts (\$134,000) and telecommunications (\$29,200).*

Retirement Payments	\$246,916	\$246,916	\$246,916	\$246,916
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**324.2** *Reduce funds for information technology equipment (\$510,000) and information technology (\$4,000).*

Retirement Payments	(\$514,000)	(\$514,000)	(\$514,000)	(\$514,000)
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**324.100-System Administration (TRS)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to administer the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, including paying retiree benefits, investing retirement funds, accounting for the status and contributions of active and inactive members, counseling members, and processing refunds.*

TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
State Funds Transfers	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
Retirement Payments	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106	\$38,161,106

**It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution rate for the Teachers' Retirement System shall not exceed 16.81% for State Fiscal Year 2018.**

**Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165
State General Funds	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165	\$350,036,165
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660

Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
Sales and Services	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>	<b>\$774,383,890</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$359,876,203	\$360,899,303	\$360,899,303	\$361,017,151
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$359,876,203	\$360,899,303	\$360,899,303	\$361,017,151
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481	\$75,163,481
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806	\$72,941,806
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660	\$346,083,660
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597	\$343,190,597
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782	\$72,971,782
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>	<b>\$3,100,584</b>
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$784,223,928</b>	<b>\$785,247,028</b>	<b>\$785,247,028</b>	<b>\$785,364,876</b>

**Adult Education****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of GED preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151
State General Funds	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151	\$16,073,151
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
Sales and Services	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822	\$41,819,822

**325.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$248,581	\$248,581	\$248,581	\$248,581
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**325.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,380	\$3,380	\$3,380	\$3,380
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**325.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$120,972	\$120,972	\$120,972	\$120,972
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**325.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$2,265)	(\$2,265)	(\$2,265)	(\$2,265)
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**325.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,231	\$1,231	\$1,231	\$1,231
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**325.100-Adult Education** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop Georgia's workforce by providing adult learners in Georgia with basic reading, writing, computation, speaking, listening, and technology skills; to provide secondary instruction to adults without a high school diploma; and to provide oversight of GED preparation, testing, and the processing of diplomas and transcripts.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050	\$16,445,050
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535	\$20,381,535
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136	\$5,365,136
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118	\$2,758,118
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018	\$2,607,018
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$42,191,721	\$42,191,721	\$42,191,721	\$42,191,721

**Departmental Administration (TCSG)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837	\$9,015,837
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782	\$9,150,782

**326.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$137,941	\$137,941	\$137,941	\$137,941
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**326.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,434	\$2,434	\$2,434	\$2,434
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**326.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$28,251	\$28,251	\$28,251	\$28,251
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**326.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$1,806)	(\$1,806)	(\$1,806)	(\$1,806)
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**326.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$683	\$683	\$683	\$683
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**326.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$117,848
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<b>326.100-Departmental Administration (TCSG)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide statewide administrative services to support the state workforce development efforts undertaken by the department through its associated programs and institutions.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340	\$9,301,188
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340	\$9,183,340	\$9,301,188
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>Rebates, Refunds, and Reimbursements Not Itemized</b>	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945	\$134,945
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,318,285	\$9,318,285	\$9,318,285	\$9,436,133

**Quick Start and Customized Services**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152
State General Funds	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152	\$13,292,152
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
Sales and Services	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,675,575	\$22,675,575	\$22,675,575	\$22,675,575



**327.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$143,826	\$143,826	\$143,826	\$143,826
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**327.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$2,182	\$2,182	\$2,182	\$2,182
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**327.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$64,034	\$64,034	\$64,034	\$64,034
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**327.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$3,369)	(\$3,369)	(\$3,369)	(\$3,369)
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**327.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$712	\$712	\$712	\$712
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**327.100-Quick Start and Customized Services**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to promote job creation and retention by developing and delivering customized workforce training for Georgia businesses during start-up, expansion, or when they make capital investments in new technology, processes, or product lines in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$13,499,537	\$13,499,537	\$13,499,537	\$13,499,537
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$13,499,537	\$13,499,537	\$13,499,537	\$13,499,537
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594	\$154,594
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829	\$9,228,829
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$22,882,960	\$22,882,960	\$22,882,960	\$22,882,960

**Technical Education**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025
State General Funds	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025	\$311,655,025
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677
Child Care & Development Block Grant CFDA93.575	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935
Tuition and Fees for Higher Education	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
State Funds Transfers	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
Agency to Agency Contracts	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711	\$700,737,711

**328.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$5,421,927	\$5,421,927	\$5,421,927	\$5,421,927
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**328.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$74,462	\$74,462	\$74,462	\$74,462
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**328.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$2,641,836	\$2,641,836	\$2,641,836	\$2,641,836
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**328.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$248,437)	(\$248,437)	(\$248,437)	(\$248,437)
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**328.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$26,852	\$26,852	\$26,852	\$26,852
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**328.6** *Increase funds for formula growth based on a 2.2% increase in square footage.*

State General Funds	\$1,176,611	\$1,176,611	\$1,176,611	\$1,176,611
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**328.7** *Transfer funds from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia Teaching program to the Technical College System of Georgia Technical Education program for the Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center (VECTR).*

State General Funds	\$1,023,100	\$1,023,100	\$1,023,100
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<b>328.100-Technical Education</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>		
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for workforce development through certificate, diploma, and degree programs in technical education and continuing education programs for adult learners, and to encourage both youth and adult learners to acquire postsecondary education or training to increase their competitiveness in the workplace.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$320,748,276	\$321,771,376	\$321,771,376	\$321,771,376
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$320,748,276	\$321,771,376	\$321,771,376	\$321,771,376
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352	\$54,627,352
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677	\$52,405,677
<b>Child Care &amp; Development Block Grant CFDA93.575</b>	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675	\$2,221,675
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750	\$331,354,750
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935	\$61,135,935
<b>Tuition and Fees for Higher Education</b>	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815	\$270,218,815
<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>State Funds Transfers</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>Agency to Agency Contracts</b>	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584	\$3,100,584
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$709,830,962	\$710,854,062	\$710,854,062	\$710,854,062

**Section 47: Transportation, Department of**

**Section Total - Continuation**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424	\$1,714,543,424
State General Funds	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424	\$54,479,424
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000	\$1,660,064,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170

Sales and Services	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,397,256,437</b>	<b>\$3,397,256,437</b>	<b>\$3,397,256,437</b>	<b>\$3,397,256,437</b>

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,900,033,551	\$1,900,033,551	\$1,900,383,551	\$1,900,586,829
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$101,183,551	\$101,183,551	\$101,533,551	\$101,736,829
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000	\$1,798,850,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310	\$1,593,146,310
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941	\$1,526,284,941
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703	\$89,566,703
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170	\$39,945,170
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533	\$49,621,533
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,582,746,564</b>	<b>\$3,582,746,564</b>	<b>\$3,583,096,564</b>	<b>\$3,583,299,842</b>

**Capital Construction Projects****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025	\$698,242,025
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
Sales and Services	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>	<b>\$1,628,995,154</b>

**329.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$85,751,034	\$85,751,034	\$85,751,034	\$85,751,034
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<b>329.100-Capital Construction Projects</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay road construction and enhancement projects on local and state road systems.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059	\$783,993,059
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699	\$875,452,699
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430	\$55,300,430
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112	\$38,737,112
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318	\$16,563,318
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,714,746,188	\$1,714,746,188	\$1,714,746,188	\$1,714,746,188

<b>Capital Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>Continuation Budget</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000	\$109,600,000
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
Sales and Services	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$391,550,574	\$391,550,574	\$391,550,574	\$391,550,574

**330.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$39,331,288	\$39,331,288	\$39,331,288	\$39,331,288
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<b>330.100-Capital Maintenance Projects</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<i>The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay for maintenance projects.</i>				
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288	\$148,931,288
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000	\$281,600,000
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574	\$350,574
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$430,881,862	\$430,881,862	\$430,881,862	\$430,881,862

**Construction Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556	\$96,692,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Sales and Services	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$151,299,165	\$151,299,165	\$151,299,165	\$151,299,165

**331.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,341,911	\$1,341,911	\$1,341,911	\$1,341,911
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**331.2** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$3,158,089	\$3,158,089	\$3,158,089	\$3,158,089
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**331.100-Construction Administration****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to improve and expand the state's transportation infrastructure by planning for and selecting road and bridge projects, acquiring rights-of-way, completing engineering and project impact analyses, procuring and monitoring construction contracts, and certifying completed projects.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556	\$101,192,556
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990	\$53,642,990
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619	\$963,619
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415	\$526,415
Sales and Services	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204	\$437,204
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165	\$155,799,165

**Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709	\$1,837,709
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
Sales and Services	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223	\$9,670,223

**332.1 Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.**

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$13,978	\$13,978	\$13,978	\$13,978
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**332.100-Data Collection, Compliance and Reporting** **Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to collect and disseminate crash, accident, road, and traffic data in accordance with state and federal law in order to provide current and accurate information for planning and public awareness needs.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687	\$1,851,687
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257	\$7,770,257
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257	\$62,257
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$9,684,201	\$9,684,201	\$9,684,201	\$9,684,201

**Departmental Administration (DOT)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011	\$66,976,011
State General Funds	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177	\$66,974,177
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
Sales and Services	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$78,714,804	\$78,714,804	\$78,714,804	\$78,714,804

**333.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$680,621	\$680,621	\$680,621	\$680,621
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**333.2** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$17,344	\$17,344	\$17,344	\$17,344
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**333.3** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,652,035	\$1,652,035	\$1,652,035	\$1,652,035
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**333.4** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Intermodal program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)	(\$1,834)
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**333.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$3,278
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<b>333.100-Departmental Administration (DOT)</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, construct, maintain, and improve the state's roads and bridges; provide planning and financial support for other modes of transportation such as mass transit, airports, railroads and waterways.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177	\$69,327,455
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,278
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177	\$69,324,177
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823	\$10,839,823
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970	\$898,970
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$81,062,970	\$81,062,970	\$81,062,970	\$81,066,248

**Intermodal**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports, Rail, Transit and Ports and Waterways to facilitate a complete and seamless statewide transportation system.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030
State General Funds	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030	\$17,919,030
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232
Intergovernmental Transfers	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
Sales and Services	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$85,562,631	\$85,562,631	\$85,562,631	\$85,562,631

**334.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$125,570	\$125,570	\$125,570	\$125,570
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**334.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625
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**334.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	(\$12,351)	(\$12,351)	(\$12,351)	(\$12,351)
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**334.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$4,669	\$4,669	\$4,669	\$4,669
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**334.5** *Transfer funds from the Departmental Administration program to the Intermodal program to align budget to projected expenditures.*

State General Funds	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834	\$1,834
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**334.6** *Increase funds for airport improvements.*

State General Funds			\$100,000	\$0
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**334.7** *Increase funds for a feasibility study on strategies to mitigate man-made shipping channel impacts to shelf and shoreline erosion. (CC:Increase funds for one-time funding for a feasibility study on strategies to mitigate man-made shipping channel impacts to shelf and shoreline erosion, and provide a report to the Georgia General Assembly by December 31, 2017)*

State General Funds			\$150,000	\$150,000
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**334.8** *Increase funds for airport aid. (CC:Increase funds for airport aid excluding projects in Dawson County)*

State General Funds			\$100,000	\$400,000
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**334.100-Intermodal**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to support the planning, development and maintenance of Georgia's Airports, Rail, Transit and Ports and Waterways to facilitate a complete and seamless statewide transportation system.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$18,043,377	\$18,043,377	\$18,393,377	\$18,593,377
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<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,043,377	\$18,043,377	\$18,393,377	\$18,593,377
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369	\$66,861,369
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232	\$782,232
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers</b>	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
<b>Intergovernmental Transfers Not Itemized</b>	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643	\$681,643
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589	\$100,589
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$85,686,978	\$85,686,978	\$86,036,978	\$86,236,978

**Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234	\$165,562,234

**335.1** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$13,503,966	\$13,503,966	\$13,503,966	\$13,503,966
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**335.2** *Transfer funds from the Routine Maintenance program to the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to comply with minimum funding requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. 32-5-27.*

State Motor Fuel Funds			\$818,800	\$818,800
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**335.100-Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding for capital outlay grants to local governments for road and bridge resurfacing projects through the state-funded Construction-Local Road Assistance program.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$179,066,200	\$179,066,200	\$179,885,000	\$179,885,000
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$179,066,200	\$179,066,200	\$179,885,000	\$179,885,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$179,066,200	\$179,066,200	\$179,885,000	\$179,885,000

**Local Road Assistance Administration****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611

**336.100-Local Road Assistance Administration****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide technical and financial assistance to local governments for construction, maintenance, and resurfacing of local roads and bridges.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461	\$4,346,461
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917	\$51,655,917
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233	\$595,233
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611	\$56,597,611

**Planning****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750	\$1,769,750
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>	<b>\$24,542,545</b>

**337.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$17,348	\$17,348	\$17,348	\$17,348
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<b>337.100-Planning</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to develop the state transportation improvement program and the statewide strategic transportation plan, and coordinate transportation policies, planning, and programs related to design, construction, maintenance, operations, and financing of transportation.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098	\$1,787,098
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>	<b>\$22,772,795</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795	\$22,772,795
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>	<b>\$24,559,893</b>

**Routine Maintenance**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251	\$423,846,251
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>	<b>\$3,886,452</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>	<b>\$5,078,904</b>
Sales and Services	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>	<b>\$432,811,607</b>

**338.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$1,815,446	\$1,815,446	\$1,815,446	\$1,815,446
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**338.2** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$23,084,554	\$23,084,554	\$23,084,554	\$23,084,554
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**338.3** *Transfer funds from the Routine Maintenance program to the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program to comply with minimum funding requirements outlined in O.C.G.A. 32-5-27.*

State Motor Fuel Funds			(\$818,800)	(\$818,800)
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**338.100-Routine Maintenance****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and adequately maintained state transportation system by inspecting roads and bridges, cataloguing road and bridge conditions and maintenance needs, and providing routine maintenance for state road and bridges. The purpose of this appropriation is also to maintain landscaping on road easements and rights-of-way through planting, litter control, vegetation removal, and grants to local governments, to provide for emergency operations on state routes, and to maintain state rest areas and welcome centers.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$448,746,251	\$448,746,251	\$447,927,451	\$447,927,451
<b>State Motor Fuel Funds</b>	\$448,746,251	\$448,746,251	\$447,927,451	\$447,927,451
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>Federal Highway Admin.-Planning &amp; Construction CFDA20.205</b>	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452	\$3,886,452
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904	\$5,078,904
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$457,711,607	\$457,711,607	\$456,892,807	\$456,892,807

**Traffic Management and Control****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611
State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611	\$26,062,611
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637	\$119,707,637

**339.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$282,811	\$282,811	\$282,811	\$282,811
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**339.2** *Increase funds based on projected revenues resulting from HB170 (2015 Session).*

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$4,717,189	\$4,717,189	\$4,717,189	\$4,717,189
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<b>339.100-Traffic Management and Control</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system statewide by conducting traffic engineering studies for traffic safety planning, permitting for activity on or adjacent to state roads, providing motorist assistance and traffic information through the Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) program and Intelligent Transportation System, and conducting inspections, repairs, and installations of traffic signals.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611	\$31,062,611
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542	\$68,110,542
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484	\$25,534,484
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637	\$124,707,637

**Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786	\$101,688,786
State General Funds	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560	\$36,558,560

State Motor Fuel Funds	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226	\$65,130,226
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$252,242,252</b>	<b>\$252,242,252</b>	<b>\$252,242,252</b>	<b>\$252,242,252</b>

**340.1** *Replace funds.*

State General Funds	\$36,581,614	\$36,581,614	\$36,581,614	\$36,581,614
State Motor Fuel Funds	(\$36,581,614)	(\$36,581,614)	(\$36,581,614)	(\$36,581,614)
Total Public Funds:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**340.2** *Increase funds for year one of a ten year plan for operations of the Northwest Corridor and I-75 South new managed lanes and I-85 lane extension.*

State General Funds	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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**340.3** *Utilize \$1,000,000 in existing funds allocated to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank for the statewide Georgia Regional Transit Council to conduct its duties pursuant to SB6 (2017 Session). (S:YES)(CC:YES; Utilize up to \$1,000,000 in existing funds allocated to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank for the statewide transit study)*

State General Funds			\$0	\$0
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**340.100-Payments to the State Road and Tollway Authority****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to fund debt service payments and other finance instruments and for operations.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$111,688,786</b>	<b>\$111,688,786</b>	<b>\$111,688,786</b>	<b>\$111,688,786</b>
State General Funds	\$83,140,174	\$83,140,174	\$83,140,174	\$83,140,174
State Motor Fuel Funds	\$28,548,612	\$28,548,612	\$28,548,612	\$28,548,612
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>	<b>\$150,553,466</b>
Federal Highway Admin.-Planning & Construction CFDA20.205	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466	\$150,553,466
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$262,242,252</b>	<b>\$262,242,252</b>	<b>\$262,242,252</b>	<b>\$262,242,252</b>

**It is the intent of this General Assembly that the following provisions apply:**

**a.) In order to meet the requirements for projects on the Interstate System, the Office of Planning and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to give advanced budgetary authorization for letting and execution of Interstate Highway Contracts not to exceed the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Revenues actually paid into the Office of the State Treasurer, attached agency of the Department of Administrative Services.**



- b.) Programs financed by Motor Fuel Tax Funds may be adjusted for additional appropriation or balances brought forward from previous years with prior approval by the Office of Planning and Budget.
- c.) The Fiscal Officers of the State are hereby directed as of July 1st of each fiscal year to determine the collection of Motor Fuel Tax in the immediately preceding year less refunds, rebates and collection costs and enter this amount as being the appropriation payable in lieu of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds appropriated in this Bill, in the event such collections, less refunds, rebates and collection costs, exceed such Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation.
- d.) Functions financed with General Fund appropriations shall be accounted for separately and shall be in addition to appropriations of Motor Fuel Tax revenues required under Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI, Subsection (b) of the State Constitution.
- e.) Bus rental income may be retained to operate, maintain and upgrade department-owned buses.

*Section 48: Veterans Service, Department of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346
State General Funds	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346	\$21,363,346
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$39,203,335	\$39,203,335	\$39,203,335	\$39,203,335
	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371	\$22,477,909
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371	\$22,475,371	\$22,477,909
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560	\$14,734,560
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$40,315,360	\$40,315,360	\$40,315,360	\$40,317,898

**Departmental Administration (DVS)****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757
State General Funds	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757	\$1,859,757

**341.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$30,743	\$30,743	\$30,743	\$30,743
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**341.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$1,132	\$1,132	\$1,132	\$1,132
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**341.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$2,647	\$2,647	\$2,647	\$2,647
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**341.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$343)	(\$343)	(\$343)	(\$343)
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**341.5** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$2,538
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**341.100-Departmental Administration (DVS)****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to coordinate, manage, and supervise all aspects of department operations to include financial, public information, personnel, accounting, purchasing, supply, mail, records management, and information technology.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,896,474
State General Funds	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,896,474
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,893,936	\$1,896,474

**Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438
State General Funds	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438	\$670,438
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442	\$1,598,442

**342.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$13,103	\$13,103	\$13,103	\$13,103
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**342.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$483	\$483	\$483	\$483
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**342.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,215	\$1,215	\$1,215	\$1,215
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**342.4** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$147)	(\$147)	(\$147)	(\$147)
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**342.5** *Increase funds to right-size the allocation of the FY2017 Merit Based Pay Adjustment.*

State General Funds	\$15,269	\$15,269	\$15,269	\$15,269
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<b>342.100-Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide for the interment of eligible Georgia Veterans who served faithfully and honorably in the military service of our country.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$700,361	\$700,361	\$700,361	\$700,361
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$700,361	\$700,361	\$700,361	\$700,361
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004	\$928,004
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,628,365	\$1,628,365	\$1,628,365	\$1,628,365

**Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes****Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
State General Funds	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187	\$12,250,187
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732	\$28,534,732

**343.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$146,960	\$146,960	\$146,960	\$146,960
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**343.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 14.27% to 16.81%.*

State General Funds	\$131,348	\$131,348	\$131,348	\$131,348
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**343.3** *Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance (\$28,730) and retiree health benefits (\$9,384).*

State General Funds	\$38,114	\$38,114	\$38,114	\$38,114
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**343.100-Georgia War Veterans Nursing Homes****Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide skilled nursing care to aged and infirmed Georgia war veterans.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609
State General Funds	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609	\$12,566,609
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116	\$13,179,116
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429	\$3,105,429
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$28,851,154	\$28,851,154	\$28,851,154	\$28,851,154

**Veterans Benefits**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964
State General Funds	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964	\$6,582,964
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404	\$7,210,404

**344.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$112,441	\$112,441	\$112,441	\$112,441
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**344.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$4,141	\$4,141	\$4,141	\$4,141
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**344.3** *Reduce funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	(\$1,258)	(\$1,258)	(\$1,258)	(\$1,258)
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**344.4** *Increase funds to support four veteran benefits training officers.*

State General Funds	\$358,996	\$358,996	\$358,996	\$358,996
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**344.5** *Increase funds for one women veterans coordinator position.*

State General Funds	\$137,650	\$137,650	\$137,650	\$137,650
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**344.6** *Increase funds to right-size the allocation of the FY2017 Merit Based Pay Adjustments.*

State General Funds	\$119,531	\$119,531	\$119,531	\$119,531
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**344.100-Veterans Benefits**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to serve Georgia's veterans, their dependents, and survivors in all matters pertaining to veterans' benefits by informing the veterans and their families about veterans' benefits, and directly assisting and advising them in securing the benefits to which they are entitled.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465	\$7,314,465
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440	\$627,440
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$7,941,905	\$7,941,905	\$7,941,905	\$7,941,905

*Section 49: Workers' Compensation, State Board of*

	<b>Section Total - Continuation</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071
State General Funds	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071	\$20,724,071
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
Sales and Services	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903	\$21,097,903

	<b>Section Total - Final</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797	\$18,951,542
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797	\$18,948,797	\$18,951,542
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832	\$373,832
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$19,322,629	\$19,322,629	\$19,322,629	\$19,325,374

**Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584
State General Funds	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584	\$12,705,584
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
Sales and Services	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937	\$13,013,937

**345.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$162,787	\$162,787	\$162,787	\$162,787
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**345.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$6,012	\$6,012	\$6,012	\$6,012
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**345.3** *Increase funds for personnel to retain criminal investigators.*

State General Funds	\$22,215	\$22,215	\$22,215	\$22,215
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**345.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081
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**345.5** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$1,143	\$1,143	\$1,143	\$1,143
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<b>345.100-Administer the Workers' Compensation Laws</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
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*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide exclusive remedy for resolution of disputes in the Georgia Workers' Compensation law.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822	\$12,898,822
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353	\$308,353
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$13,207,175	\$13,207,175	\$13,207,175	\$13,207,175

**Board Administration (SBWC)**

**Continuation Budget**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.*

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487
State General Funds	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487	\$8,018,487
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
Sales and Services	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479

Sales and Services Not Itemized	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,083,966</b>	<b>\$8,083,966</b>	<b>\$8,083,966</b>	<b>\$8,083,966</b>

**346.1** *Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments, employee recruitment, or retention initiatives effective July 1, 2017.*

State General Funds	\$102,735	\$102,735	\$102,735	\$102,735
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**346.2** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Employees' Retirement System.*

State General Funds	\$3,794	\$3,794	\$3,794	\$3,794
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**346.3** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered self insurance programs.*

State General Funds	\$683	\$683	\$683	\$683
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**346.4** *Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in merit system assessments.*

State General Funds	\$722	\$722	\$722	\$722
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**346.5** *Reduce funds for the payment to the Office of State Treasurer from \$2,076,446 to \$0.*

State General Funds	(\$2,076,446)	(\$2,076,446)	(\$2,076,446)	(\$2,076,446)
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**346.6** *Increase funds for cyber insurance premiums for the Department of Administrative Services for purchase of private market insurance.*

State General Funds				\$2,745
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**346.100-Board Administration (SBWC)**

**Appropriation (HB 44)**

*The purpose of this appropriation is to provide superior access to the Georgia Workers' Compensation program for injured workers and employers in a manner that is sensitive, responsive, and effective.*

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975	\$6,052,720
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975	\$6,049,975	\$6,052,720
<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>Sales and Services</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>Sales and Services Not Itemized</b>	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479	\$65,479
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	<b>\$6,115,454</b>	<b>\$6,115,454</b>	<b>\$6,115,454</b>	<b>\$6,118,199</b>



**Section 50: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund**

**Section Total - Continuation**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
State General Funds	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214	\$1,202,844,214
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892	\$1,223,054,892

**Section Total - Final**

<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,213,323,164	\$1,208,475,164	\$1,208,858,591	\$1,210,798,469
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,213,323,164	\$1,208,475,164	\$1,208,858,591	\$1,210,798,469
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,233,533,842	\$1,228,685,842	\$1,229,069,269	\$1,231,009,147

**General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
State General Funds	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556	\$1,096,810,556
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
Federal Funds Not Itemized	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234	\$1,117,021,234

**347.1** *Transfer funds from GO Bonds New to GO Bonds Issued to reflect the issuance of new bonds.*

State General Funds	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
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**347.2** *Reduce funds for debt service to reflect savings associated with refunding and favorable rates received in recent bond sales.*

State General Funds	(\$87,032,698)	(\$87,032,698)	(\$87,032,698)	(\$87,032,698)
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**347.3** *Increase funds for debt service.*

State General Funds	\$14,461,386	\$5,232,941	\$0	\$0
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**347.4** *Reduce funds for debt service on road and bridge projects to reflect savings associated with refundings and favorable rates received in recent bond sales.*

State General Funds (\$22,795,314) (\$22,795,314) (\$22,795,314) (\$22,795,314)

**347.5** *Redirect \$2,135,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2013 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB742, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)(CC:YES; Redirect \$2,395,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2013 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB742, Bond #1) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.6** *Redirect \$260,000 in 20-year issued bonds from FY2013 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB742, Bond #3) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)(CC:NO)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.7** *Redirect \$4,300,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2014 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB106, Bond 362.301) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.8** *Redirect \$8,185,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2015 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB744, Bond #2) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.9** *Redirect \$4,795,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2016 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular (HB76, Bond 355.101) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide. (G:YES)(H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0

**347.10** *Redirect \$160,000 in 20-year unissued bonds from FY2012 for the State Board of Education for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems through the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance (HB78, Item 379.303) to be used for the FY2018 Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide. (H:YES)(S:YES)*

State General Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**347.11** *Reduce funds for debt service to reflect additional payment in HB43 (2017 Session).*

State General Funds	(\$1,845,525)	(\$1,845,525)	(\$1,845,525)
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<b>347.100-General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - Issued</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>
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<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$1,107,477,588	\$1,096,403,618	\$1,091,170,677	\$1,091,170,677
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$1,107,477,588	\$1,096,403,618	\$1,091,170,677	\$1,091,170,677
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>Federal Funds Not Itemized</b>	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678	\$20,210,678
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$1,127,688,266	\$1,116,614,296	\$1,111,381,355	\$1,111,381,355

**General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New**

**Continuation Budget**

TOTAL STATE FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
State General Funds	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658
TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658	\$106,033,658

**Total Debt Service**

*5 year at 5.07%*

State General Funds	\$23,181,652	\$25,530,362	\$27,448,668	\$28,906,488
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*10 year at 5.52%*

State General Funds	\$996,000	\$2,221,080	\$2,221,080	\$996,000
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*20 year at 5.77%*

State General Funds	\$64,090,860	\$66,207,320	\$67,675,788	\$68,204,796
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*20 year at 6.5%*

State General Funds	\$17,577,064	\$18,112,784	\$20,342,378	\$21,520,508
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<i>Total Amount</i>				
State General Funds	\$105,845,576	\$112,071,546	\$117,687,914	\$119,627,792
<b>Total Principal Amount</b>				
<i>5 year at 5.07%</i>				
State General Funds	\$100,180,000	\$110,330,000	\$118,620,000	\$124,920,000
<i>10 year at 5.52%</i>				
State General Funds	\$7,500,000	\$16,725,000	\$16,725,000	\$7,500,000
<i>20 year at 5.77%</i>				
State General Funds	\$748,725,000	\$773,450,000	\$790,605,000	\$796,785,000
<i>20 year at 6.5%</i>				
State General Funds	\$193,580,000	\$199,480,000	\$224,035,000	\$237,010,000
<i>Total Amount</i>				
State General Funds	\$1,049,985,000	\$1,099,985,000	\$1,149,985,000	\$1,166,215,000

**348.1** *Transfer funds from GO Bonds New to GO Bonds Issued to reflect the issuance of new bonds.*

State General Funds	(\$106,033,658)	(\$106,033,658)	(\$106,033,658)	(\$106,033,658)
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<b>348.100-General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund - New</b>	<b>Appropriation (HB 44)</b>			
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Funds</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Education, Department of**

**348.101 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$161,915,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular for local school construction, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$13,859,924 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems,**

through the issuance of not more than \$161,915,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.

State General Funds	\$13,859,924	\$13,859,924	\$13,859,924	\$13,859,924
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Education, Department of

**348.102 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$56,220,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Regular Advance for local school construction, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$4,812,432 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$56,220,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,826,128	\$4,812,432	\$4,812,432	\$4,812,432
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Education, Department of

**348.103 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$22,640,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Capital Outlay Program - Low-Wealth for local school construction, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$1,937,984 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$22,640,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,937,984	\$1,937,984	\$1,937,984	\$1,937,984
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Education, Department of

**348.104 BOND:** K - 12 Schools: \$7,500,000 in principal for 10 years at 5.52%: Purchase school buses, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$996,000 is specifically appropriated for the State Board of Education (Department of Education) for the purpose of financing educational facilities for county and independent school systems, through the issuance of not more than \$7,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of one hundred and twenty months.**

State General Funds	\$996,000	\$2,221,080	\$2,221,080	\$996,000
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Education, Department of

**348.105 BOND:** K - 12 Equipment: \$2,550,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase vocational equipment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$590,070 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$2,550,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$347,100	\$485,940	\$590,070
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**Education, Department of**

**348.106 BOND:** State Schools: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund HVAC replacement at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, DeKalb County.

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400
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**Education, Department of**

**348.107 BOND:** K - 12 Equipment: \$500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund vocational equipment CONNECT grants, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Education by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds		\$115,700	\$115,700
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.201 BOND:** Regents: \$50,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$4,280,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$50,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,280,000	\$4,280,000	\$4,280,000	\$4,280,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.202 BOND:** Atlanta Metropolitan State College: \$800,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the new student services and success center, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$185,120 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$185,120	\$185,120	\$185,120	\$185,120
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.203 BOND:** Columbus State University: \$2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for Lenoir Hall renovations and additions, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.

**From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$462,800	\$462,800	\$462,800	\$462,800
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.204 BOND:** Georgia Highlands College: \$2,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the new academic building, Georgia Highlands College, Cartersville, Bartow County.

**From State General Funds, \$601,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$601,640	\$601,640	\$601,640	\$601,640
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.205 BOND:** University of North Georgia: \$1,100,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for new convocation center and renovation of Memorial Hall, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Lumpkin County.

**From State General Funds, \$254,540 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$254,540	\$254,540	\$254,540	\$254,540
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.206 BOND:** University of West Georgia: \$2,100,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the renovation and expansion of the Biology Building, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.

**From State General Funds, \$485,940 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$485,940	\$485,940	\$485,940	\$485,940
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.207 BOND:** Armstrong State University: \$22,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of the new health professions academic center and of the renovation of Ashmore Hall, Armstrong State University, Savannah, Chatham County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,997,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$22,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,997,600	\$1,997,600	\$1,997,600	\$1,997,600
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.208 BOND:** Clayton State University: \$6,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of academic and core renovations, Clayton State University, Morrow, Clayton County.

**From State General Funds, \$590,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction,**



**development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$590,640	\$590,640	\$590,640	\$590,640
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.209 BOND:** Georgia College and State University: \$11,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of the renovation of Terrell Hall and Kilpatrick Hall, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

**From State General Funds, \$984,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$984,400	\$984,400	\$984,400	\$984,400
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.210 BOND:** Georgia Gwinnett College: \$11,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of Phase IV addition to Academic Building C, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.

**From State General Funds, \$984,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$984,400	\$984,400	\$984,400	\$984,400
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.211 BOND:** Georgia Institute of Technology: \$47,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction and purchase equipment for the renovation of the Price Gilbert Library and Crosland Tower complex, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$4,023,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance**

**of not more than \$47,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,023,200	\$4,023,200	\$4,023,200	\$4,023,200
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University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

**348.212 BOND:** University of Georgia: \$18,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction of Phase III of the Terry College Business Learning Center, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,540,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$18,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,540,800	\$1,540,800	\$1,540,800	\$1,540,800
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University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

**348.213 BOND:** Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College: \$1,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund design of the Carlton Library renovation and Fine Arts Building, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Tift County.

**From State General Funds, \$370,240 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$370,240	\$370,240	\$370,240	\$370,240
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University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

**348.214 BOND:** Augusta University: \$4,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund design of the new College of Science and Math Building, Augusta University, Augusta, Richmond County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,041,300 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,300	\$1,041,300
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.215 BOND:** Georgia Southern University: \$4,900,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund planning and design of new Center for Engineering and Research, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,133,860 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,133,860	\$1,133,860	\$1,133,860	\$1,133,860
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.216 BOND:** Georgia Southern University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction, and equipment for the renovation of Hanner Complex, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.217 BOND:** Middle Georgia State University: \$2,800,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase aviation equipment, Middle Georgia State University, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$647,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$647,920	\$647,920	\$647,920	\$647,920
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.218 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$4,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund major repairs and renovations for public libraries, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$925,600 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$462,800	\$694,200	\$925,600
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.219 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$3,190,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund technology improvements and replacement for public libraries, Georgia Public Library Service, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$738,166 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$3,190,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$347,100	\$379,496	\$738,166
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.220 BOND:** Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission: \$1,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund infrastructure and equipment replacement and facility repairs and sustainment, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$347,100 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$347,100	\$347,100	\$347,100	\$347,100
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.221 BOND:** Georgia Research Alliance: \$0 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment and fund GRA research and development infrastructure, Georgia Research Alliance, multiple locations. [Taxable Bond]

State General Funds	\$1,157,000	\$925,600	\$925,600	\$0
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.222 BOND:** Georgia Military College: \$8,295,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction for the rehabilitation of Historic Jenkins Hall, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

**From State General Funds, \$710,052 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$8,295,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$470,800	\$710,052	\$710,052	\$710,052
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.223 BOND:** University of Georgia: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for the renovation of the Poultry Science Research Facilities, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$214,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.224 BOND:** East Georgia State College: \$4,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for the renovation and expansion of the Student Activities Center, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Emanuel County.

**From State General Funds, \$419,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$209,720	\$419,440	\$419,440
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.225 BOND:** Georgia State University: \$600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the Alpharetta Labs and Learning Center, Georgia State University, Alpharetta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$138,840 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and**

facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.

State General Funds	\$138,840	\$138,840	\$138,840
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University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

**348.226 BOND:** Fort Valley State University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund planning, design, construction and equipment for the Student Support renovations, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Peach County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$214,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

**348.227 BOND:** University of Georgia: \$4,600,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund planning and design for the Interdisciplinary STEM Research Building, University of Georgia, Athens, Clarke County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,064,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$532,220	\$1,064,440	\$1,064,440
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University System of Georgia, Board of Regents

**348.228 BOND:** Valdosta State University: \$1,700,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund planning, design, and construction for the renovation of the Barrow Hall and Central Warehouse, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Lowndes County.

**From State General Funds, \$145,520 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures,**

**equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,700,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$145,520	\$145,520	\$145,520
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.229 BOND:** Columbus State University: \$500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund planning and design for the Schwob Memorial Library Renovation and Addition, Columbus State University, Columbus, Muscogee County.

**From State General Funds, \$115,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$115,700	\$115,700	\$115,700
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.230 BOND:** Kennesaw State University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund Science Lab Addition, Kennesaw State University - Marietta campus, Marietta, Cobb County.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.231 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$1,385,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Moultrie-Colquitt Library, Moultrie, Colquitt County.

**From State General Funds, \$118,556 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,385,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$118,556	\$118,556	\$118,556
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.232 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Roddenberry Memorial Library, Cairo, Grady County.

**From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$85,600	\$171,200	\$171,200
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.233 BOND:** University of West Georgia: \$2,500,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund design and equipment for the IT Fiber Backbone Improvements Phase I, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Carroll County.

**From State General Funds, \$578,500 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$289,250	\$578,500	\$578,500
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.234 BOND:** Georgia State University: \$5,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund Kell Hall demolition and infrastructure, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,157,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$578,500	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.235 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Brunswick Central Library, Brunswick, Glynn County.



**From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$171,200	\$171,200
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.236 BOND:** Georgia Public Library System: \$1,300,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the renovation of the Jones County Public Library, Gray, Jones County.

**From State General Funds, \$111,280 is specifically appropriated for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the purpose of financing public library facilities for counties, municipalities, and boards of trustees of public libraries or boards of trustees of public library systems, through the issuance of not more than \$1,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$111,280	\$111,280
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**University System of Georgia, Board of Regents**

**348.237 BOND:** Dalton State College: \$4,100,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the Sequoya Hall Renovation, Dalton, Whitfield County.

**From State General Funds, \$350,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$175,480	\$350,960
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.251 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$15,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,362,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more**

**than \$15,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$726,400	\$726,400	\$726,400	\$1,362,000
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.252 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$11,300,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund world class lab equipment and renovations, multiple locations. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$2,614,820 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,300,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$2,614,820
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.253 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment to replace obsolete equipment, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,157,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000	\$1,157,000
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.254 BOND:** Southern Crescent Technical College: \$3,880,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the new Industrial Training and Technology Building, Southern Crescent Technical College, McDonough, Henry County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$897,832 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,880,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$897,832	\$897,832	\$897,832	\$897,832
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.255 BOND:** North Georgia Technical College: \$2,200,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Purchase equipment for the Clarkesville campus expansion, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Habersham County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$509,080 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$509,080	\$509,080	\$509,080	\$509,080
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.256 BOND:** Lanier Technical College: \$73,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction and equipment of a new Hall County campus to replace the Oakwood campus, Lanier Technical College, Gainesville, Hall County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$6,628,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$73,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$6,628,400	\$6,628,400	\$6,628,400	\$6,628,400
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.257 BOND:** Georgia Northwestern Technical College: \$18,780,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of the new Education Building on the Whitfield Murray campus, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Dalton, Whitfield County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,705,224 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$18,780,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,705,224	\$1,705,224	\$1,705,224	\$1,705,224
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.258 BOND:** Ogeechee Technical College: \$860,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of truck driving pad, Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Bulloch County. (CC:Fund construction of truck driving pad, Ogeechee Technical College, Screven County)

**From State General Funds, \$73,616 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$860,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$36,808	\$73,616	\$73,616
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.259 BOND:** Albany Technical College: \$4,980,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund the construction of the Phase II Carlton Construction Academy, Albany, Dougherty County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$452,184 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,980,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$226,092	\$452,184
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.260 BOND:** Technical College Multi-Projects: \$9,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of College and Career Academies, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$817,200 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$817,200	\$817,200
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**Technical College System of Georgia**

**348.261 BOND:** Ogeechee Technical College: \$9,530,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund construction of the Plant Operations and Workforce Training Center, Statesboro, Bulloch County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$865,324 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia by means of the acquisition, construction, development,**

**extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,530,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds			\$432,662	\$865,324
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**Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**348.301 BOND:** Savannah Regional Hospital: \$5,085,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction for renovation and improvements of former Gymnasium Building to construct Treatment Mall, Georgia Regional Hospital, Savannah, Chatham County.

**From State General Funds, \$435,276 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,085,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$435,276	\$435,276	\$435,276	\$435,276
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**Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**348.302 BOND:** DBHDD Multi-projects: \$2,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$462,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$462,800	\$462,800	\$462,800	\$462,800
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**Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of**

**348.303 BOND:** DBHDD Multi-projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund major improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**Human Services, Department of**

**348.321 BOND:** Human Service Multi-Projects: \$1,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund property acquisition, design and construction of new Division of Family & Children Services Building, LaGrange, Troup County.

**From State General Funds, \$85,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$85,600	\$85,600	\$85,600	\$85,600
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**Human Services, Department of**

**348.322 BOND:** Human Service Multi-Projects: \$325,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund property acquisition, design and construction of new Division of Family & Children Services Building, Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County.

**From State General Funds, \$27,820 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Human Services by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$325,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$27,820	\$27,820	\$27,820	\$27,820
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**Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency**

**348.331 BOND:** Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute: \$1,800,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, match federal funds, Warm Springs, Meriwether County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$163,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$163,440	\$163,440	\$163,440	\$163,440
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**Veterans Service, Department of**

**348.351 BOND:** Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, Milledgeville: \$3,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund renovation of Skilled Nursing Facility, Milledgeville, Baldwin County.

**From State General Funds, \$256,800 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Veterans Service by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$256,800	\$256,800	\$256,800	\$256,800
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**Community Supervision, Department of**

**348.361 BOND:** DCS - Multi - Projects: \$340,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$78,676 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Community Supervision by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$340,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$78,676	\$78,676	\$78,676	\$78,676
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.371 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$7,035,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund emergency repairs, sustainment and equipment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$1,627,899 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$7,035,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,627,899	\$1,627,899	\$1,627,899	\$1,627,899
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.372 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility hardening, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.373 BOND:** Georgia State Prison: \$4,095,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund replacement of inmate cell doors at Georgia State Prison, Reidsville, Tattnall County.

**From State General Funds, \$350,532 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$4,095,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$350,532	\$350,532	\$350,532	\$350,532
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.374 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$7,650,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund locking controls and perimeter detection improvements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$1,770,210 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$7,650,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,770,210	\$1,770,210	\$1,770,210	\$1,770,210
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.375 BOND:** GDC multi-projects: \$10,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund major repairs, renovations and improvements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$856,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$10,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$856,000	\$856,000	\$856,000	\$856,000
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**Corrections, Department of**

**348.376 BOND:** Metro State Prison: \$9,945,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment to renovate and remission Metro State Prison as a reentry and transition prison, Phase II, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$851,292 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Corrections by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$9,945,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$851,292	\$851,292	\$851,292	\$851,292
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**Defense, Department of**

**348.381 BOND:** Defense Multi-projects: \$750,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, match federal funds, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$173,550 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$750,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$173,550	\$173,550	\$173,550	\$173,550
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**Defense, Department of**

**348.382 BOND:** Defense Multi-projects: \$185,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund site improvements at Gainesville Readiness Center, match federal funds, Gainesville, Hall County.

**From State General Funds, \$15,836 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$15,836	\$15,836	\$15,836	\$15,836
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**Defense, Department of**

**348.383 BOND:** Defense Multi-projects: \$185,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund site improvements at Winder Readiness Center, match federal funds, Winder, Barrow County.

**From State General Funds, \$15,836 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Defense by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$15,836	\$15,836	\$15,836	\$15,836
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**Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**348.391 BOND:** Savannah Branch Crime Lab: \$36,375,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction and equipment for the new Savannah Crime lab, Savannah, Chatham County.

**From State General Funds, \$3,113,700 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$36,375,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$3,113,700	\$3,113,700	\$3,113,700	\$3,113,700
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**Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**348.392 BOND:** GBI Multi-Projects: \$1,405,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$120,268 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,405,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$120,268	\$120,268	\$120,268	\$120,268
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**Investigation, Georgia Bureau of**

**348.393 BOND:** GBI Multi-Projects: \$505,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$116,857 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or**

**facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$505,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$116,857	\$116,857	\$116,857	\$116,857
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.401 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$3,290,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$761,306 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,290,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$761,306	\$761,306	\$761,306	\$761,306
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.402 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$3,510,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$300,456 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,510,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$359,520	\$300,456	\$300,456	\$300,456
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.403 BOND:** Regional Youth Detention Center: \$22,745,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design and construction for the conversion of the Central Probation Detention Center to a 56 bed Regional Youth Detention Center, Cadwell, Laurens County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,946,972 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$22,745,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,946,972	\$1,946,972	\$1,946,972	\$1,946,972
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.404 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$3,185,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund CCTV security upgrades and enhancements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$737,009 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$3,185,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$737,009	\$737,009	\$737,009	\$737,009
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.405 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$485,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund implementation of a new Intelligence and Investigation Management System.

**From State General Funds, \$112,229 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$485,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$112,229	\$112,229	\$112,229	\$112,229
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**Juvenile Justice, Department of**

**348.406 BOND:** DJJ Multi-Projects: \$11,725,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for a Juvenile Transition Center, Gwinnett County.

**From State General Funds, \$1,003,660 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Juvenile Justice by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$11,725,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,003,660	\$1,003,660	\$1,003,660
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.421 BOND:** Patrol Posts Various: \$725,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility major maintenance and repairs, Georgia State Patrol, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$167,765 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$725,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$167,765	\$167,765	\$167,765	\$167,765
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.422 BOND:** Motor Carrier Compliance Division: \$1,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$102,720 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Public Safety by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$102,720	\$102,720	\$102,720	\$102,720
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.423 BOND:** Georgia Public Safety Training Center: \$660,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility major repairs and renovations, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Monroe County.

**From State General Funds, \$56,496 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$660,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$56,496	\$56,496	\$56,496	\$56,496
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**Public Safety, Department of**

**348.424 BOND:** Georgia Public Safety Training Center: \$235,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund classroom instructional equipment upgrades, Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Forsyth, Monroe County.

**From State General Funds, \$54,379 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center by means of the**

**acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$235,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379
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**Driver Services, Department of**

**348.491 BOND:** Department of Driver Services - Multi-Projects: \$0 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for new Gainesville Customer Service Center, Gainesville, Hall County.

State General Funds	\$302,596	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Building Authority, Georgia**

**348.521 BOND:** GBA multi-projects: \$105,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of new Judicial Complex Building, Atlanta, Fulton County.

**From State General Funds, \$8,988,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$105,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$8,988,000	\$8,988,000	\$8,988,000	\$8,988,000
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**Building Authority, Georgia**

**348.522 BOND:** GBA multi-projects: \$1,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund facility improvements and renovations, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$128,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Building Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$256,800	\$128,400	\$128,400	\$128,400
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**Financing and Investment Commission, Georgia State**

**348.531 BOND:** Americans with Disabilities Act: \$680,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund Americans with Disabilities Act related improvements, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$58,208 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$680,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$58,208	\$58,208	\$58,208	\$58,208
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**Revenue, Department of**

**348.561 BOND:** Department of Revenue - Multi-Projects: \$25,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund DRIVES system implementation, Atlanta, DeKalb County.

**From State General Funds, \$5,785,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Revenue by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$25,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$5,785,000	\$5,785,000	\$5,785,000	\$5,785,000
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**Agriculture, Department of**

**348.581 BOND:** Agriculture - Multi-Projects: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400
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**Agriculture, Department of**

**348.582 BOND:** Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority: \$8,780,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for a covered equine area, Perry, Houston County.

**From State General Funds, \$751,568 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension,**

**enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$8,780,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$250,380	\$500,760	\$751,568
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**Agriculture, Department of**

**348.583 BOND:** Agriculture - Multi-Projects: \$2,400,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund design, construction and equipment for the Georgia Grown Expansion Building, Perry, Houston County.

**From State General Funds, \$205,440 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Agriculture by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,400,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$102,720	\$102,720	\$205,440
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**Soil and Water Conservation Commission, State**

**348.591 BOND:** Soil & Water Conservation Watershed: \$6,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund the rehabilitation of flood control structures, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$556,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$6,500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$556,400	\$556,400	\$556,400	\$556,400
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**Environmental Finance Authority, Georgia**

**348.631 BOND:** Local Government Infrastructure: \$8,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund Federal State Revolving Fund Match, Clean and Drinking Water Programs, match federal funds, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$684,800 is specifically appropriated for the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for the purpose of financing loans to counties, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, local authorities, and other local government entities for water or sewerage facilities or systems or for regional or multijurisdictional solid waste recycling or solid waste facilities or systems, through the issuance of not more than**



**\$8,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$684,800	\$684,800	\$684,800	\$684,800
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**Economic Development, Department of**

**348.641 BOND:** Georgia World Congress Center: \$55,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund planning, construction and equipment for new exhibition facility, Atlanta, Fulton County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$4,994,000 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$55,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$4,994,000	\$4,994,000	\$4,994,000	\$4,994,000
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.661 BOND:** DNR multi-projects: \$19,900,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund facility major improvements and renovations, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$1,806,920 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$19,900,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$1,362,000	\$1,625,320	\$1,806,920	\$1,806,920
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.662 BOND:** DNR multi-projects: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund facility repairs and sustainment, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400	\$231,400
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.663 BOND:** DNR multi-projects: \$1,670,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of two new boat houses and one regional office building to support law enforcement activities, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$142,952 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,670,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$142,952	\$142,952	\$142,952	\$142,952
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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**348.664 BOND:** DNR Land Acquisition: \$5,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund land acquisition for the preservation of wildlife and natural resources, multiple locations.

**From State General Funds, \$428,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$856,000	\$428,000	\$428,000	\$428,000
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**Jekyll Island-State Park Authority**

**348.671 BOND:** Jekyll Island: \$1,600,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund historic district ADA and safety improvements, Jekyll Island, Glynn County.

**From State General Funds, \$136,960 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,600,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$136,960	\$136,960	\$136,960	\$136,960
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**Stone Mountain Memorial Association**

**348.681 BOND:** Stone Mountain Memorial Association: \$1,000,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund the Stone Mountain Memorial Association for planning and design of the renovation of the Evergreen Conference Resort, Stone Mountain, DeKalb County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$231,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of sixty months.**

State General Funds	\$231,400
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.691 BOND:** Roads and Bridges: \$100,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund repair, replacement, and renovation of bridges, statewide.

**From State General Funds, \$8,560,000 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$100,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$8,560,000	\$8,560,000	\$8,560,000	\$8,560,000
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.692 BOND:** Georgia Regional Transportation Authority: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund property acquisition, design and construction for Xpress Bus Park and Ride Lot Expansion, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County.

**From State General Funds, \$171,200 is specifically appropriated for the Department of Transportation for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$171,200	\$171,200	\$171,200	\$171,200
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.693 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$2,200,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation of state-owned rail, statewide. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$199,760 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$2,200,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$272,400	\$272,400	\$199,760
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.694 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Georgia Southwestern and Chattooga and Chickamauga Railway state-owned rail, Chickamauga, Walker County to Summerville, Chattooga County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$181,600 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$181,600	\$181,600
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.695 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$500,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund equipment, extension and development of the Bainbridge Transload terminal infrastructure project on Georgia Southwestern state-owned rail, Bainbridge, Decatur County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$45,400 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$500,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds		\$45,400	\$45,400
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.696 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$2,520,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Heart of Georgia state-owned rail (\$2,000,000) from Americus, Sumter County to Rhine, Dodge County and (\$1,000,000) from Nunez, Emanuel County to Vidalia, Toombs County. (CC:Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Heart of Georgia state-owned rail (\$1,520,000) from Americus, Emanuel County to Rhine, Dodge County and (\$1,000,000) from Nunez, Emanuel County to Vidalia, Toombs County) [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$228,816 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than**

**\$2,520,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$272,400	\$228,816
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**Transportation, Department of**

**348.697 BOND:** Rail Lines: \$800,000 in principal for 20 years at 6.5%: Fund rehabilitation and improvements on Ogeechee Railway state-owned rail, from Swainsboro, Emanuel County to Sylvania, Screven County. [Taxable Bond]

**From State General Funds, \$72,640 is specifically appropriated for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Transportation by means of the acquisition, construction, development, extension, enlargement, or improvement of land, waters, property, highways, buildings, structures, equipment or facilities, both real and personal, necessary or useful in connection therewith, through the issuance of not more than \$800,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Debt, the instruments of which shall have maturities not in excess of two hundred and forty months.**

State General Funds	\$72,640	\$72,640
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***Section 51: General Obligation Bonds Repealed, Revised, or Reinstated Reserved.***

***Section 52: Salary Adjustments***

**The appropriations to budget units made above include funds for, and have the added purpose of, the following salary increases and adjustments, to be administered in conformity with the applicable compensation and performance management plans as provided by law:**

**1.) Additional funds for personal services for employees of the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches, excluding Board of Regents faculty and Technical College System of Georgia teachers and support personnel, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**

**2.) Before Item 1 above, but not in lieu of it, funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address employee retention needs for certain employees in the job titles specified in the appropriations stated above to the Department of Defense, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Health, Prosecuting Attorneys, Georgia Public Defender Council, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**

- 3.) **In lieu of other numbered items, funds to provide a twenty percent salary adjustment to law enforcement personnel and to provide salary enhancements for criminal investigators. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**
- 4.) **In lieu of other numbered items, funds for the State Board of Education for the Quality Basic Education program, such funds to be used by the Quality Basic Education program for the purpose of providing a two percent increase to the state base salary schedule for certified personnel, school bus drivers, and school nurses. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of September 1, 2017.**
- 5.) **In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for non-faculty employees of the Board of Regents, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or to keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**
- 6.) **In lieu of other numbered items, to provide funds for supplementary salary adjustments to address needs for the recruitment and retention of Board of Regents faculty, funded through the Teaching program appropriation stated above. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**
- 7.) **In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for public librarians, funded through the Public Libraries appropriation stated above, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or keep successful performers in critical jobs as administered by the Board of Regents. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**
- 8.) **In lieu of other numbered items, additional funds for personal services for teachers and support personnel within the Technical College System of Georgia, to be used for merit based pay increases for high performing employees in Fiscal Year 2017 or salary adjustments to attract new employees with critical skills or to keep successful performers in critical jobs. The amount for this item is calculated according to an effective date of July 1, 2017.**

***Section 53: Refunds***

**In addition to all other appropriations, there is hereby appropriated, as needed, a specific sum of money equal to each refund authorized by law, which is required to make refunds of taxes and other monies collected in error, farmer gasoline tax refunds, and any other refunds specifically authorized by law.**

***Section 54: Leases***

In accordance with the requirements of Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I(a) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, as amended, there is hereby appropriated payable to each department, agency, or institution of the State sums sufficient to satisfy the payments required to be made in each year under existing lease contracts between any department, agency, or institution of the State and any authority created and activated at the time of the effective date of the aforesaid constitutional provision, as amended, or appropriated for the State Fiscal Year addressed within this Act. If for any reason any of the sums herein provided under any other provision of this Act are insufficient to make the required payments in full, then there shall be taken from other funds appropriated to the department, agency, or institution involved an amount sufficient to satisfy such deficiency in full, and the lease payment shall constitute a first charge on all such appropriations.

***Section 55: Budgetary Control and Interpretation***

The appropriations in this Act consist of the amount stated in the right-most column, for each line at the lowest level of detail for the fund source categories, "Total State Funds" and "Total Federal Funds," under a caption beginning with a program or special project number that has a 100 or a higher number after the decimal and a program or special project name. In each case, such appropriation is associated with the immediately preceding program or special project name, number, and statement of program or special project purpose. The program or special project purpose is stated immediately below the program or special project name. For authorizations for general obligation debt in Section 50, the indented, bold-faced paragraphs following each Bond number are the lowest level of detail and constitute appropriations in accordance with Article VII, Section IV, Paragraph III(a)(1) of the Georgia Constitution. The caption above the Bond number, the light-faced text immediately following the Bond number before the bold-faced text, and the light-faced after the bold-faced text are information only.

Similarly, text in a group of lines that has a number less than 100 after the decimal (01 through 99) is not part of a statement of purpose but constitutes information as to how the appropriation was derived. Amounts in the columns other than the right-most column are for informational purposes only. The summary and lowest level of detail for the fund source categories "Total Agency Funds" and "Total Intra-State Governmental Transfers," are for informational purposes only. The blocks of text and numerals immediately following the section header and beginning with the phrases, "Section Total - Continuation" and "Section Totals - Final" are for informational purposes only. Sections 51, 52, 53 and 54 contain, constitute, or amend appropriations.

*Section 56: Flex*

Notwithstanding any other statement of purpose, the purpose of each appropriation of federal funds or other funds shall be the stated purpose or any other lawful purpose consistent with the fund source and the general law powers of the budget unit.

In the preceding sentence, "Federal Funds" means any federal funding source, whether specifically identified or not specifically identified; "Other Funds" means all other fund sources except State Funds or Federal Funds, including without limitation Intra-State Government Transfers. This paragraph shall not permit an agency to include within its flex the appropriations for an agency attached to it for administrative purposes.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid," "Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled," and "PeachCare" programs of the Department of Community Health, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

For purposes of the appropriations for the "Capital Construction Projects," "Capital Maintenance Projects," and "Local Road Assistance Administration" programs of the Department of Transportation, the appropriation of a particular State fund source for each program shall be the amount stated, and each such program shall also be authorized up to an additional amount of 10 percent (10%) of the amount stated. However, if the additional authority is used, the appropriation of the same State fund source for the other programs to that agency shall be reduced in the same amount, such that the stated total in program appropriations from that State fund source for the three programs shall not be exceeded. However, the additional amount shall be from a State fund source which is lawfully available for the program to which it is added.

*Part II: Effective Date*

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

*Part III: Repeal Conflicting Laws*

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



Senator Hill of the 4th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 44.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 44.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/22/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 44 CCR. Had I been present, I would have voted "YES".

/s/ Lindsey Tippins  
District 37

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 85. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hill of the 6th, Martin of the 9th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to malt beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers of malt beverages; to provide for a definition; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner; to provide for certain powers of the state revenue commissioner; to clarify that sales of malt beverages by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction; to provide for remittance of local excise taxes by brewers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of distilled spirits and malt beverages to the public by manufacturers of such products; to provide for definitions; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner; to provide for certain powers of the state revenue commissioner; to provide for remittance of local excise taxes by distillers and brewers; to revise certain cross-references for purposes of conformity; to clarify that sales at retail by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating alcoholic beverages, is amended by revising Code Section 3-4-1, relating to definitions relative to distilled spirits, as follows:

"3-4-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Barrel' means 53 gallons.

~~(1)~~(2) 'Denatured alcohol' or 'denatured distilled spirits' means alcohol, as defined in Code Section 3-1-2, to which denaturants have been added in order to render the alcohol unfit for beverage purposes or internal human medicinal use. As used in this paragraph, the term 'denaturants' means materials authorized for use pursuant to

Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may now or hereafter be amended.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Distiller' means a manufacturer.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Fruit grower' means any person who grows peaches, apples, pears, grapes, or other perishable fruits in this state and who manufactures distilled spirits from the perishable fruits grown in this state."

### SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (e) and (f) of Code Section 3-4-24, relating to issuance to fruit growers of license to manufacture distilled spirits, storage and disposition, limitations upon manufacture and sale, issuance of manufacturer's or distiller's license in certain counties or municipalities, educational and promotional tours, and tasting room limitations for certain licensees, as follows:

~~"(e) A manufacturer or distiller issued a license pursuant to this Code section may provide educational and promotional tours upon the issuance of a permit by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 3-4-180.~~

~~(f)~~(e) The commissioner may issue a license pursuant to this Code section to a fruit grower licensed as a farm winery authorizing such fruit grower to manufacture distilled spirits and fortified wines for sale exclusively through a licensed and designated wholesaler; provided, however, that the farm winery has no more than one tasting room located on its licensed premises. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'licensed premises' shall mean the premises for which the farm winery license is issued or property located contiguous to the farm winery and owned by the winery."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 3-4-24.1, relating to distiller's license authorizing manufacture of distilled spirits from agricultural products other than perishable fruits, storage, and educational and promotional tours, as follows:

~~"(e) A manufacturer or distiller issued a license pursuant to this Code section may provide educational and promotional tours upon the issuance of a permit by the commissioner pursuant to Code Section 3-4-180."~~

### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"3-4-24.2.

(a) A limited exception to the provisions of this title providing a three-tier system for the distribution and sale of distilled spirits shall exist to the extent that the license to manufacture distilled spirits in this state shall include the right to sell up to 500 barrels of distilled spirits per year produced at the distiller's licensed premises to individuals who are on such premises for:

(1) Consumption on the premises; and

(2) Consumption off the premises, provided that such sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 2,250 milliliters of distilled spirits per

consumer per day.

(b) A distiller may sell distilled spirits pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section on all days and at all times that sales of distilled spirits by retailers and retail consumption dealers are lawful within the county or municipality in which the licensed premises of the distiller is located, including, but not limited to, Sundays.

(c) A distiller shall not sell any distilled spirits for consumption off the premises pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section at a price less than the price at which a person licensed to sell distilled spirits by the package is permitted to sell distilled spirits pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 3-4-26.

(d) Any distiller engaging in sales of distilled spirits pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall remit all state and local sales, use, and excise taxes to the proper tax collecting authority.

(e) The commissioner shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as he or she may deem reasonable and necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section.

(f) Upon a violation by a distiller of any provision of this Code section or this title or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, the commissioner shall have the power to place conditions or limitations on such distiller's license and to modify or amend such conditions or limitations."

#### SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-4-180, relating to tastings of distilled spirits, definitions, general provisions, probated sales, and administration, as follows:

"3-4-180.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term:~~

~~(1) 'Distillery tour' means guided access to the manufacturing portion of the licensed premises of a distiller.~~

~~(2) 'Free souvenir' means a complimentary sealed container of distilled spirits.~~

~~(3) 'Free tastings' means the provision of complimentary samples of distilled spirits to the public for consumption on the premises of a distiller.~~

~~(4) 'Sample' means one half of one ounce of distilled spirits.~~

~~(b)(1) A distiller licensed in this state may apply to the commissioner for an annual permit authorizing such distiller to conduct educational and promotional distillery tours on the licensed premises of the distiller, free of charge or for a fee, which may include:~~

~~(A) Free souvenirs;~~

~~(B) Free food; and~~

~~(C) Free tastings.~~

~~(2)(A) No distiller providing free souvenirs pursuant to this subsection shall provide, directly or indirectly, more than one free souvenir to the same individual in one calendar day. Each free souvenir shall be a single bottle of distilled spirits, containing not more than 750 milliliters of distilled spirits manufactured by the~~

~~distiller on the licensed premises.~~

~~(B) No distiller conducting free tastings under this Code section shall provide, directly or indirectly, more than the three samples to a person in one calendar day. Free tastings shall consist of distilled spirits manufactured by the distiller on the licensed premises. Free tastings shall be held in a designated tasting area on the premises of the distiller, and all open bottles containing distilled spirits shall be visible at all times.~~

~~(3) Free souvenirs shall only be provided after the distillery tour and only to individuals who have attended a distillery tour on the same calendar day. Free tastings and free food may be provided before, during, and after a distillery tour. An individual shall be 21 years of age or older to receive a free souvenir or free tasting.~~

~~(4) The distiller shall pay all excise and use taxes on any samples and all use taxes on any free souvenirs provided pursuant to this subsection.~~

~~(c) A distiller may provide to the public free of charge or for a fee merchandise such as shirts, glasses, and other promotional items which do not contain alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(d) If a distiller chooses to charge a fee for a distillery tour pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, such distiller may charge varying fees for the distillery tours, provided that such fees are charged prior to the beginning of such tour. The provision of distilled spirits by a distiller as part of a distillery tour pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a retail sale of alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(e) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold on any licensed premises for which a permit has been issued pursuant to this Code section.~~

~~(f) The department shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section. Reserved.~~

### SECTION 6.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (d) of Code Section 3-4-61, relating to payment of tax and report, as follows:

"(a) Except as may otherwise be authorized in this title, the state excise taxes imposed by this part shall be paid by the licensed wholesale dealer in distilled spirits; provided, however, that such taxes shall be imposed upon and shall be paid by the licensed distiller for distilled spirits served or sold by the distiller directly to the public pursuant to Code Section 3-4-24.2."

"(d) The ~~wholesaler~~ licensee shall remit to the commissioner the tax imposed by the state on the tenth day of the month following the calendar month in which the sales were made."

### SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-5-1, relating to definitions relative to malt beverages, as follows:

"3-5-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Barrel' means 31 gallons.

(1)(2) 'Brewer' means a manufacturer of malt beverages.

(2)(3) 'Case' means a box or receptacle containing not more than 288 ounces of malt beverages on the average."

### SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"3-5-24.1.

(a) A limited exception to the provisions of this title providing a three-tier system for the distribution and sale of malt beverages shall exist to the extent that the license to manufacture malt beverages in this state shall include the right to sell up to 3,000 barrels of malt beverages per year produced at the brewer's licensed premises to individuals who are on such premises for:

(1) Consumption on the premises; and

(2) Consumption off the premises, provided that such sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 288 ounces of malt beverages per consumer per day.

(b) A brewer may sell malt beverages pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section on all days and at all times that sales of malt beverages by retailers are lawful within the county or municipality in which the licensed premises of the brewer is located, including, but not limited to, Sundays.

(c) Any brewer engaging in sales of malt beverages pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall remit all state and local sales, use, and excise taxes to the proper tax collecting authority.

(d) The commissioner shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as he or she may deem reasonable and necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section.

(e) Upon a violation by a brewer of any provision of this Code section or this title or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, the commissioner shall have the power to place conditions or limitations on such brewer's license and to modify or amend such conditions or limitations."

### SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 3-5-36, relating to the brewpub exception to three-tier distribution system, as follows:

"(4) A brewpub license ~~does not authorize the holder of such license to sell alcoholic beverages~~ shall not be prohibited from selling wine or malt beverages by the package for consumption off the premises where so permitted by resolution or ordinance of the county or municipality;"

### SECTION 10.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-5-38, relating to permits for free tasting of malt beverages during educational and promotional brewery tours, merchandising, fees for tours, selling of beverages, and administration, as follows:

"3-5-38.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term:~~

~~(1) 'Brewery tour' means guided access to the manufacturing portion of the licensed premises of a brewer.~~

~~(2) 'Free souvenir' means a complimentary sealed container or containers of malt beverages with a total liquid capacity that does not exceed 72 ounces.~~

~~(3) 'Free tastings' means the provision of complimentary samples of malt beverages to the public for consumption on the premises of a brewer.~~

~~(4) 'Sample' means a quantity of malt beverages manufactured by the brewer.~~

~~(b)(1) A brewer licensed in this state may apply to the commissioner for an annual permit authorizing such brewer to conduct educational and promotional brewery tours on the licensed premises of the brewer, free of charge or for a fee, which may include:~~

~~(A) Free souvenirs;~~

~~(B) Free food; and~~

~~(C) Free tastings on the licensed premises of the brewery of malt beverages manufactured by such brewer.~~

~~(2) No brewer providing free souvenirs pursuant to this subsection shall provide, directly or indirectly, more than one free souvenir to the same individual in one calendar day. Each free souvenir shall consist of malt beverages manufactured by the brewer on the licensed premises.~~

~~(3) No brewer conducting free tastings pursuant to this subsection shall provide, directly or indirectly, to the same individual in one calendar day more than 36 ounces of malt beverages for consumption on the premises. Free tastings shall be held in a designated tasting area on the licensed premises of the brewer and all open bottles containing malt beverages shall be visible at all times.~~

~~(4) Free souvenirs shall only be provided after the brewery tour and only to individuals who have attended a brewery tour on the same calendar day. Free tastings and free food may be provided before, during, and after a brewery tour. An individual shall be 21 years of age or older to receive a free souvenir or free tasting.~~

~~(5) The brewer shall pay all excise and use taxes on any samples and all use taxes on any free souvenirs provided pursuant to this subsection.~~

~~(c) A brewer may provide to the public free of charge or for a fee merchandise such as shirts, glasses, and other promotional items which do not contain alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(d) If a brewer chooses to charge a fee for a brewery tour pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, such brewer may charge varying fees for the brewery tours, provided that such fees are charged prior to the beginning of such tour. The provision of malt beverages by a brewer as part of a brewery tour pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a retail sale of alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(e) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold on any licensed premises for which a permit has been issued pursuant to this Code section.~~

~~(f) The department shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Code section. Reserved."~~

**SECTION 11.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-5-81, relating to payment of tax by wholesale dealers generally, time of payment, reports by dealers as to quantities of beverages sold, as follows:

"3-5-81.

(a) The excise taxes provided for in this part shall be imposed upon and shall be paid by the licensed wholesale dealer in malt beverages; provided, however, that such taxes shall be imposed upon and shall be paid by the licensed brewer for malt beverages served or sold by the brewer directly to the public pursuant to Code Section 3-5-24.1.

(b) The taxes shall be paid on or before the tenth day of the month following the calendar month in which the beverages are sold or disposed of within the particular municipality or county ~~by the wholesale dealer.~~

(c) Each licensee responsible for the payment of the excise tax shall file a report itemizing for the preceding calendar month the exact quantities of malt beverages, by size and type of container, sold during the month within each municipality or county. The licensee shall file the report with each municipality or county wherein the beverages are sold by the licensee.

(d) The ~~wholesaler~~ licensee shall remit to the municipality or county on the tenth day of the month following the calendar month in which the sales were made the tax imposed by the municipality or county."

**SECTION 12.**

This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2017.

**SECTION 13.**

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

Senator Jeffares of the 17th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 85.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery



Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 85.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that HB 342 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Finance from the General Calendar. The consent was granted, and HB 342 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 472. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza for his outstanding achievements; and for other purposes.

SR 473. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Beach of the 21st, Miller of the 49th, Thompson of the 14th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Samuel Colt Doster; and for other purposes.

SR 476. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Thompson of the 14th, Sims of the 12th, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the many valuable contributions of the Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG); and for other purposes.

SR 477. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 139th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 478. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Redeeming Love Christian Church on the occasion of its 12th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 479. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Esther F. Garrison Wind Ensemble and its conductor; and for other purposes.

SR 480. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Hill of the 4th, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Mae Elizabeth Fralick; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Wednesday March 22, 2017  
Thirty-seventh Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 229

McKoon of the 29th

#### **COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the tax commissioner of the Columbus Consolidated Government shall retain a specified percentage of school taxes collected by said commissioner and remit the same to the governing authority of Columbus Consolidated Government to reimburse the consolidated government for the cost of collecting school taxes; to provide for a statement of intention and the authority for this Act; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 281

Kennedy of the 18th  
Jones of the 25th  
Lucas of the 26th  
**MACON-BIBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act formerly known as the "Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act," now known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2737), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), and by an Act approved April 23, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4832), so as to extend the power of the authority to contract with Macon-Bibb County and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to acquire, construct, and develop industrial sites and facilities; to provide for the use of certain funds of the authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 283

Kennedy of the 18th  
Jones of the 25th  
Lucas of the 26th  
**MACON-BIBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the restructuring of the governments of the City of Macon, the City of Payne City, and Bibb County, approved April 20, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 5595), as amended, so as to dissolve the Municipal Court of Macon-Bibb County; to provide for reallocation of the jurisdiction of said court; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 284

Mullis of the 53rd  
**TRENTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), so as to change the position of city clerk from an elective to an appointive position; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the remainder of his or her term of office; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 286

Brass of the 28th  
 McKoon of the 29th  
**TROUP COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Troup County (formerly the Civil and Criminal Court of Troup County), approved March 6, 1962 (Ga. L. 1962, p. 3020), as amended, so as to authorize the court to charge and collect a technology fee for certain filings; to specify the uses to which said technology fees may be put; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 292

Mullis of the 53rd  
**WALKER COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**SUBSTITUTE**

HB 131

Hill of the 6th  
 Beach of the 21st  
 Brass of the 28th  
 James of the 35th  
 Orrock of the 36th  
 Tate of the 38th  
 Fort of the 39th  
 Millar of the 40th  
 Shafer of the 48th  
 Albers of the 56th  
**CITY OF SOUTH FULTON; FULTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County, Georgia, approved April 26, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3726), so as to change the corporate boundaries of the municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 457

Black of the 8th  
**BROOKS COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of chief judge of the Magistrate Court of Brooks County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for the sitting chief judge of the magistrate court to serve out his or her term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 504

Harper of the 7th  
**CITY OF WAYCROSS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Waycross Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority as a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and a public corporation, to have the responsibility and authority to promote tourism, trade, and conventions in the City of Waycross, Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 511

McKoon of the 29th  
**CITY OF WARM SPRINGS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Warm Springs, approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 4110), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 514

Watson of the 1st  
Jackson of the 2nd  
**CHATHAM-SAVANNAH**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority, approved March 10, 1988 (Ga. L.1988, p. 3743), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 544

Watson of the 1st  
**RICHMOND HILL**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Richmond Hill Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 546

Unterman of the 45th  
**CITY OF SUGAR HILL**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Sugar Hill Building Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 547

Dugan of the 30th  
**CITY OF VILLA RICA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Villa Rica ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older, approved February 20, 2017 (Act No. 6), so as to change the date of a referendum; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 548

Seay of the 34th  
**CITY OF RIVERDALE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Riverdale, approved February 13, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 2205), as amended, so as to provide for a governing authority; to create wards for the election of members of the governing authority; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for method of election and filling vacancies; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 561

Hill of the 4th  
**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Springfield, approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4840), so as to provide for corporate boundaries; to provide for members of the city council; to provide for political activities of officers and employees; to provide for organizational meetings; to provide for ordinances; to provide for a mayor pro tempore; to provide for administrative and service departments; to provide for a city attorney; to provide for jurisdiction of the municipal court; to provide for appellate review; to provide for an operating budget; to

provide for capital improvements; to provide for purchasing; to provide for sale and lease of property; to provide for bonds for officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 563

Henson of the 41st  
**CITY OF CLARKSTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Clarkston Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the powers of the authority; to provide for members of the authority; to provide a development area; to provide for revenue bonds and other obligations of the authority; to recite constitutional authority; to provide for effect on other authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 564

Millar of the 40th  
**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Dunwoody to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 566

Burke of the 11th  
**DECATUR COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Magistrate Court of Decatur County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs in the magistrate court; to provide for practices and procedures connected therewith; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 567

Hufstetler of the 52nd  
**CITY OF EUHARLEE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and

the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 568

Hufstetler of the 52nd  
**CITY EUHARLEE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 569

Hufstetler of the 52nd  
**CITY OF EUHARLEE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$28,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are disabled and whose household income does not exceed \$20,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 570

Hufstetler of the 52nd  
**CITY OF EUHARLEE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Euharlee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 574                    Beach of the 21st  
                              Shafer of the 48th  
                              Albers of the 56th  
**CITY OF JOHNS CREEK**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Johns Creek in Fulton County, Georgia, approved March 29, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3503), as amended, so as to provide for vacancies on the governing authority; to provide for a city manager; to provide for a mayor pro tempore; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

\*SB 292:

The Senate Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations offered the following substitute to SB 292:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for elections and terms of office; to provide for qualifications; to provide for commissioner districts; to provide for filling of vacancies; to provide for oaths of office and surety bonds; to provide for the compensation and expenses of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for a vice chairperson; to provide for powers and duties of such officers; to provide for meetings; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for formal bids for certain purchases; to provide for the appointment of a clerk and other officials; to provide for the preparation, submission, review, adoption, and amendment of budgets; to provide for expenditure of county funds; to provide for audits of county finances and financial records; to provide for submission; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**PART I.  
SECTION 1-1.**

There is created the Board of Commissioners of Walker County to be elected and organized as provided for in this Act. The board shall be the successor to the office of

commissioner of Walker County and shall continue to have the obligations and liabilities of the commissioner of Walker County as existed immediately prior to January 1, 2021. The board shall constitute the governing authority of Walker County and shall exercise the powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in and upon such officers by the provisions of this Act. The term "board," whenever used in this Act, shall mean the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, including the chairperson and all members.

#### **SECTION 1-2.**

(a) The board shall consist of a chairperson and four district commissioners. The four district commissioners shall be residents of their respective commissioner districts as described in subsection (b) of this section and shall be elected by the electors of their respective districts as provided in Section 1-3 of this Act. The chairperson shall be elected at large as provided in Section 1-3 of this Act.

(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board, Walker County shall be divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: walkercc-2017 Plan Type: Local Administrator: SD053 User: Gina.

(c)(1) When used in such attachment, the term "VTD" shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of Walker County which is not included in any district described in the plan shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(4) Any part of Walker County described in the plan as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 1-3.**

(a) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law.

(b) In order to be elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district, a

person shall be 18 years of age or older, shall have resided in that district for at least 12 consecutive months prior to election thereto, and shall receive a majority of the votes cast for that office by the electors of that district. At the time of qualifying, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner district for which that person is offering as a candidate. A person elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district shall continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall thereupon become vacant.

(c) The chairperson of the board shall be 25 years of age or older, shall have resided in Walker County for at least 12 consecutive months prior to election to such office, may reside anywhere within Walker County, and shall receive a majority of the votes cast for such office by the electors of the entire county. The chairperson shall continue to reside within Walker County during that person's term of office or that office shall thereupon become vacant.

#### **SECTION 1-4.**

(a) The first members of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County shall be elected at the 2020 November general election. The members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 in 2020 shall take office on January 1, 2021, and shall serve for an initial term of office which shall expire on January 1, 2023, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. The chairperson and the members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 3 and 4 in 2020 shall take office on January 1, 2021, and shall serve for initial terms of office which shall expire on January 1, 2025, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to the chairperson and members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the November state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(b) The chairperson and members of the board shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code."

#### **SECTION 1-5.**

(a) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of the board, whether the vacancy is in the office of chairperson or any other member, for any reason other than expiration of term, that vacancy shall be filled as provided in this section.

(b) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board when at least 180 days remain in the unexpired term of office, the election superintendent of Walker County, within 15 days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue the call for a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Such special election shall be called and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended. Any person elected in a special election to fill such a vacancy shall take office immediately upon certification of the results of such special election and qualification. If such vacancy is in the office of chairperson of the board of commissioners, the vice

chairperson of the board shall exercise the powers and duties of the chairperson for the period beginning on the date the vacancy occurs and ending on the date the successor chairperson takes office for the unexpired term following the special election provided for in this subsection.

(c) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board when less than 180 days remain in the unexpired term of office, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any person appointed by the board to fill a vacancy as provided in this subsection shall possess the residency and other qualifications required for the office and shall take office immediately upon appointment and qualification. If such vacancy is in the office of chairperson of the board, the vice chairperson of the board shall exercise the powers and duties of the chairperson for the period beginning on the date the vacancy occurs and ending on the date the successor chairperson takes office for the unexpired term following his or her appointment as provided for in this subsection. During the time when the board has a vacancy under this subsection and only during such time, if a vote on a matter before the board results in a tie, the chairperson or, if the office of chairperson is vacant and the vice chairperson is serving as chairperson, the vice chairperson shall be allowed to cast an additional vote to break such tie.

#### **SECTION 1-6.**

Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, the chairperson and district commissioners shall subscribe to an oath before the judge of the probate court of such county for the true and faithful performance of their duties and that they are not the holders of any public funds unaccounted for. In addition, the chairperson and each district commissioner shall further give a satisfactory surety bond to the judge of the probate court of the county payable to the judge of the probate court or that judge's successor in office and filed in the office of the judge of the probate court, in the sum of \$25,000.00, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office. The costs of said bonds shall be paid out of the county treasury.

#### **SECTION 1-7.**

(a) District commissioners, other than the chairperson, shall serve in such capacity on a part-time basis and shall be paid a salary of \$12,000.00 per year. Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Walker County.

(b) The chairperson shall serve in such capacity on a full-time basis and shall be paid an annual salary equal to the annual salary of the highest paid elected county officer of Walker County, plus an additional \$500.00, or \$100,000.00 per annum, whichever is greater. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "county officer" shall mean only the tax commissioner, the judge of the probate court, the sheriff, or the clerk of superior court. The salary provided in this subsection shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Walker County. The salary and expenses provided for in this subsection shall constitute the entire compensation to which the chairperson shall be entitled to be paid from county funds.

(c) The chairperson and the district commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Expenses may be reimbursed only after the submission of receipts or records of said expenses to the county clerk and approval by majority vote of the board of commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. The chairperson and commissioners shall be entitled to compensation for serving on any other boards or authorities for which their membership is provided by law.

(d) At their own expense, the district commissioners may participate in county provided health, dental, and other health related programs and in county sponsored retirement programs. No county funds shall be spent on these programs for the benefit of the district commissioners.

#### **SECTION 1-8.**

At the first regular meeting of each year, the board shall elect from its members a vice chairperson. In the event of death, disqualification, or resignation of the chairperson, the vice chairperson shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of the chairperson until a new chairperson is chosen as provided in this Act. The vice chairperson shall preside at meetings of the board in the absence of the chairperson and shall serve for the calendar year in which he or she is elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice chairperson, the board shall elect a new vice chairperson to serve for the remainder of the calendar year.

#### **SECTION 1-9.**

Each month, at the county seat, the board of commissioners shall hold a minimum of two regular meetings. All meetings shall be open to the public as required by law and shall provide a time period exclusively for public comment. The time, date, and place of the meetings shall be determined by the board in the first meeting of the year. Any resolution passed by the board regarding the time, date, and place of its monthly meetings shall be published in the official county organ once a week for two weeks during a period of 30 days immediately following the passage of the resolution. The board of commissioners may hold such additional meetings as shall be necessary when called by the chairperson or any two commissioners, provided that all members of the board of commissioners shall have been notified at least three days in advance of such special meeting which is open to the public. Three district commissioners or the chairperson and any two district commissioners shall constitute a quorum. No official action shall be taken except upon the affirmative vote of at least three members of the board of commissioners and except upon compliance with Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A. The chairperson shall be entitled to vote on a question only if the chairperson's vote would affect the outcome of any vote or issue before the board. The vice chairperson while serving as chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the board. All regular and called meetings shall be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

**SECTION 1-10.**

The chairperson shall administer the affairs and day-to-day business of the county and preside over the meetings of the board. The duties of the chairperson shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Calling meetings of the board as provided in Section 1-9 of this Act;
- (2) Preparing a proposed agenda and presiding over meetings of the board;
- (3) Representing the county government at ceremonial functions;
- (4) Being empowered to submit motions that are made and seconded by district commissioners to the board for action;
- (5) Appointing members and chairpersons to all committees of the board with the approval of the board; and
- (6) Performing such other duties as shall be delegated to the chairperson by the board or as provided by law or ordinance.

The chairperson shall be authorized, in his or her sole discretion, to spend not more than \$25,000.00 without approval of the board.

**SECTION 1-11.**

The board shall have the power and authority to fix and establish, by appropriate resolution entered on its minutes, policies, rules, and regulations governing all matters reserved to its exclusive jurisdiction. Such policies, rules, and regulations, when so adopted with proper entry thereof made on the minutes of the board, shall be conclusive and binding. The board shall exercise only those administrative powers which are necessarily and properly incident to its functions as a policy-making or rule-making body or which are necessary to compel enforcement of its adopted resolutions. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the following powers are vested in the board and reserved to its exclusive jurisdiction:

- (1) To levy taxes;
- (2) To make appropriations;
- (3) To fix rates and charges for services provided by the county;
- (4) To authorize the incurring of indebtedness;
- (5) To order work done where the cost is to be assessed against benefited property and to fix the basis for such assessment;
- (6) To authorize and provide for the execution of contracts;
- (7) To establish, alter, open, close, build, repair, or abolish public roads, bridges, and ferries, according to law; provided, however, that the chairperson shall have the authority to accept subdivision plats when the requirements established by the board for subdivisions have been met;
- (8) To establish, abolish, or change election precincts and militia districts according to law;
- (9) To accept, for the county, the provisions of any optional statute where the statute permits its acceptance by the governing authority of the county;
- (10) To exercise all powers, duty, and authority formerly imposed upon or vested in the commissioner of Walker County in respect to zoning and planning;

- (11) To create and change the boundaries of special taxing districts authorized by law;
- (12) To fix the bonds of county officers where same are not fixed by statute;
- (13) To enact any ordinances or other legislation which the county may be given authority to enact;
- (14) To determine the priority of capital improvements;
- (15) To call elections for the voting of bonds;
- (16) To exercise all of the power and authority formerly vested by law in the commissioner of Walker County together with the power and authority which may be delegated by law to the governing authority of the county, by whatever name designated;
- (17) To appoint retained legal counsel and an independent county auditor and provide for their compensation; and
- (18) To require all county officers to report on the general or specific conduct of the financial affairs of their respective offices.

#### **SECTION 1-12.**

Formal sealed bids shall be received for all purchases in amounts over the state limit for sealed bids unless the board sets a lower limit. Advertisements for such bids shall be published for two consecutive weeks in the official organ of Walker County. The need for such bids may be dispensed with by the board if it decides that an emergency exists which will not permit a delay.

#### **SECTION 1-13.**

The internal organization of the county government shall be established and altered by the board. Existing departments may be abolished and their functions transferred to other departments, additional departments may be created, and any two or more departments may be consolidated.

#### **SECTION 1-14.**

The board shall appoint a clerk who shall keep a proper and accurate book of minutes. The book of minutes of the board shall contain all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the board in chronological order. The minutes book of the board shall be open to the public for inspection at all times during regular office hours, and certified copies of any entries in the minutes book shall be furnished by the clerk to any person requesting same upon payment of a reasonable fee to be paid into the county treasury as are other funds and to be assessed by the board in an amount sufficient to defray the cost of preparing same.

#### **SECTION 1-15.**

The chairperson shall submit annually to the board a proposed budget governing expenditures of all county funds, including capital outlay and public works projects for the following fiscal year. The board shall thereafter hold two public hearings at least seven days apart on the budget, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication of such notice and of the proposed budget in the official organ of Walker

County and by posting same at the courthouse. The budget shall then be reviewed and adopted or amended by the board prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year to which it applies, which budget, when so adopted or amended by the board, shall constitute the board's appropriation of all funds for such year. The budget so adopted may be revised during the year only by formal action of the board in a regular meeting, and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing the same. The proposed budget submitted by the chairperson shall be accompanied by a report containing information and data relating to the financial affairs of the county pertinent to arriving at and establishing the annual budget. A copy of the budget and of each revision or amendment to the same shall be transmitted by the chairperson to the grand jury of the Superior Court of Walker County within ten days from the time such budget or amendment thereof is adopted by the board. The board may from time to time, upon a majority vote thereof, change the ending and beginning date of the fiscal year for the county or may operate on a calendar basis; provided, however, that in the event of such change, the budget shall be submitted at least two months prior to the beginning date of the next fiscal year or January 1, whichever shall apply, and shall be adopted at least one month prior to such beginning date. The procedures for budget preparation, submission to the governing authority, review by the governing authority, public review, notice, and hearings shall be as provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

#### **SECTION 1-16.**

No expenditures of county funds shall be made except in accordance with the county budget, or amendments thereto, adopted by the board. The chairperson of the board shall enforce compliance with this section by all departments of county government and to this end shall institute a system of allotments of all moneys appropriated and budgeted.

#### **SECTION 1-17.**

The board shall on or before the final day of the month following the end of each fiscal year employ a certified public accountant for the making of an annual continuous audit of county finances and financial records. The accountant so employed shall be paid out of county funds and shall perform a complete audit of the financial records of the county for the preceding year, pointing out any irregularities found to exist and reporting the results of such audit to the board. The same person or firm shall not perform such audit for more than four consecutive annual periods. Each annual report submitted to the board shall be made available for public inspection as are other records in such office. The board shall cause to be published in the official organ of Walker County and posted at the courthouse a statement of the financial condition of the county as of December 31 and June 30 of each year. Said accountant shall transmit to the grand jury of the Superior Court of Walker County a copy of each annual report furnished by such accountant to the board.

#### **SECTION 1-18.**

An Act creating the office of commissioner of Walker County, approved February 10, 1939 (Ga. Laws, p. 751), and all amendatory Acts thereto are repealed in their entirety.



**PART II.**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

The election superintendent of Walker County shall call and conduct an election on the date of the 2018 November general election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Walker County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Walker County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

- "( ) YES Shall the governing authority of Walker County be changed from a sole  
( ) NO commissioner to a five-member board of commissioners with the  
chairperson elected at large and four commissioners elected by district?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of changing the form of the governing authority of Walker County to a board consisting of four members elected by district and a chairperson elected at large shall vote "Yes." Those persons desiring to vote against changing the form of the governing authority of Walker County shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are for approval of changing the form of the governing authority of Walker County to a board of commissioners consisting of four members elected by district and a chairperson elected at large, then Part I of this Act shall become effective immediately for purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners in November, 2020, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2021; otherwise, this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Walker County. It shall be the duty of the election superintendent to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 2-2.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2-1 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 2-3.**

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

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Plan Type: Local  
Administrator: SD053  
User: Gina

District 001  
Walker County  
VTD: 2951812 - ROSSVILLE  
VTD: 2951893 - FAIRVIEW

## District 002

Walker County

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## District 003

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District 004

Walker County

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VTD: 2950960 - CANE CREEK

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On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

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On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

The bills on the Local Consent Calendar, except SB 292, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

SB 292, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 199, HB 238, and HB 375, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and HB 199, HB 238, and HB 375 were engrossed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017  
THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 199      Income tax credit; interactive entertainment companies; change certain provisions (Substitute)(FIN-20th) Rhodes-120th
- HB 238      Ad valorem tax; use of property for solar power generation; provide exception to a breach of covenants (Substitute)(FIN-7th) Hatchett-150th
- HB 245      Professional Standards Commission; establish process by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates; provide (VM&HS-30th) Williams-168th
- HB 249      Controlled substances; collect more information regarding dispensing and use; provisions (Substitute)(H&HS-45th) Tanner-9th
- HB 262      Insurance; standalone dental plans; exempt from requirement of printed directories for certain entities (I&L-14th) Lumsden-12th
- HB 319      Habeas corpus; maximum amount counties may be reimbursed for certain costs; increase (JUDY-19th) Werkheiser-157th
- HB 375      Revenue and taxation; tax executions; modify certain provisions (FIN-56th) Raffensperger-50th
- HB 463      Early Care and Learning, Department of; establish nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; authorize (ED&Y-50th) Dempsey-13th

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

HB 199. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies; to remove the sunset on such exemptions; to add an exemption for certain prereleased products; to provide for a new state income tax credit for qualified postproduction expenditures of postproduction companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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February 10, 2017

Honorable Jay Powell  
Chairman, House Ways and  
Means 133 Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 199 (LC 34 5039EC)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill revises the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies and creates a new tax credit for postproduction activities related to film, video, or digital projects. The current tax credit for interactive entertainment production companies is expanded to include expenses associated with postproduction activities. The minimum expenditure and minimum payroll requirements are set at \$250,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The expiration date for the credit is also eliminated.

The new postproduction credit allows eligible companies to receive a credit equal to 20 percent of qualified postproduction expenditures. To qualify for the credit, postproduction companies must have a physical presence in the state, have aggregate payroll of at least \$500,000, be involved in postproduction activities, and be approved by the Department of Revenue. The value of credits awarded is limited to a maximum of \$5 million for 2017, \$10 million for 2018, and \$15 million each year for years 2019 through 2022 (no credit can be earned after 2022). If in any year the aggregate amount of credits allowable is not awarded, the remaining credits will be rolled in the allowable credits for the following year. Unused credits may be transferred, sold in part or in full by the postproduction company to another Georgia taxpayer, or carried forward up to five years.

### Impact on State Revenue

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the two credits would reduce state revenue by \$20.8 million in FY 2019, the first year of the bill's full impact (see **Table 1**). The loss would be \$27.5 million in FY 2022. The attached appendix provides details of the analysis.

**Table 1. Estimated Revenue Loss Associated with HB 199 LC 34 5039EC**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Interactive entertainment production company credit	\$6	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$12.5
Postproduction credit	\$3.7	\$8.3	\$12.5	\$14.6	\$15.0

### Impact on Agency Costs

The bill would also result in increased costs for the Departments of Revenue (DOR) and Economic Development (DEcD).

- DOR estimated additional one-time costs of \$134,000 for IT system changes and \$6,000 for form revisions and training. DOR also estimated that the Taxpayer Services Division would require additional staff to grant and track the credits. It anticipated the need for three employees at a cost of \$195,389 annually (\$40,000 each plus benefits).



- DEcD anticipates an increase in applications would require two additional employees at a cost of approximately \$163,000 annually (\$60,000 and \$40,000 plus benefits).

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

### **Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center**

#### *Interactive Entertainment Production Company credit*

- Nationally, the industry experienced an annual growth rate of 4 percent per year over the 2011-2016 period and is forecasted to grow at a rate of 4.3 percent per year over the next 5 years. The Georgia Game Developers Association reports 113 active game studios are operating in the state as of October 2016. According to information from the Atlanta Journal Constitution, over 70 digital entertainment companies are located in Georgia.
- Based on data provided by Georgia Department of Revenue preapprovals for the Interactive Entertainment Production Company credit have averaged \$9 million per year between 2013-2016.
- Because of the strong growth in the national market and the increasing presence in the state, the estimate assumes that passage of this legislation will result in earned credits equal to at least the value of the state aggregate cap of \$12.5 million by calendar year 2017. The estimate assumes that the credits are utilized against tax liabilities over a 3-year period so that by fiscal year 2020 the revenue loss to the state equals \$12.5 million.

#### *Postproduction Tax credit*

- Several major digital media companies are currently located in Georgia. Based on discussions with industry professionals, it is anticipated that the post production activity currently undertaken by these companies in locations outside of Georgia will be relocated to Georgia as a result of this legislation.
- Given the size of operations of these existing media companies and the size of the film industry in Georgia, the estimate assumes that the maximum allowable value of credits will be earned each calendar year. The estimate assumes that the credits are utilized against tax liabilities over a 3-year period so that by fiscal year 2019 the revenue loss to the state equals \$8.3 million.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 199:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies; to remove the sunset on such exemptions; to add an exemption for certain prereleased products; to provide for a new state income tax credit for qualified postproduction expenditures of postproduction companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to the income tax credit for film, video, or digital production in this state, as follows:

"48-7-40.26.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affiliates' means those entities that are included in the production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's affiliated group as defined in Section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and all other entities that are directly or indirectly owned 50 percent or more by members of the affiliated group.

(2) 'Base investment' means the aggregate funds actually invested and expended by a production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company as production expenditures incurred in this state that are directly used in a state certified production or productions.

(3) 'Game platform' means the electronic delivery system used to launch or play an interactive game.

(4) 'Game sequel' means an interactive game which builds upon the theme of a previously released interactive game, is distinguished by a new title, and features objectives or characters that are recognizably different from the original game.

~~(3)~~(5) 'Multimarket commercial distribution' means paid commercial distribution with media buys which extends extend to markets outside the State of Georgia.

(6) 'Prereleased interactive game' means a new game, the offering of an existing game on a new game platform, or a game sequel that is in the developmental stages of

production, which may be available to individuals for testing purposes but is not generally made available or distributed to consumers or to the general public.

~~(4)~~(7) 'Production company' means a company, other than a qualified interactive entertainment production company, primarily engaged in qualified production activities which have been approved by the Department of Economic Development. This term shall not mean or include any form of business owned, affiliated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by any company or person which is in default on any tax obligation of the state, or a loan made by the state or a loan guaranteed by the state.

~~(5)~~(8) 'Production expenditures' means preproduction, production, and postproduction expenditures incurred in this state that are directly used in a qualified production activity, including without limitation the following: set construction and operation; wardrobes, make-up, accessories, and related services; costs associated with photography and sound synchronization, expenditures excluding license fees incurred with Georgia companies for sound recordings and musical compositions, lighting, and related services and materials; editing and related services; rental of facilities and equipment; leasing of vehicles; costs of food and lodging; digital or tape editing, film processing, transfers of film to tape or digital format, sound mixing, computer graphics services, special effects services, and animation services; total aggregate payroll; airfare, if purchased through a Georgia travel agency or travel company; insurance costs and bonding, if purchased through a Georgia insurance agency; and other direct costs of producing the project in accordance with generally accepted entertainment industry practices. This term shall not include postproduction expenditures for footage shot outside the State of Georgia, marketing, story rights, or distribution, but shall not affect other qualified story rights. This term includes payments to a loan-out company by a production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company that has met its withholding tax obligations as set out below. The production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company shall withhold Georgia income tax at the rate of 6 percent on all payments to loan-out companies for services performed in Georgia. Any amounts so withheld shall be deemed to have been withheld by the loan-out company on wages paid to its employees for services performed in Georgia pursuant to Article 5 of ~~Chapter 7 of this title~~ this chapter notwithstanding the exclusion provided in subparagraph (K) of paragraph (10) of Code Section 48-7-100. The amounts so withheld shall be allocated to the loan-out company's employees based on the payments made to the loan-out company's employees for services performed in Georgia. For purposes of this chapter, loan-out company nonresident employees performing services in Georgia shall be considered taxable nonresidents and the loan-out company shall be subject to income taxation in the taxable year in which the loan-out company's employees perform services in Georgia, notwithstanding any other provisions in this chapter. Such withholding liability shall be subject to penalties and interest in the same manner as the employee withholding taxes imposed by Article 5 of ~~Chapter 7 of this title~~ this chapter and the commissioner shall provide by regulation the manner in

which such liability shall be assessed and collected.

~~(6)~~(9) 'Qualified Georgia promotion' means a qualified promotion of this state approved by the Department of Economic Development consisting of a:

(A) Qualified movie production which includes a five-second long static or animated logo that promotes Georgia in the end credits before the below-the-line crew crawl for the life of the project and which includes a link to Georgia on the project's web page;

(B) Qualified TV production which includes an embedded five-second long Georgia promotion during each broadcast worldwide for the life of the project and which includes a link to Georgia on the project's web page;

(C) Qualified music video which includes the Georgia logo at the end of each video and within online promotions; or

(D) Qualified interactive game which includes a 15 second long Georgia advertisement in units sold and embedded in online promotions.

~~(7)~~(10) 'Qualified interactive entertainment production company' means a company that:

(A) Maintains a business location physically located in Georgia;

(B)(i) Through December 31, 2017, in ~~in~~ the calendar year directly preceding the start of the taxable year of the qualified interactive entertainment production company, had a total aggregate payroll of \$500,000.00 or more for employees working within the state; or

(ii) On or after January 1, 2018, had a total aggregate payroll of \$250,000.00 or more for employees working within the state in the taxable year the qualified interactive entertainment production company claims the tax credits;

(C) Has gross income less than \$100 million for the taxable year; and

(D) Is primarily engaged in qualified production activities related to interactive entertainment which have been approved by the Department of Economic Development.

This term shall not mean or include any form of business owned, affiliated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by any company or person which is in default on any tax obligation of the state, or a loan made by the state or a loan guaranteed by the state.

~~(8)~~(11) 'Qualified production activities' means the production of new film, video, or digital projects produced in this state and approved by the Department of Economic Development, including only the following: feature films, series, pilots, movies for television, televised commercial advertisements, music videos, interactive entertainment, prereleased interactive games, or sound recording projects used in feature films, series, pilots, or movies for television. Such activities shall include projects recorded in this state, in whole or in part, in either short or long form, animation and music, fixed on a delivery system which includes without limitation film, videotape, computer disc, laser disc, and any element of the digital domain, from which the program is viewed or reproduced, and which is intended for multimarket commercial distribution via theaters, video on demand, direct to DVD, digital

platforms designed for the distribution of interactive games, licensing for exhibition by individual television stations, groups of stations, networks, advertiser supported sites, cable television stations, or public broadcasting stations. Such term shall not include the coverage of news and athletic events, local interest programming, instructional videos, corporate videos, or projects not shot, recorded, or originally created in Georgia.

~~(9)~~(12) 'Resident' means an individual as designated pursuant to paragraph (10) of Code Section 48-7-1, as amended.

~~(10)~~(13) 'State certified production' means a production engaged in qualified production activities which have been approved by the Department of Economic Development in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to this Code section. In the instance of a 'work for hire' in which one production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company hires another production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company to produce a project or contribute elements of a project for pay, the hired company shall be considered a service provider for the hiring company, and the hiring company shall be entitled to the film tax credit.

~~(11)~~(14) 'Total aggregate payroll' means the total sum expended by a production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company on salaries paid to employees working within this state in a state certified production or productions. For purposes of this paragraph:

(A) With respect to a single employee, the portion of any salary which exceeds \$500,000.00 for a single production shall not be included when calculating total aggregate payroll; and

(B) All payments to a single employee and any legal entity in which the employee has any direct or indirect ownership interest shall be considered as having been paid to the employee and shall be aggregated regardless of the means of payment or distribution.

(c) For any production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates that invest in a state certified production approved by the Department of Economic Development and whose average annual total production expenditures in this state did not exceed \$30 million for 2002, 2003, and 2004, there shall be allowed an income tax credit against the tax imposed under this article. The tax credit under this subsection shall be allowed if the base investment in this state equals or exceeds \$500,000.00 for qualified production activities, except that any qualified interactive entertainment production company shall be allowed the tax credit under this subsection if the base investment in this state equals or exceeds \$250,000.00 for qualified production activities on or after January 1, 2018, and shall be calculated as follows:

(1) The production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company shall be allowed a tax credit equal to 20 percent of the base investment in this state; and

(2)(A) The production company or qualified interactive entertainment production

company shall be allowed an additional tax credit equal to 10 percent of such base investment if the qualified production activity includes a qualified Georgia promotion. Such additional tax credit shall be allowed for any qualified production that includes a qualified Georgia promotion upon its release to the general public. In lieu of the inclusion of the Georgia promotional logo, the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company may offer alternative marketing opportunities to be evaluated by the Department of Economic Development to ensure that they offer equal or greater promotional value to the State of Georgia.

(B) The Department of Economic Development shall prepare an annual report detailing the marketing opportunities it has approved under the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) The goals and strategy behind each marketing opportunity approved pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;
- (ii) The names of all production companies approved by the Department of Economic Development to provide alternative marketing opportunities;
- (iii) The estimated value to the state of each approved alternative marketing opportunity compared to the estimated value of the Georgia promotional logo; and
- (iv) The names of all production companies who chose to include the Georgia promotional logo in their final production instead of offering the state an alternative marketing proposal.

The report required under this paragraph shall be completed no later than January 1 of each year and presented to each member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee, the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, and the Governor.

(d) For any production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates that invest in a state certified production approved by the Department of Economic Development and whose average annual total production expenditures in this state exceeded \$30 million for 2002, 2003, and 2004, there shall be allowed an income tax credit against the tax imposed under this article. For purposes of this subsection, the excess base investment in this state is computed by taking the current year production expenditures in a state certified production and subtracting the average of the annual total production expenditures for 2002, 2003, and 2004. The tax credit shall be calculated as follows:

(1) If the excess base investment in this state equals or exceeds \$500,000.00, or \$250,000.00 for qualified interactive entertainment production activities on or after January 1, 2018, the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates shall be allowed a tax credit of 20 percent of such excess base investment; and

(2)(A) The production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates shall be allowed an additional tax credit equal to 10 percent of the excess base investment if the qualified production activities include a

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(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for qualified interactive entertainment production companies and affiliates exceed \$25 million for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and before January 1, 2014. The maximum credit for any qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates shall be \$5 million for such taxable year. When the \$25 million cap is reached, the tax credit for qualified interactive entertainment production companies shall expire for such taxable years.

(2) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2015, the amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for qualified interactive entertainment production companies and affiliates shall not exceed \$12.5 million.

(3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2016, the amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for qualified interactive entertainment production companies and affiliates shall not exceed \$12.5 million.

(4) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, ~~2019~~ 2018, the amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for qualified interactive entertainment production companies and affiliates shall not exceed \$12.5 million for each taxable year. ~~The tax credits allowed under this Code section for~~

~~qualified interactive entertainment production companies and affiliates shall not be available for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.~~

(5)(A) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section for qualified interactive entertainment production companies and affiliates shall not exceed \$12.5 million for each taxable year.

(B) Beginning on or after January 1, 2018, qualified interactive entertainment production companies are eligible for tax credits for prereleased interactive game production; provided, however, that such credits shall not be available for a period which exceeds three years.

~~(5)(6)~~ The maximum allowable credit claimed for any qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates shall not exceed \$1.5 million in any single year.

~~(6)(7)~~ Qualified interactive entertainment production companies seeking to claim a tax credit under the provisions of this Code section shall submit an application to the commissioner for preapproval of such tax credit. The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations and forms necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section. The commissioner shall preapprove the tax credits based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

~~(7)(8)~~ No qualified interactive entertainment production company shall be allowed to claim an amount of tax credits under this Code section for any single year in excess of its total aggregate payroll expended to employees working within this state for the calendar year ~~directly preceding the start of the year~~ that the qualified interactive entertainment production company claims the tax credits. Any amount in excess of such limit shall not be eligible for carry forward to the succeeding years' tax liability, nor shall such excess amount be eligible for use against the qualified interactive entertainment production company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103, nor shall such excess amount be assigned, sold, or transferred to any other taxpayer.

~~(8)(9)~~ Before the Department of Economic Development issues its approval to the qualified interactive entertainment production company for the qualified production activities related to interactive entertainment, the qualified interactive entertainment production company must certify to the department that:

(A) The qualified interactive entertainment production company maintains a business location physically located in this state; and

(B) The qualified interactive entertainment production company had expended a total aggregate payroll of \$500,000.00 or more, or \$250,000.00 or more on or after January 1, 2018, for employees working within this state during ~~the calendar year directly preceding the start of~~ the taxable year of the qualified interactive



entertainment production company.

The department shall issue a certification that the qualified interactive entertainment production company meets the requirements of this paragraph; provided, however, that the department shall not issue any certifications before July 1, 2014. The qualified interactive entertainment production company shall provide such certification to the Department of Economic Development. The Department of Economic Development shall not issue its approval until it receives such certification.

~~(9)~~(10)(A) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, ~~and before January 1, 2019~~, the qualified interactive entertainment production company shall report to the Department of Revenue on its Georgia income tax return the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, a full-time employee shall mean a person who performs a job that requires a minimum of 35 hours a week, and pays at or above the average wage earned in the county with the lowest average wage earned in this state, as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor.

(B) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, and before January 1, 2017, the qualified interactive entertainment production company shall report such number for such taxable year and separately for each of the prior two taxable years.

(C) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, ~~and before January 1, 2019~~, the qualified interactive entertainment production company shall report such number for each respective taxable year.

(D) Notwithstanding Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, for such taxable years, the commissioner shall report yearly to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee. The report shall include the name, tax year beginning, and monthly average number of full-time employees for each qualified interactive entertainment production company. The first report shall be submitted by June 30, 2016, and each year thereafter by June 30.

(f)(1) Where the amount of such credit or credits exceeds the production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's liability for such taxes in a taxable year, the excess may be taken as a credit against such production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103. Each employee whose employer receives credit against such production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 shall receive credit against his or her income tax liability under Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year for the full amount which would be credited against such liability prior to the application of the credit provided for in this subsection. Credits against quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103 and credits against liability under Code Section 48-7-20 established by this subsection shall not constitute income to the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company.

(2) If a production company and its affiliates, or a qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates, claim the credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.17, or 48-7-40.18, then the production company and its affiliates, or the qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates, will only be allowed to claim the credit authorized under this Code section to the extent that the Georgia resident employees included in the credit calculation authorized under this Code section and taken by the production company and its affiliates, or the qualified interactive entertainment production company and its affiliates, on such tax return under this Code section have been permanently excluded from the credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.17, or 48-7-40.18.

(g) Any tax credits with respect to a state certified production earned by a production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company and previously claimed but not used by such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company against its income tax may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees;

(2) Such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company shall submit to the Department of Economic Development and to the Department of Revenue a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's tax credit balance prior to transfer, the credit certificate number, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the Department of Economic Development or the Department of Revenue;

(3) Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in the disallowance of the tax credit until the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company is in full compliance;

(4) The transfer or sale of this tax credit does not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date on which the tax credit was originally earned;

(5) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit that were available to such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company at the time of the transfer, except for the use of the credit in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of this Code section. To the extent that such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the Department of Revenue shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against such production

company or qualified interactive entertainment production company; and

(6) The transferee must acquire the tax credits in this Code section for a minimum of 60 percent of the amount of the tax credits so transferred.

(h) The credit granted under this Code section shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The credit may be taken beginning with the taxable year in which the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company has met the investment requirement. For each year in which such production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company either claims or transfers the credit, the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company shall attach a schedule to the production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's Georgia income tax return which will set forth the following information, as a minimum:

(A) A description of the qualified production activities, along with the certification from the Department of Economic Development;

(B) A detailed listing of the employee names, social security numbers, and Georgia wages when salaries are included in the base investment;

(C) The amount of tax credit claimed for the taxable year;

(D) Any tax credit previously taken by the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company against Georgia income tax liabilities or the production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103;

(E) The amount of tax credit carried over from prior years;

(F) The amount of tax credit utilized by the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company in the current taxable year; and

(G) The amount of tax credit to be carried over to subsequent tax years;

(2) In the initial year in which the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company claims the credit granted in this Code section, the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company shall include in the description of the qualified production activities required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection information which demonstrates that the activities included in the base investment or excess base investment equal or exceed \$500,000.00 during such year, or \$250,000.00 on or after January 1, 2018, for qualified interactive entertainment production companies; and

(3) In no event shall the amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the production company's or qualified interactive entertainment production company's income tax liability. Any unused credit amount shall be allowed to be carried forward for five years from the close of the taxable year in which the investment occurred. No such credit shall be allowed the production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company against prior years' tax liability.

(i) The Department of Economic Development shall determine through the promulgation of rules and regulations what projects qualify for the tax credits

authorized under this Code section. Certification shall be submitted to the state revenue commissioner.

(j) The state revenue commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement and administer this Code section.

(k) Any production company or qualified interactive entertainment production company claiming, transferring, or selling the tax credit shall be required to reimburse the Department of Revenue for any department initiated audits relating to the tax credit. This subsection shall not apply to routine tax audits of a taxpayer which may include the review of the credit provided in this Code section."

## SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.26A.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Entertainment Industry Postproduction Investment Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affiliates' means those entities that are included in the postproduction company's affiliated group as defined in Section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and all other entities that are directly or indirectly owned 50 percent or more by members of the affiliated group.

(2) 'Multimarket commercial distribution' means paid commercial distribution media buys which extend to markets outside the State of Georgia.

(3) 'Postproduction company' means a company that:

(A) Maintains a business location physically located in this state;

(B) Has a total aggregate payroll of \$250,000.00 or more for employees working within the state in the taxable year the postproduction company claims the tax credits;

(C) Is engaged in qualified postproduction activities; and

(D) Has been approved by the Department of Revenue.

This term shall not mean or include any form of business owned, affiliated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by any company or person which is in default on any tax obligation of the state, or a loan made by the state or a loan guaranteed by the state. In the instance of a 'work for hire' in which one postproduction company hires another postproduction company to engage in qualified postproduction activities for pay, the hired company shall be considered a service provider for the hiring company and the hiring company shall be entitled to the postproduction tax credit only if the Department of Revenue certifies that the hired company is a Georgia company employing workers in this state and that the work is done solely in this state.

(4) 'Qualified postproduction activities' means the activities performed on a qualified production employing traditional, emerging, and new workflow techniques used in postproduction for picture, sound, and music editing, rerecording and mixing, visual effects, graphic design, original scoring, animation, musical composition, and other activities performed after initial production and including activities performed on

previously produced and edited content.

(5) 'Qualified postproduction expenditures' means expenditures incurred in this state directly in qualified postproduction activities, including without limitation the following:

(A) Costs associated with photography and sound synchronization;

(B) Expenditures, excluding license fees, incurred with Georgia companies for sound recordings and musical compositions, lighting, and related services and materials;

(C) Editing and related services;

(D) Rental of facilities and equipment;

(E) Leasing of vehicles;

(F) Costs of food and lodging;

(G) Digital or tape editing, film processing, transfers of film to tape or digital format, sound mixing, computer graphics services, special effects services, and animation services;

(H) Total aggregate payroll;

(I) Airfare, if purchased through a Georgia travel agency or travel company;

(J) Insurance costs and bonding, if purchased through a Georgia insurance agency; and

(K) Other direct postproduction costs for the project in accordance with generally accepted entertainment industry practices.

This term includes expenditures incurred in this state for footage shot inside or outside this state.

(6) 'Qualified production' means a film, video, or digital project, including only the following: feature films, series, pilots, movies for television, televised commercial advertisements, music videos, interactive entertainment, or sound recording projects used in feature films, series, pilots, or movies for television. This term shall include projects shot, recorded, or originally created in either short or long form, animation and music, fixed on a delivery system which includes without limitation film, videotape, computer disc, laser disc, and any element of the digital domain, from which the program is viewed or reproduced, and which is intended for multimarket commercial distribution via theaters, video on demand, direct to DVD, digital platforms designed for the distribution of interactive games, licensing for exhibition by individual television stations, groups of stations, networks, advertiser supported sites, cable television stations, or public broadcasting stations. Such term shall not include the coverage of news and athletic events, local interest programming, instructional videos, and corporate videos.

(7) 'Total aggregate payroll' means the total sum expended by a postproduction company on salaries paid to employees working within this state on qualified postproduction activities.

(c)(1) A postproduction company that has incurred qualified postproduction expenditures of at least \$500,000.00 in a taxable year shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed by this article, subject to the conditions and limitations set

forth in this Code section.

(2)(A) The tax credit allowed shall be equal to 20 percent of the qualified postproduction expenditures actually invested and expended by the postproduction company in a taxable year.

(B) An additional tax credit equal to 10 percent of the qualified postproduction expenditures shall be allowed if the qualified production expenditures, as defined in Code Section 48-7-40.26, were incurred in this state.

(3) The amount of tax credits allowed to a postproduction company under this Code section for any single taxable year shall not exceed the postproduction company's total aggregate payroll expended to employees working within this state for the taxable year the postproduction company claims the tax credit.

(c.1)(1) A postproduction company that has incurred qualified postproduction expenditures of at least \$100,000.00 but less than \$500,000.00 and has a total aggregate payroll in this state of at least \$100,000.00 but less than \$500,000.00 in a taxable year shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed by this article, subject to the additional limitations set forth in this subsection.

(2) The tax credit allowed shall be equal to 20 percent of the qualified postproduction expenditures actually invested and expended by the postproduction company in a taxable year.

(3) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this subsection for smaller postproduction companies shall not exceed \$1 million per taxable year. This \$1 million aggregate amount of tax credits is separate from, and shall not be included in, the aggregate amount of tax credits under subsection (d) of this Code section.

(d) The tax credits allowed under this Code section for all postproduction companies shall be subject to the following aggregate annual caps:

(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before January 1, 2019, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed \$5 million;

(2) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed \$10 million;

(3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed \$15 million per year;

(4) The tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not be available for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023; and

(5) If the aggregate amount of tax credits claimed by taxpayers under this Code section during a year is less than the aggregate annual cap applicable to such year, the unclaimed portion of the aggregate annual cap shall be added to the aggregate annual cap applicable to the next succeeding year or years until it is fully claimed.

(e)(1) The maximum allowable tax credit under this Code section claimed by a single postproduction company and its affiliates shall not exceed, in any single taxable year, 20 percent of the aggregate amount of tax credits available for such taxable year under

subsection (d) of this Code section, including the amount of any aggregate annual caps rolled over from prior years.

(2) Postproduction companies seeking to claim a tax credit under this Code section shall submit an application to the Department of Revenue for preapproval of such tax credit. The Department of Revenue shall preapprove the tax credits based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the Department of Revenue shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(f) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before January 1, 2023, the postproduction company shall report to the Department of Revenue on its Georgia income tax return the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Georgia income tax withholding for the taxable year. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'full-time employee' shall mean a person who performs a job that requires a minimum of 35 hours a week, and pays at or above the average wage earned in the county with the lowest average wage earned in this state, as reported in the most recently available annual issue of the Georgia Employment and Wages Averages Report of the Department of Labor. Notwithstanding Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, for such taxable years, the commissioner shall annually report to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee. The report shall include the name, tax year beginning, and monthly average number of full-time employees for each postproduction company. The first report shall be submitted by June 30, 2018, and each year thereafter by June 30.

(g)(1) Any qualified postproduction expenditures for which a production company claims a tax credit under Code Section 48-7-40.26 shall not be eligible for postproduction expenditures for purposes of the credit authorized under this Code section.

(2) If a postproduction company and its affiliates claim the credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.17, or 48-7-40.18, then the postproduction company and its affiliates will only be allowed to claim the credit authorized under this Code section to the extent that the Georgia resident employees included in the credit calculation authorized under this Code section and taken by the postproduction company and its affiliates on such tax return under this Code section have been permanently excluded from the credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.17, or 48-7-40.18.

(h) The credit granted under this Code section shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The credit may be taken beginning with the taxable year in which the postproduction company has incurred the qualified postproduction expenditures. For each year in which such postproduction company either claims or transfers the credit, the postproduction company shall attach a schedule to the postproduction company's Georgia income tax return which will set forth the following information, as a minimum:

- (A) A description of the qualified postproduction activities;
- (B) A certification that the postproduction company maintains a business location physically located in this state;
- (C) A certification that the postproduction company expended a total aggregate payroll of \$250,000.00 or more for employees working within this state during the taxable year of the postproduction company;
- (D) In the initial year in which the postproduction company claims the credit granted in this Code section only, information demonstrating that the qualified postproduction expenditures equal or exceed \$500,000.00 during such year;
- (E) A detailed listing of the employee names, social security numbers, and Georgia wages when salaries are included in the qualified postproduction expenditures;
- (F) The amount of tax credit claimed for the taxable year;
- (G) Any tax credit previously taken by the postproduction company against Georgia income tax liabilities or the postproduction company's quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103;
- (H) The amount of tax credit carried over from prior years;
- (I) The amount of tax credit utilized by the postproduction company in the current taxable year; and
- (J) The amount of tax credit to be carried over to subsequent tax years.

The postproduction company shall file a copy of the schedule with the Department of Economic Development within 30 days after the schedule is filed with its income tax return;

(2) Where the amount of tax credits under this Code section exceeds the postproduction company's income tax liability in a taxable year, any unused credit amount:

- (A) May be carried forward for five years from the close of the taxable year in which the investment occurred; or
- (B) May be taken as a credit against such postproduction company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103. Each employee whose employer receives credit against such postproduction company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 shall receive credit against his or her income tax liability under Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year for the full amount which would be credited against such liability prior to the application of the credit provided for in this subparagraph. Credits against quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103 and credits against liability under Code Section 48-7-20 established by this subparagraph shall not constitute income to the postproduction company.

No such credit shall be allowed the postproduction company against prior years' tax liability; and

(3) Any tax credits earned by a postproduction company under this Code section and previously claimed but not used by such postproduction company against its income tax or its monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such postproduction company to another Georgia taxpayer,



subject to the following conditions:

(A) Such postproduction company may make only a single transfer or sale of tax credits earned in a taxable year; however, the transfer or sale may involve one or more transferees;

(B) Such postproduction company shall submit to the Department of Economic Development and to the Department of Revenue a written notification of any transfer or sale of tax credits within 30 days after the transfer or sale of such tax credits. The notification shall include such postproduction company's tax credit balance prior to transfer, the credit certificate number, the remaining balance after transfer, all tax identification numbers for each transferee, the date of transfer, the amount transferred, and any other information required by the Department of Economic Development or the Department of Revenue;

(C) Failure to comply with this paragraph shall result in the disallowance of the tax credit until the postproduction company is in full compliance;

(D) The transfer or sale of this tax credit does not extend the time in which such tax credit can be used. The carry-forward period for a tax credit that is transferred or sold shall begin on the date on which the tax credit was originally earned;

(E) A transferee shall have only such rights to claim and use the tax credit that were available to such postproduction company at the time of the transfer, except for the use of the credit in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection. To the extent that such postproduction company did not have rights to claim or use the tax credit at the time of the transfer, the Department of Revenue shall either disallow the tax credit claimed by the transferee or recapture the tax credit from the transferee. The transferee's recourse is against such postproduction company; and

(F) Any postproduction company claiming, transferring, or selling the tax credit shall be required to reimburse the Department of Revenue for any department initiated audits relating to the tax credit. This subparagraph shall not apply to routine tax audits of a taxpayer that may include the review of the credit provided in this Code section.

(i) The Department of Revenue and the Department of Economic Development shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

### **SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, and shall be applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

### **SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
E Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 4.

HB 199, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 238. By Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Abrams of the 89th, England of the 116th, LaRiccia of the 169th, Epps of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide an exception to a breach of the covenants for use of the property for solar power generation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 238:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for an expanded definition of family farm; to provide for an exception or limitation to a breach of the covenants for use of the property for solar power generation or for farm labor housing; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(C) and subsection (p) of Code Section 48-5-7.4, relating to bona fide conservation use property, as follows:

"(C) Except as otherwise provided in division (vii) of this subparagraph, such property must be owned by:

- (i) One or more natural or naturalized citizens;
- (ii) An estate of which the devisees or heirs are one or more natural or naturalized citizens;
- (iii) A trust of which the beneficiaries are one or more natural or naturalized citizens;
- (iv) A family owned farm entity, such as a family corporation, a family partnership, a family general partnership, a family limited partnership, a family limited corporation, or a family limited liability company, all of the interest of which is owned by one or more natural or naturalized citizens related to each other by blood or marriage within the fourth degree of civil reckoning, except that, solely with respect to a family limited partnership, a corporation, limited partnership, limited corporation, or limited liability company may serve as a general partner of the family limited partnership and hold no more than a 5 percent interest in such family limited partnership, an estate of which the devisees or heirs are one or more natural or naturalized citizens, ~~or~~ a trust of which the beneficiaries are one or more natural or naturalized citizens, or an entity created by the merger or consolidation of two or more entities which independently qualify as a family owned farm entity, and which family owned farm entity derived 80 percent or more of its gross income from bona fide conservation uses, including earnings on investments directly related to past or future bona fide conservation uses, within this state within the year immediately preceding the year in which eligibility is sought; provided, however, that in the case of a newly formed family farm entity,

an estimate of the income of such entity may be used to determine its eligibility;

(v) A bona fide nonprofit conservation organization designated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(vi) A bona fide club organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes pursuant to Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(vii) In the case of constructed storm-water wetlands, any person may own such property;"

"(p) The following shall not constitute a breach of a covenant:

(1) Mineral exploration of the property subject to the covenant or the leasing of the property subject to the covenant for purposes of mineral exploration if the primary use of the property continues to be the good faith production from or on the land of agricultural products;

(2) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant to lie fallow or idle for purposes of any land conservation program, for purposes of any federal agricultural assistance program, or for other agricultural management purposes;

(3) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant to lie fallow or idle due to economic or financial hardship if the owner notifies the board of tax assessors on or before the last day for filing a tax return in the county where the land lying fallow or idle is located and if such owner does not allow the land to lie fallow or idle for more than two years of any five-year period;

(4)(A) Any property which is subject to a covenant for bona fide conservation use being transferred to a place of religious worship or burial or an institution of purely public charity if such place or institution is qualified to receive the exemption from ad valorem taxation provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-41. No person shall be entitled to transfer more than 25 acres of such person's property in the aggregate under this paragraph.

(B) Any property transferred under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be used by the transferee for any purpose other than for a purpose which would entitle such property to the applicable exemption from ad valorem taxation provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-41 or subsequently transferred until the expiration of the term of the covenant period. Any such use or transfer shall constitute a breach of the covenant;

(5) Leasing a portion of the property subject to the covenant, but in no event more than six acres, for the purpose of placing thereon a cellular telephone transmission tower. Any such portion of such property shall cease to be subject to the covenant as of the date of execution of such lease and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value;

(6) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant on which a corn crop is grown to be used for the purpose of constructing and operating a maze so long as the remainder of such corn crop is harvested;

(7)(A) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for agritourism purposes.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term 'agritourism' means charging admission for

persons to visit, view, or participate in the operation of a farm or dairy or production of farm or dairy products for entertainment or educational purposes or selling farm or dairy products to persons who visit such farm or dairy;

(8) Allowing all or part of the property which has been subject to a covenant for at least one year to be used as a site for farm weddings;

(9) Allowing all or part of the property which has been subject to a covenant for at least one year to be used to host not for profit equestrian performance events to which spectator admission is not contingent upon an admission fee but which may charge an entry fee from each participant; or

(10) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant to be used to host a not for profit rodeo event to which spectator admission and participant entry fees are charged in an amount that in aggregate does not exceed the cost of hosting such event;

(11)(A) Allowing part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for solar generation of energy and conversion of such energy into heat or electricity, and the sale of the same in accordance with applicable law.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not allow the portion of the property on which such solar energy generating equipment is located, as depicted by a boundary survey prepared by a licensed surveyor, and which is subject to an existing covenant to remain in the covenant. Such property shall be removed from the existing covenant at the time of the installation of the solar energy generating equipment and shall be subject to the penalty for breach of the covenant contained in subsection (q) of this Code section and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value; or

(12)(A) Allowing part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for farm labor housing. As used in this paragraph, the term 'farm labor housing' means all buildings or structures used as living quarters when such housing is provided free of charge to workers who provide labor on agricultural property.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not allow the portion of the property on which such farm labor housing is located and which is subject to an existing covenant to remain in the covenant. Such property shall be removed from the existing covenant at the time construction of the farm labor housing begins and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value."

## **SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (q) of Code Section 48-5-7.7, relating to the forest land protection act, as follows:

"(q) The following shall not constitute a breach of a covenant:

(1) Mineral exploration of the property subject to the covenant or the leasing of the property subject to the covenant for purposes of mineral exploration if the primary use of the property continues to be the good faith production from or on the land of timber;

(2) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant to lie fallow or idle for purposes of any forestry conservation program, for purposes of any federal

agricultural assistance program, or for other agricultural management purposes;

(3) Allowing all or part of the property subject to the covenant to lie fallow or idle due to economic or financial hardship if the qualified owner notifies the board of tax assessors on or before the last day for filing a tax return in the county where the land lying fallow or idle is located and if such qualified owner does not allow the land to lie fallow or idle for more than two years of any five-year period;

(4)(A) Any property which is subject to a covenant for forest land conservation use being transferred to a place of religious worship or burial or an institution of purely public charity if such place or institution is qualified to receive the exemption from ad valorem taxation provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-41. No qualified owner shall be entitled to transfer more than 25 acres of such person's property in the aggregate under this paragraph.

(B) Any property transferred under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be used by the transferee for any purpose other than for a purpose which would entitle such property to the applicable exemption from ad valorem taxation provided for under subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-41 or subsequently transferred until the expiration of the term of the covenant period. Any such use or transfer shall constitute a breach of the covenant; ~~or~~

(5) Leasing a portion of the property subject to the covenant, but in no event more than six acres of every unit of 2,000 acres, for the purpose of placing thereon a cellular telephone transmission tower. Any such portion of such property shall cease to be subject to the covenant as of the date of execution of such lease and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value;

(6)(A) Allowing part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for solar generation of energy and conversion of such energy into heat or electricity, and the sale of the same in accordance with applicable law.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not allow the portion of the property on which such solar energy generating equipment is located, as depicted by a boundary survey prepared by a licensed surveyor, and which is subject to an existing covenant to remain in the covenant. Such property shall be removed from the existing covenant at the time of the installation of the solar energy generating equipment and shall be subject to the penalty for breach of the covenant contained in subsection (r) of this Code section and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value; or

(7)(A) Allowing part of the property subject to the covenant to be used for farm labor housing. As used in this paragraph, the term 'farm labor housing' means all buildings or structures used as living quarters when such housing is provided free of charge to workers who provide labor on agricultural property.

(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not allow the portion of the property on which such farm labor housing is located and which is subject to an existing covenant to remain in the covenant. Such property shall be removed from the existing covenant at the time construction of the farm labor housing begins and shall be subject to ad valorem taxation at fair market value."

**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	N Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 9.

HB 238, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Williams of the 27th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 245. By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Smith of the 134th, Hitchens of the 161st, Hugley of the 136th, Holcomb of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to provide for the establishment of a process by the Professional Standards Commission by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates, certificates by endorsement, or expedited certificates upon moving to Georgia with their service member or transitioning service member spouse; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dugan of the 30th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 245, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.



HB 249. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Newton of the 123rd, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances and death investigations, respectively, so as to collect more information regarding the dispensing and use of certain controlled substances; to change the frequency of reporting certain prescriptions in the electronic data base of prescription information; to clarify provisions relating to confidentiality; to change provisions relating to liability and duties; to change provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to provide for a coroner's inquest when an individual dies of a suspected drug overdose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Unterman of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 249:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 13 of Title 16, Code Sections 26-4-116.2 and 31-2A-4, Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31, and Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, the authority of licensed health practitioners to prescribe opioid antagonists and immunity from liability, the obligations of the Department of Public Health, general provisions for health, and death investigations, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the use of the electronic data base; to transfer responsibilities for the electronic data base of prescription information of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the department's authority to continue the maintenance and development of the electronic data base of prescription information; to provide for definitions; to collect more information regarding the dispensing and use of certain controlled substances; to change the frequency of reporting certain prescriptions in the electronic data base of prescription information; to clarify provisions relating to confidentiality; to change provisions relating to liability and duties; to change provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to require the Department of Public Health have responsibility for the electronic prescription monitoring data base; to provide for information to patients by prescribers when prescribing opioids; to provide for immunity for the state health officer under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the state health officer; to provide for his or her authority in connection to certain dangerous drugs; to provide for a coroner's inquest when an individual dies of a suspected drug overdose; to amend Code Section 31-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, relating to reporting disease, confidentiality, reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, so as to add neonatal abstinence syndrome reporting; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for annual inspection; to provide for annual reporting of certain data; to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, so as to give a short title to a Code section relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators in schools; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, is amended by revising Part 2 of Article 2, relating to the electronic data base of prescription information, as follows:

"Part 2

16-13-57.

(a) As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Department' means the Department of Public Health.

(2) 'PDMP' means the prescription drug monitoring program data base.

~~(a)~~(b) Subject to funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly or otherwise available for such purpose, the ~~agency~~ department shall, in consultation with members of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the State Board of Pharmacy, and the agency, establish and maintain a program to electronically record into an electronic ~~data~~ PDMP prescription information resulting from the dispensing of Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances and to electronically review such prescription information that has been entered into such data base. The purpose of such ~~program~~ PDMP shall be to assist in the reduction of the abuse of controlled substances; ~~to improve, enhance, and encourage a better quality of health care by promoting the proper use of medications to treat pain and terminal illness,—and;~~ to improve, enhance, and encourage a better quality of health care by promoting the proper use of medications to treat pain and terminal illness,—and; to reduce duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of controlled substance practices, for health oversight purposes; and to gather data for epidemiological research.

~~(b) Such program~~ The PDMP shall be administered by the ~~agency at the direction and~~

~~oversight of the board~~ department.

(c) Each prescriber who has a DEA registration number shall enroll to become a user of the PDMP as soon as possible, and no later than January 1, 2018; provided, however, that prescribers who attain a DEA registration number after such date shall enroll within 30 days of attaining such credentials. A prescriber who violates this subsection shall be held administratively accountable to the state regulatory board governing such prescriber for such violation.

(d) Between January 1, 2018, and May 31, 2018, the department shall randomly test the PDMP to determine if it is accessible and operational 99.5 percent of the time. If the department determines that the PDMP meets such standard, then between June 1, 2018, and June 20, 2018, the department shall certify in writing to each board that governs prescribers that it is operational. Each board that governs prescribers shall publish such information on its website.

16-13-58.

(a) The ~~agency~~ department shall be authorized to apply for available grants and may accept any gifts, grants, donations, and other funds to assist in developing and maintaining the ~~program established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57~~ PDMP; provided, however, that neither the ~~board, agency, department~~ nor any other state entity shall accept a grant that requires as a condition of the grant any sharing of information that is inconsistent with this part.

(b) The ~~agency~~ department shall be authorized to grant funds to dispensers for the purpose of covering costs for dedicated equipment and software for dispensers to use in complying with the reporting requirements of Code Section 16-13-59. Such grants to dispensers shall be funded by gifts, grants, donations, or other funds received by the ~~agency~~ department for the operation of the ~~program established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57. The agency~~ PDMP. The department shall be authorized to establish standards and specifications for any equipment and software purchased pursuant to a grant received by a dispenser pursuant to this Code section. Nothing in this part shall be construed to require a dispenser to incur costs to purchase equipment or software to comply with this part.

(c) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require any appropriation of state funds.

16-13-59.

(a) For purposes of the ~~program established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57~~ PDMP, each dispenser shall submit to the ~~agency~~ department by electronic means information regarding each prescription dispensed for a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance. The information submitted for each prescription shall include at a minimum, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) DEA permit number or approved dispenser facility controlled substance identification number;
- (2) Date the prescription was dispensed;
- (3) Prescription serial number;

- (4) If the prescription is new or a refill;
- (5) National Drug Code (NDC) for drug dispensed;
- (6) Quantity and strength dispensed;
- (7) Number of days supply of the drug;
- (8) Patient's name;
- (9) Patient's address;
- (10) Patient's date of birth;
- (11) Patient gender;
- (12) Method of payment;
- (13) Approved prescriber identification number or prescriber's DEA permit number;
- (14) Date the prescription was issued by the prescriber; and
- (15) Other data elements consistent with standards established by the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy, if designated by regulations of the agency department.

(b) Each dispenser shall submit the prescription information required in subsection (a) of this Code section in accordance with transmission methods ~~and frequency requirements~~ established by the ~~agency on at least a weekly basis and shall report, at a minimum, such prescription information no later than ten days after the prescription is dispensed~~ department at least every 24 hours. If a dispenser is temporarily unable to comply with this subsection due to an equipment failure or other circumstances, such dispenser shall immediately notify the board and agency department.

(c) The agency department may issue a waiver to a dispenser that is unable to submit prescription information by electronic means acceptable to the agency department. Such waiver may permit the dispenser to submit prescription information to the agency department by paper form or other means, provided all information required in subsection (a) of this Code section is submitted in this alternative format and in accordance with the frequency requirements established pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. Requests for waivers shall be submitted in writing to the agency department.

(d) The agency department shall not revise the information required to be submitted by dispensers pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section more frequently than annually. Any such change to the required information shall neither be effective nor applicable to dispensers until six months after the adoption of such changes.

(e) The agency department shall not access or allow others to access any identifying prescription information from the ~~electronic data base PDMP~~ after two years from the date such information was originally received by the agency department. The agency department may retain ~~aggregated~~ prescription information ~~for a period of two years from the date the information is received~~ that has been processed to remove personal identifiers from the health information in compliance with the standard and implementation rules of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, P.L. 104-191, for more than two years but shall promulgate regulations and procedures that will ensure that any identifying information the agency department receives from any dispenser or reporting entity that is two years old or older

is deleted or destroyed on an ongoing basis in a timely and secure manner.

(f) A dispenser may apply to the agency department for an exemption to be excluded from compliance with this Code section if compliance would impose an undue hardship on such dispenser. The agency department shall provide guidelines and criteria for what constitutes an undue hardship.

(g) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'dispenser' shall include any pharmacy or facility physically located in another state or foreign country that in any manner ships, mails, or delivers a dispensed controlled substance into this state.

16-13-60.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c), (c.1), and (d) of this Code section, prescription information submitted pursuant to Code Section 16-13-59 shall be confidential and shall not be subject to open records requirements, as contained in Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(b) The agency department, in conjunction with the board, shall establish and maintain strict procedures to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of patients, prescribers, and patient and prescriber information collected, recorded, transmitted, and maintained pursuant to this part are protected. Such information shall not be disclosed to any person or entity except as specifically provided in this part and only in a manner which in no way conflicts with the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, P.L. 104-191. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the agency or department from accessing prescription information as a part of an investigation into suspected or reported abuses or regarding illegal access of the data. Such information may be used in the prosecution of an offender who has illegally obtained prescription information.

(c) The agency department shall be authorized to provide requested prescription information collected pursuant to this part only as follows:

(1) To persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances for the sole purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care to a specific patient ~~or to delegates of such persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in accordance with the following:~~

~~(A) Such delegates are members of the prescriber or dispenser's staff and retrieve and review information and reports strictly for purposes of determining misuse, abuse, or underutilization of prescribed medication;~~

~~(B) Such delegates are licensed, registered, or certified by the state regulatory board governing the delegating prescriber or dispenser, and the delegating prescriber or dispenser shall be held responsible for the use of the information and data by their delegates; and~~

~~(C) All information and reports retrieved and reviewed by delegates shall be maintained in a secure and confidential manner in accordance with the requirements of subsection (f) of this Code section;~~

(2) Upon the request of a patient, prescriber, or dispenser about whom the prescription information requested concerns or upon the request on his or her behalf

of his or her attorney;

(3) To local or state law enforcement or prosecutorial officials pursuant to the issuance of a search warrant from an appropriate court or official in the county in which the office of such law enforcement or prosecutorial officials are located pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 or to federal law enforcement or prosecutorial officials pursuant to the issuance of a search warrant pursuant to 21 U.S.C. or a grand jury subpoena pursuant to 18 U.S.C.; ~~and~~

(4) To the agency, the Georgia Composite Medical Board or any other state regulatory board governing prescribers or dispensers in this state, or the Department of Community Health for purposes of the state Medicaid program, for health oversight purposes, or upon the issuance of a subpoena by such agency, board, or ~~department~~ Department of Community Health pursuant to their existing subpoena power or to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services upon the issuance of a subpoena by the federal government pursuant to its existing subpoena powers;

(5)(A) To not more than two individuals who are members per shift or rotation of the prescriber's or dispenser's staff or employed at the health care facility in which the prescriber is practicing, provided that such individuals:

(i) Are licensed under Chapter 11, 30, 34, or 35 of Title 43;

(ii) Are registered under Title 26;

(iii) Are licensed under Chapter 26 of Title 43 and submit to the annual registration process required by subsection (a) Code Section 16-13-35, and for purposes of this Code section, such individuals shall not be deemed exempted from registration as set forth in subsection (g) of Code Section 16-13-35; or

(iv) Submit to the annual registration process required by subsection (a) Code Section 16-13-35, and for purposes of this Code section, such individuals shall not be deemed exempted from registration as set forth in subsection (g) of Code Section 16-13-35;

(B) Such individuals may retrieve and review such information strictly for the purpose of:

(i) Providing medical or pharmaceutical care to a specific patient; or

(ii) Informing the prescriber or dispenser of a patient's potential use, misuse, abuse, or underutilization of prescribed medication;

(C) All information retrieved and reviewed by such individuals shall be maintained in a secure and confidential manner in accordance with the requirements of subsection (f) of this Code section; and

(D) The delegating prescriber or dispenser may be held civilly liable and criminally responsible for the misuse of the prescription information obtained by such individuals;

(6) To not more than two individuals, per shift or rotation, who are employed or contracted by the health care facility in which the prescriber is practicing so long as the medical director of such health care facility has authorized the particular individuals for such access; and

(7) In any hospital which provides emergency services, each prescriber may

designate two individuals, per shift or rotation, who are employed or contracted by such hospital so long as the medical director of such hospital has authorized the particular individuals for such access.

(c.1) An individual authorized to access ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information pursuant to this part may:

(1) Communicate concerns about a patient's potential usage, misuse, abuse, or underutilization of a controlled substance with ~~other~~ prescribers and dispensers that are involved in the patient's health care; ~~or~~

(2) Report potential violations of this article to the agency for review or investigation.

Following such review or investigation, the agency ~~may~~ shall:

(A) Refer instances of a patient's possible personal misuse or abuse of controlled substances to the patient's primary prescriber to allow for potential intervention and impairment treatment;

(B) Refer probable violations of controlled substances being acquired for illegal distribution, and not solely for a patient's personal use, to the appropriate authorities for further investigation and potential prosecution; or

(C) Refer probable regulatory violations by prescribers or dispensers to the regulatory board governing such person; or

(3) Include PDMP prescription information in a patient's electronic health or medical record.

(d) The ~~board~~ department may provide ~~statistical~~ data that has been processed to remove personal identifiers from the health information in compliance with the standard and implementation rules of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, P.L. 104-191, to government entities and other entities for statistical, research, educational, instructional, drug abuse prevention, or grant application purposes after removing information that could be used to identify prescribers or individual patients or persons who received prescriptions from dispensers; the board may provide nonpatient specific data to the agency for instructional, drug abuse prevention, and research purposes.

(e) Any person or entity ~~who~~ that receives ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information or related reports relating to this part from the ~~agency~~ department shall not ~~provide~~ disclose such information or reports to any other person or entity except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or as otherwise permitted pursuant to this part.

(f) Any permissible user identified in this part who directly accesses ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information shall implement and maintain a comprehensive information security program that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that are substantially equivalent to the security measures of the ~~agency~~ department. The permissible user shall identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information that could result in the unauthorized disclosure, misuse, or other compromise of the information and shall assess the sufficiency of any safeguards in place to control the risks.

(g) No provision in this part shall be construed to modify, limit, diminish, or impliedly repeal any authority ~~existing on June 30, 2011,~~ of a licensing or regulatory board or any other entity so authorized to obtain prescription information from sources other than the PDMP maintained pursuant to this part; provided, however, that the agency department shall be authorized to release information from the PDMP only in accordance with the provisions of this part.

16-13-61.

(a) There is established an Electronic Database Review Advisory Committee for the purposes of consulting with and advising the agency department on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of how prescriptions are electronically reviewed pursuant to this part. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, data collection, regulation of access to data, evaluation of data to identify benefits and outcomes of the reviews, communication to prescribers and dispensers as to the intent of the reviews and how to use the PDMP, and security of data collected.

(b) The advisory committee shall consist of ~~ten~~ 12 members as follows:

(1) A representative from the agency;

(2) A representative from the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(3) A representative from the Georgia Board of Dentistry;

(4) A representative with expertise in personal privacy matters, appointed by the president of the State Bar of Georgia;

(5) A representative from a specialty profession that deals in addictive medicine, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(6) A pain management specialist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(7) An oncologist, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(8) A representative from a hospice or hospice organization, appointed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board;

(9) A representative from the State Board of Optometry; ~~and~~

(10) The consumer member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 26-4-21;

(11) A pharmacist from the State Board of Pharmacy; and

(12) A representative from the Department of Public Health.

(c) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve a three-year term or until the appointment and qualification of such member's successor.

(d) The advisory committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its membership to serve a term of one year. The vice chairperson shall serve as the chairperson at times when the chairperson is absent.

(e) The advisory committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon request by at least three of the members and shall meet at least one time per year. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

(f) The members shall receive no compensation or reimbursement of expenses from the state for their services as members of the advisory committee.



16-13-62.

The agency department shall establish rules and regulations to implement the requirements of this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed to authorize the agency department to establish policies, rules, or regulations which limit, revise, or expand or purport to limit, revise, or expand any prescription or dispensing authority of any prescriber or dispenser subject to this part. Nothing in this part shall be construed to impede, impair, or limit a prescriber from prescribing pain medication in accordance with the pain management guidelines developed and adopted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

16-13-63.

(a)(1) ~~Nothing in this part shall require a dispenser or prescriber to obtain information about a patient from the program established pursuant to this part PDMP; provided, however, that dispensers are encouraged to obtain such information while keeping in mind that the purpose of such data base includes reducing duplicative prescribing and overprescribing of controlled substances. A dispenser or prescriber shall not have a duty and shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that the dispenser or prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from the electronic data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57. Nothing in this part shall create a private cause of action against a prescriber or dispenser PDMP.~~

(2)(A) On and after July 1, 2018, when a prescriber is prescribing a controlled substance listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or benzodiazepines, he or she shall seek and review information from the PDMP the first time he or she issues such prescription to a patient and thereafter at least once every 90 days, unless the:

(i) Prescription is for no more than a three-day supply of such substance and no more than 26 pills;

(ii) Patient is in a hospital or health care facility, including, but not limited to, a nursing home, an intermediate care home, a personal care home, or a hospice program, which provides patient care and prescriptions to be administered and used by a patient on the premises of the facility;

(iii) Patient has had outpatient surgery at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center and the prescription is for no more than a ten-day supply of such substance and no more than 40 pills;

(iv) Patient is terminally ill or under the supervised care of an outpatient hospice program; or

(v) Patient is receiving treatment for cancer.

(B) This paragraph shall not become effective unless the department's certification required by subsection (d) of Code Section 16-13-57 has been issued.

(C) A prescriber who violates this paragraph shall be held administratively accountable to the state regulatory board governing such prescriber but shall not be

held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that such prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from such data base when prescribing such substance.

(3) A prescriber who has reviewed information from the PDMP shall make or cause to be made a notation in the patient's medical record stating the date and time upon which such inquiry was made and identifying the individual's name who made such search and review. If the PDMP does not allow access to such individual, a notation to that effect shall also be made containing the same information of date, time, and individual's name.

(4) Nothing in this part shall require a prescriber to obtain information from the PDMP when he or she is prescribing a controlled substance that is classified as a Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substance for a patient other than those controlled substances listed in paragraph (1) or (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 and benzodiazepines. Such prescriber shall not have a duty and shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property on the basis that the prescriber did or did not seek or obtain information from such data base when prescribing such a substance.

(b) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, a person who is injured by reason of any violation of this part shall have a cause of action for the actual damages sustained and, when appropriate, punitive damages; provided, however, that a A dispenser or prescriber acting in good faith shall not be held civilly liable for damages to any person in any civil or administrative action or criminally responsible for injury, death, or loss to person or property for receiving or using information from the ~~electronic data base established pursuant to Code Section 16-13-57.~~ PDMP. Such injured person may also recover attorney's fees in the trial and appellate courts and the costs of investigation and litigation reasonably incurred.

16-13-64.

(a) A dispenser who knowingly and intentionally fails to submit prescription information to the ~~agency~~ department as required by this part or knowingly and intentionally submits incorrect prescription information shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for each such offense by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine not to exceed \$50,000.00, or both, and such actions shall be reported to the licensing board responsible for issuing such dispenser's dispensing license for action to be taken against such dispenser's license.

(b) An individual authorized to access ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information pursuant to this part who negligently uses, releases, or discloses such information in a manner or for a purpose in violation of this part shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of negligently using, releasing, or disclosing such information in violation of this part shall, upon the second or

subsequent conviction, be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than three years, a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00, or both.

(c)(1) An individual authorized to access ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information pursuant to this part who knowingly obtains or discloses such information in a manner or for a purpose in violation of this part shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine not to exceed \$50,000.00, or both.

(2) Any person who knowingly obtains, attempts to obtain, or discloses ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information pursuant to this part under false pretenses shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00, or both.

(3) Any person who obtains or discloses ~~electronic data base~~ PDMP prescription information not specifically authorized ~~herein in this part~~ with the intent to sell, transfer, or use such information for commercial advantage, personal gain, or malicious harm shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two years nor more than ten years, a fine not to exceed \$250,000.00, or both.

~~(d) Any person who is injured by reason of any violation of this part shall have a cause of action for the actual damages sustained and, where appropriate, punitive damages. Such person may also recover attorney's fees in the trial and appellate courts and the costs of investigation and litigation reasonably incurred.~~

~~(e)~~(d) The penalties provided by this Code section are intended to be cumulative of other penalties which may be applicable and are not intended to repeal such other penalties.

16-13-65.

(a) This part shall not apply to any veterinarian.

(b) This part shall not apply to any drug, substance, or immediate precursor classified as an exempt over the counter (OTC) Schedule V controlled substance pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to board rules established in accordance with Code Section 16-13-29.2."

### SECTION 1-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (635) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of a dangerous drug, as follows:

"(635) Naloxone — See exceptions;"

### SECTION 1-4.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (c) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of a dangerous drug, to read as follows:

"(14.25) Naloxone — shall also be exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose prevention and when supplied by a dispenser as follows:

- (A) Nasal adaptor rescue kits containing a minimum of two prefilled 2 ml. luer-lock syringes with each containing 1 mg./ml. of naloxone;  
(B) Prepackaged nasal spray rescue kits containing single-use spray devices with each containing up to 4 mg./0.1 ml. of naloxone;  
(C) Muscle rescue kits containing a 10 ml. multidose fliptop vial or two 1 ml. vials with a strength of 0.4 mg./ml. of naloxone; or  
(D) Prepackaged kits of two muscle autoinjectors with each containing up to 0.4 mg./ml. of naloxone;"

#### **SECTION 1-5.**

Code Section 31-2A-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health obligation to safeguard and promote health of people of this state, is amended by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (13), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (14), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(15) Maintain and administer the electronic prescription drug monitoring program data base established under Code Section 16-13-57."

#### **PART II SECTION 2-1.**

Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-13-56.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'opioids' means opiates, opioids, opioid analgesics, and opioid derivatives.

(b) A prescriber who issues a prescription for an opioid shall provide the patient receiving the prescription information on the addictive risks of using opioids and information on options available for safely disposing of any unused opioids where such options exist. Such information may be provided verbally or in writing."

#### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

Code Section 26-4-116.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the authority of licensed health practitioners to prescribe opioid antagonists and immunity from liability, is amended by revising subsections (c) through (e) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(c) A pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to pharmacists may dispense opioid antagonists pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section or Code Section 31-1-10.

(d) A person acting in good faith and with reasonable care to another person whom he or she believes to be experiencing an opioid related overdose may administer an opioid

antagonist that was prescribed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section in accordance with the protocol specified by the practitioner or pursuant to Code Section 31-1-10.

(e) The following individuals ~~are~~ shall be immune from any civil ~~or criminal~~ liability, criminal responsibility, or professional licensing sanctions for the following actions authorized by this Code section:

(1) Any practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner who prescribes an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Any practitioner or pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner or pharmacist who dispenses an opioid antagonist pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section; ~~and~~

(3) The state health officer acting in good faith and as provided in Code Section 31-1-10; and

~~(3)~~(4) Any person acting in good faith, other than a practitioner, who administers an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) Every pharmacy in this state shall retain a copy of the standing order issued under Code Section 31-1-10."

### **SECTION 3-2.**

Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-1-10, relating to the state health officer, as follows:

"31-1-10.

(a) The position of state health officer is created. The Governor may appoint the commissioner of public health to serve simultaneously as the state health officer or may appoint another individual to serve as state health officer. Such officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. An individual appointed to serve as state health officer shall be licensed to practice medicine in this state.

(b) The state health officer shall ~~perform:~~

(1) Perform such health emergency preparedness and response duties as assigned by the Governor; and

(2) Be authorized to issue a standing order prescribing an opioid antagonist, as such term is defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, on a state-wide basis under conditions that he or she determines to be in the best interest of this state."

### **PART IV SECTION 4-1.**

Code Section 31-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting disease, confidentiality, reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a.1)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'neonatal abstinence syndrome' means a group of physical problems that occur in a newborn infant who was exposed to addictive illegal or prescription drugs while in the mother's womb.

(2) The department shall require notice and reporting of incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome. A health care provider, coroner, or medical examiner, or any other person or entity the department determines has knowledge of diagnosis or health outcomes related, directly or indirectly, to neonatal abstinence syndrome shall report incidents of neonatal abstinence syndrome to the department. The department shall provide an annual report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairperson of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, and the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Such annual report shall include any department findings and recommendations on how to reduce the number of infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome."

#### **PART V. SECTION 5-1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, is amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"26-5-22.

The authorized department shall conduct an annual onsite inspection of each narcotic treatment program licensed in this state. Such inspection shall include, but shall not be limited to, the premises, staff, persons in care, and documents pertinent to the continued licensing of such narcotic treatment program so that the department may determine whether a provider is operating in compliance with licensing requirements.

26-5-23.

The Department of Community Health and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall publish an annual report using data from the department's central registry data base on the number of patients in enrolled treatment, the number of patients discharged from treatment, patients' state of residence, and other information determined by the departments. Such published report shall exclude patient identifying information and be compliant with state and federal laws."

#### **PART VI SECTION 6-1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to death investigations, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 45-16-24, relating to notification of suspicious or unusual deaths, as follows:

"(a) When any ~~person~~ individual dies in any county in this state:

(1) As a result of violence;

- (2) By suicide or casualty;
- (3) Suddenly when in apparent good health;
- (4) When unattended by a physician;
- (5) In any suspicious or unusual manner, with particular attention to those ~~persons~~ individuals 16 years of age and under;
- (6) After birth but before seven years of age if the death is unexpected or unexplained;
- (7) As a result of an execution carried out pursuant to the imposition of the death penalty under Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 17;
- (8) When an inmate of a state hospital or a state, county, or city penal institution; ~~or~~
- (9) After having been admitted to a hospital in an unconscious state and without regaining consciousness within 24 hours of admission; or
- (10) As a result of an apparent drug overdose,

it shall be the duty of any law enforcement officer or other person having knowledge of such death to notify immediately the coroner or county medical examiner of the county in which the acts or events resulting in the death occurred or the body is found. For the purposes of this Code section, no ~~person~~ individual shall be deemed to have died unattended when the death occurred while ~~the person~~ he or she was a patient of a hospice licensed under Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31."

#### **SECTION 6-2.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 45-16-27, relating to when an inquest is to be held, as follows:

"(a) Coroners shall require an inquest to be conducted in their respective counties as follows:

(1) When any ~~person~~ individual dies under any circumstances specified in paragraphs (1) through ~~(8)~~ (10) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-16-24; provided, however, that an inquest is shall not be required to be held, although the coroner is shall be authorized to hold an inquest, under the following circumstances:

(A) When upon the completion of the medical examiner's inquiry the peace officer in charge and the medical examiner are satisfied that, even though death resulted from violence, no foul play was involved. In this event, the peace officer in charge and the medical examiner shall make a written report of their investigation and findings to the division as set forth in Code Section 45-16-32, and upon their recommendation, the coroner shall make and file a proper death certificate;

(B) When there is sufficient evidence to establish the cause and manner of death, even though the medical examiner's inquiry revealed that death resulted from foul play;

(C) When no demand for an inquest is made within 30 days after the filing of the death certificate. However, if such demand is made by the party or parties affected by the death, the coroner is shall be authorized to hold the inquest;

(D) When upon the completion of the medical examiner's inquiry the medical examiner and peace officer in charge are sufficiently satisfied that death resulted

from natural causes, and that medical examiner or coroner is willing to and does sign and file a proper death certificate, and no demand for an inquest is made within 30 days thereafter;

(D.1) In cases of deaths resulting from an accident involving any civil aircraft, it shall be the responsibility of the peace officer in charge to notify the National Transportation Safety Board or the Federal Aviation Administration of such accident, to proceed to the scene and guard the area in such manner that no bodies, wreckage, cargo, or mail shall be moved or disturbed until authorized by a representative of the National Transportation Safety Board or the Federal Aviation Administration except to the extent necessary to remove ~~persons~~ individuals injured or trapped, to protect the wreckage from further damage, or to protect the public from injury. When ~~Where~~ it is necessary to move aircraft wreckage, mail, or cargo, sketches, descriptive notes, and photographs shall be made, if possible, of the original positions and condition of the wreckage and any significant impact marks. The coroner or medical examiner shall assist investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board or the Federal Aviation Administration as authorized by federal law;

(E) When after full and complete investigation no evidence of foul play is found in cases of hidden cause of death which fall under the jurisdiction of the coroner. The coroner shall be authorized to sign the death certificate on the basis of the information given to him or her in the reports of the peace officer in charge and the medical examiner, provided that, in such hidden causes of death, after a complete investigation, if sufficient medical history is obtained by the coroner, the peace officer in charge, or the medical examiner to disclose the cause of death and if the attending physician will sign the death certificate, such cases shall not come under the jurisdiction of the coroner; provided, further, that, if there are sufficient competent eyewitnesses to an act in the opinion of the peace officer in charge, such cases shall not come under the jurisdiction of the coroner; or

(F) In cases of deaths of personnel in the armed forces of the United States government resulting from airplane disasters involving airplanes of the armed forces, including crashes or explosions, which deaths shall not come under the jurisdiction of the coroner. It shall be the responsibility of the peace officer in charge to notify the proper armed forces of the United States government immediately of such airplane crashes or explosions in order that they may send their trained forces to the scene for investigation. It shall be the duty of the peace officer in charge, when notified of such crashes or explosions, to proceed to the scene and guard the area in such manner that no bodies or parts of said airplanes shall be moved or disturbed until the arrival of proper investigating officers from the armed forces of the United States government;

(2) When an inmate of a state hospital or a state, county, or city penal institution dies unexpectedly without an attending physician or as a result of violence. The chief medical examiner or his or her designee, regional medical examiner, or local medical examiner shall perform all medical examiners' inquiries. The coroner, in those



counties in which such office has not been replaced by a local medical examiner, shall hold an inquest after receiving the written reports as set forth in Code Section 45-16-32;

(3) When ordered by a court in connection with a medical examiner's inquiry ordered by that court pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 45-16-24; or

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, no ~~person~~ individual shall be deemed to have died unattended by a physician when the death occurred while ~~the person~~ he or she was a patient of a hospice licensed under Article 9 of Chapter 7 of Title 31."

## PART VII SECTION 7-1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-149.1, relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators, as follows:

"20-2-149.1.

(a) ~~This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Cory Joseph Wilson Act.'~~

~~(a)~~(b) As used in this Code section, the term 'psychomotor skills' means skills using hands-on practice to support cognitive learning.

~~(b)~~(c) Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, each local board of education which operates a school with grades nine through 12 shall provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator to its students as a requirement within existing health or physical education courses. Such training shall include either of the following and shall incorporate into the instruction the psychomotor skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated external defibrillator:

(1) An instructional program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross; or

(2) An instructional program which is nationally recognized and is based on the most current national evidence based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

~~(e)~~(d) A teacher shall not be required to be a certified trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or to facilitate, provide, or oversee instruction which does not result in certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

~~(d)~~(e) This Code section shall not be construed to require students to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator; provided, however, that if a local board of education chooses to offer courses which result in certification being earned, such courses shall be taught by instructors in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator

authorized to conduct an instructional program included in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection ~~(b)~~(c) of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(f) The Department of Education shall establish a procedure to monitor adherence by local boards of education."

**PART VIII**  
**SECTION 8-1.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 249, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Sims of the 12th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 262. By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Smith of the 134th, Caldwell of the 131st, Tanner of the 9th and Maxwell of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-20C-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to printed provider directories and accuracy, so as to exempt standalone dental plans from the requirement of printed directories for certain entities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Thompson of the 14th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 262, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Parent of the 42nd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 319. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Williams of the 145th, Fleming of the 121st and Pruett of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to habeas corpus procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to increase the maximum amount which counties may be reimbursed for certain habeas corpus costs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	E Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 319, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 375. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 52nd, Hanson of the 80th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to modify certain provisions relating to tax executions; to repeal the fee collected for issuing tax executions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	E Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 375, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 463. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Coleman of the 97th, Carter of the 175th, Nix of the 69th and Chandler of the 105th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to authorize the Department of Early Care and Learning to establish a nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; to provide for requirements; to provide for an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	E James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 463, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 Friday, March 24, 2017; the motion prevailed, and at 1:26 p.m. the President announced the Senate adjourned.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Friday, March 24, 2017  
Thirty-eighth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:20 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 590. By Representatives Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Downtown Athens Development Authority, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3533), as amended, which authority was created pursuant to an amendment to the Constitution as contained in Ga. L. 1975, p. 1698, and amended by Ga. L. 1976, p. 1912, so as to define and create the Downtown Athens Area; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 591. By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Warren County, approved February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3651), as amended, so as to provide for compensation of the members of the Board of Education of Warren County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 594. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Park of the 101st, Chandler of the 105th, Harrell of the 106th and Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority and its membership, elections, and terms; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 595. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3621), so as to change certain provisions relating to tax levies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 596. By Representatives Henson of the 86th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 87th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Tucker to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 601. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Carson of the 46th, Caldwell of the 20th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Holly Springs; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for the termination of districts under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:



SB 201. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions to take leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 95. By Senators Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for distribution of the net proceeds of a sales and use tax for educational purposes between a county school system and one or more independent school systems located in such county; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 1. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stephens of the 164th, Corbett of the 174th, Setzler of the 35th, Jones of the 167th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 83. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Greene of the 151st, Coleman of the 97th, Wilkerson of the 38th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investment and real estate investments, so as to

provide that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 265. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Kelley of the 16th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to revise the provisions relating to the credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide a state sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges of admission to certain facilities that provide certain arts and education programming; to provide a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of certain theaters; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 534. By Representatives Price of the 48th, Jones of the 47th, Willard of the 51st and Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reincorporate the City of Roswell in the County of Fulton, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3844), as amended, so as to provide that no person shall hold the office of councilmember for more than three consecutive terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 52. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to mental health and authorizing a licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts, Act No. 546, approved April 21, 2014 (Ga L. 2014, p. 347), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 10, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4), so as to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the House:

HB 44. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018; to make and provide such appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SR 484. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Creating a Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 489. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Prescribing Patterns for Antidepressants and Other Psychotropic Medications; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 496. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Urban Development Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Affairs.

SR 502. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Tillery of the 19th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Congress of the United States and Federal Agencies to do all within their powers to develop policies and funding sources to help bring high-speed broadband access to Rural America; and for other purposes

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 503. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th and Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate African American History and Culture Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 504. By Senators Williams of the 27th and Brass of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Parents Who Misuse the Judicial System in Child Custody Proceedings; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SR 506. By Senator Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on the Excessive and Duplicative Regulatory Oversight of Community Based Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Services; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Downtown Athens Development Authority, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3533), as amended, which authority was created pursuant to an amendment to the Constitution as contained in Ga. L. 1975, p. 1698, and amended by Ga. L.

1976, p. 1912, so as to define and create the Downtown Athens Area; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 596. By Representatives Henson of the 86th, Mitchell of the 88th, Williams of the 87th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Tucker to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-

51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 601. By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Carson of the 46th, Caldwell of the 20th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Holly Springs; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for the termination of districts under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 40      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Wilkinson of the 50th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education and Youth has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 273      Do Pass by substitute  
HB 430      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Tippins of the 37th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 155	Do Pass by substitute	HB 225	Do Pass by substitute
HB 285	Do Pass	HB 329	Do Pass by substitute
HB 342	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 432	Do Pass
HB 448	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Millar of the 40th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 5	Do Pass by substitute	HB 9	Do Pass by substitute
HB 137	Do Pass by substitute	HB 197	Do Pass
HB 203	Do Pass	HB 293	Do Pass
HB 308	Do Pass	HB 344	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Stone of the 23rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 275      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Ginn of the 47th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 515      Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Watson of the 1st District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

SR 481      Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate the following action:

HB 413      Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.10(b), referred by the Senate Committee on Rules to the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities from the General Calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Mullis of the 53rd District, Chairman



Mr. President:

The Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 413 Do Pass by substitute

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Jeffares of the 17th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 439 Do Pass  
HB 575 Do Pass  
SB 267 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 5	HB 9	HB 40	HB 137	HB 155	HB 197
HB 203	HB 225	HB 273	HB 275	HB 285	HB 293
HB 308	HB 329	HB 344	HB 430	HB 432	HB 448
HB 515	SR 481				

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Henson	Mullis
Anderson, L	Hill, H	Orrock
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Parent
Beach	Hufstetler	Payne
Black	Jackson, L	Rhett
Brass	James	Seay
Burke	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Stone
Cowsert	Jones, E	Tate
Davenport	Jones, H	Thompson, B

Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, C
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Tippins
Gooch	Lucas	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Walker
Harbison	McKoon	Watson
Harper	Millar	Wilkinson
Heath	Miller	Williams, M

Not answering was Senator Sims.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator James of the 35th introduced the chaplain of the day, Reverend Dr. R.L. White of Atlanta, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Jason Smith.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd                  Watson of the 1st

Senator Cowser of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the Senate dispense with the reading of the Governor's Appointments and that one roll call suffice for the confirmation of the appointments in their entirety.

There was no objection and the reading of the Governor's Appointments was dispensed with and the Senate agreed to consider the appointments with one roll call.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Governor's Appointments be adopted as submitted.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone

Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	E Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Governor's Appointments were confirmed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on the Governor's Appointments. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Ben Watson  
District 1

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 482. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Zachary Hibbs on his heroic and life-saving actions; and for other purposes.

SR 483. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mason Roberts on his heroic and life-saving actions; and for other purposes.

SR 485. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Harbison of the 15th, Parent of the 42nd and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Ute Whatley and recognizing March 14, 2017, as Ute Whatley Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

- SR 486. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing May, 2017, as Building Safety Month at the state capitol and commending the Building Officials Association of Georgia; and for other purposes.

- SR 487. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Unterman of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Mary N. Long Scholarship; and for other purposes.

- SR 488. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the West Fulton High School Class of 1967 and the Class of 1966's 50th Reunion; and for other purposes.

- SR 490. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Cecil William Davis; and for other purposes.

- SR 491. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sydney Ann Beckham Gainey on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

- SR 492. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Cowser of the 46th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending John Berry; and for other purposes.

- SR 493. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Christopher Morris Shipp on the occasion of his 20th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

- SR 494. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Willie James Rosser on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

- SR 495. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Dugan of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd, Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the contributions of Mill Town Music Hall to the people of Haralson County; and for other purposes.

- SR 497. By Senators Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Payne of the 54th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating the life and legacy of "Papa" Joe Corley; and for other purposes.

- SR 498. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Heath of the 31st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Parent of the 42nd, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating John Gray Torbert; and for other purposes.

- SR 499. By Senators Watson of the 1st and Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Garden City's Police Chief David L. Lyons on being named the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police 2016 Outstanding Chief of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 500. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Amanda Hallman, West Chatham Elementary School's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 501. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Alhaji Muhammadu Indimi; and for other purposes.

SR 505. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Beach of the 21st, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of William Judson Ward IV and Margaret Lovett Ward; and for other purposes.

SR 507. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Harbison of the 15th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Sonny Perdue; and for other purposes.

SR 508. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bishop Dr. James A. Ross; and for other purposes.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Friday March 24, 2017  
Thirty-eighth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 267

Orrock of the 36th

#### **HAPEVILLE WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Hapeville Water and Sewer Authority, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L.1979, p. 3461), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 439

Hill of the 6th

Orrock of the 36th

Tate of the 38th

Fort of the 39th

Millar of the 40th

Parent of the 42nd

Davenport of the 44th

**CITY OF ATLANTA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 575

Millar of the 40th  
Parent of the 42nd  
**CITY OF BROOKHAVEN**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Brookhaven to levy an excise tax pursuant to the authority of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a conditional effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 44, nays 1.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved to engross HB 340, HB 290, HB 134, and HB 117 which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 14; the motion prevailed, and HB 340, HB 290, HB 134, and HB 117 were engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017  
THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

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|--------|---|
| HB 437 | Agricultural Education Advisory Commission; recreate (ED&Y-50th) Dickey-140th   |
| HB 222 | HOPE; members of Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirement; provide (Substitute)(H ED-46th) Blackmon-146th   |
| HB 88  | Superior courts; qualifications for judges; revise (Substitute)(RULES-23rd) Fleming-121st   |
| HB 340 | Alternative ad valorem tax; motor vehicles; change manner of distribution of proceeds (Substitute)(FIN-52nd) Blackmon-146th   |
| HB 338 | Education; system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools in the greatest need; provisions (Substitute)(ED&Y-37th) Tanner-9th                                   |
| HB 341 | Crimes and offenses; mandatory terms for trafficking individuals for sexual servitude; provisions (Substitute)(JUDY-45th) Reeves-34th   |
| HB 290 | Ad valorem tax; definitions related to exemption of certain agricultural equipment; revise (FIN-7th) Watson-172nd   |
| HB 261 | Penal institutions; certain individuals sentenced between March 18, 1968 and October 31, 1982; allow to petition court for first offender status (JUDY-19th) Werkheiser-157th |



- HB 510 Alcoholic beverages; population and measurement of certain distances; repeal certain provisions (RI&U-15th) Smyre-135th
- HB 221 Commerce and trade; powers of attorney to a uniform Act; update and conform provisions (Substitute)(JUDY-18th) Efstration-104th
- HB 202 Public officers and employees; annual salary for the Governor; change provisions (Substitute)(APPROP-4th) Powell-171st
- HB 153 Council on American Indian Concerns; attach to Department of Natural Resources (NR&E-20th) Rogers-10th
- HB 192 Banks, trust companies, and corporations; responsibilities and standard of care of directors and officers; change provisions (B&FI-18th) Beskin-54th
- HB 224 Quality Basic Education Act; military student may attend any school in local system; provide (ED&Y-6th) Belton-112th
- HB 452 Georgia Bureau of Investigation; publicly post certain information to extent permitted by federal law; require (Substitute)(PUB SAF-6th) Petrea-166th
- HB 241 Cove's Law; enact (H&HS-51st) Hawkins-27th
- HB 210 Health; certain specimen collection stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories; provide (H&HS-17th) Lott-122nd
- HB 134 Sales and use tax; special district mass transportation; provisions (Substitute)(FIN-21st) Epps-144th
- HB 234 Motor vehicles; drivers stop at crosswalks with user activated rectangular rapid-flash beacons; require (PUB SAF-50th) Frye-118th
- HB 253 Special license plates; dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program; increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale (Substitute)(PUB SAF-54th) Willard-51st
- HB 257 Local government authorities; register with Department of Community Affairs; require (SLGO(G)-7th) Tankersley-160th
- HB 506 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965; award certain contracts involving concessions; provide for vote by Board (TRANS-21st) Taylor-79th

- HB 154 Dental hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize (Substitute)(H&HS-45th) Cooper-43rd
- HB 117 Sales and use tax; certain voluntary contributions; exclude from definition of retail sales (FIN-56th) Watson-172nd
- HB 205 Mining and drilling; regulate exploration and extraction of gas and oil; provisions (Substitute)(RI&U-52nd) Meadows-5th
- HB 453 County law library; board of trustees; add chief judge of magistrate court (SJUDY-42nd) Dreyer-59th
- HB 481 Aviation; unmanned aircraft systems; provide for preemption (TRANS-21st) Tanner-9th
- HB 67 Crimes and offenses; entering a motor vehicle with the intent to commit a theft or felony; provide for increased punishment (Substitute)(JUDY-30th) Boddie-62nd

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- HB 437. By Representatives Dickey of the 140th, England of the 116th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to recreate the former Agricultural Education Advisory Commission which had been abolished by operation of law on December 31, 2016; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 437, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

Mar. 24, 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 437. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Jeff Mullis  
District 53

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Cowsert of the 46th.

The Senate Committee on Higher Education offered the following substitute to HB 222:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To change certain provisions relating to Hope scholarships and grants and the funding of such scholarships and grants; to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, so as to establish the percentage of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year which must equal the net proceeds to be transferred to the state treasury for credit to the Lottery for Education Account; to provide for exceptions; to provide for verification of certain information by the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, is amended in Code Section 20-3-519.1, relating to eligibility for HOPE scholarships and grants, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) Meets residency requirements by:

(A)(i) Being classified as a legal resident of Georgia as established by the program regulations promulgated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission which shall be based upon the in-state tuition policy of the board of regents and the in-state tuition guidelines set by the Technical College System of Georgia; and

(ii)(I) If the student was classified as a legal resident of Georgia at the time of graduation from high school or from a home study program meeting the

requirements of Code Section 20-2-690, then the student must have met the requirements set forth in division (i) of this subparagraph for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the first day of classes for which the scholarship or grant is to be awarded; or

(II) If the student was not classified as a legal resident at the time of graduation from high school or from a home study program meeting the requirements of Code Section 20-2-690, then the student must have met the requirements set forth in division (i) of this subparagraph for a period of at least 24 months immediately prior to the first day of classes for which the scholarship or grant is to be awarded; or

(B) Being classified as a legal resident of Georgia if such student is a member of the Georgia National Guard; a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States located in Georgia; or an active duty military service member or the spouse or dependent child of an active duty military service member and the active duty military service member is stationed in Georgia or lists Georgia as their home of record; and"

## SECTION 2.

Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve subaccount, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) All lottery proceeds shall be the property of the corporation.

(2) From its lottery proceeds the corporation shall pay the operating expenses of the corporation. As nearly as practical, at least 45 percent of the amount of money from the actual sale of lottery tickets or shares shall be made available as prize money; provided, however, that this paragraph shall be deemed not to create any lien, entitlement, cause of action, or other private right, and any rights of holders of tickets or shares shall be determined by the corporation in setting the terms of its lottery or lotteries.

(3)(A) For fiscal year 2018, net proceeds shall equal at least 26.5 percent of the lottery proceeds. For fiscal year 2019, net proceeds shall equal at least 27.5 percent of the lottery proceeds. Beginning with fiscal year 2020 and As nearly as practical, for each fiscal year thereafter, net proceeds shall equal at least 35 28.5 percent of the lottery proceeds. However, for the first two full fiscal years and any partial first fiscal year of the corporation, net proceeds need only equal 30 percent of the proceeds as nearly as practical.

(B) If for fiscal year 2018 the net sales revenue of tickets is 5 percent less than the net sales revenue of tickets for fiscal year 2017 as verified by the Department of Audits and Accounts as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, then the increase of the net proceeds to at least 27.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for fiscal year 2019, as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, shall not be required and instead the net proceeds shall remain equal to at least 26.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year thereafter. If for fiscal year 2019 the net sales revenue

of tickets is 5 percent less than the net sales revenue of tickets for fiscal year 2018 as verified by the Department of Audits and Accounts as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, then the increase of the net proceeds to at least 28.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for fiscal year 2020, as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, shall not be required and instead the net proceeds shall remain equal to at least 27.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year thereafter. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'net sales revenue' means the total amount of revenue derived from ticket sales minus the value of any tickets that are provided as prizes.

(C) The contingencies provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not be applicable unless and until the Department of Audits and Accounts or a third party designated by the Department of Audits and Accounts shall verify that there has been a decrease in the net sales revenue of tickets of at least 5 percent and that such decrease was caused by the increased percentage of net proceeds the corporation was required to transfer to the general fund of the state treasury as provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

### SECTION 3.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 222, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 88. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Powell of the 171st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and Evans of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, so as to revise the qualifications for superior court judges; to provide for the vacation of such office under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Stone of the 23rd.

The Senate Committee on Rules offered the following substitute to HB 88:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to revise the qualifications for superior and state court judges; to provide for the vacation of such offices under certain circumstances; to provide for the selection of chief judge of the superior court for each judicial circuit; to provide for a term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-4, relating to qualifications of superior court judges, as follows:

"15-6-4.

(a) No ~~person~~ individual shall be judge of the superior courts unless, at the time of his or her election, he or she has attained the age of 30 years, has been a citizen of the state for three years, has practiced law for seven years, and is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia and has been duly reinstated to the practice of law in the

event of his or her disbarment therefrom.

(b) The office of any superior court judge shall be vacated upon the disbarment or suspension from the practice of law of such judge by the Supreme Court whether voluntary or involuntary and upon order of the Supreme Court providing for such removal from office."

### SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-6-37.

(a) For each judicial circuit with two or more superior court judges, the chief superior court judge may be elected by a majority vote of such sitting superior court judges for such judicial circuit upon the agreement of a majority of the sitting superior court judges of such judicial circuit.

(b) The position of chief superior court judge elected pursuant to this Code section shall be elected every two years with no limitation on the number of terms an individual may serve as chief superior court judge.

(c) This Code section shall apply to each judicial circuit notwithstanding any local or general Act that provides for the selection or election of a chief superior court judge in a different manner."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-7-21, relating to qualifications, restrictions on practice of law, and removal, discipline, and involuntary retirement of judges of the state court, as follows:

"15-7-21.

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each judge of the state court shall ~~be~~:

(A) Be a resident of the geographic area in which he or she is selected to serve; ~~shall have~~;

(B) Have been a resident of the state for three years next preceding the beginning of his or her term of office, ~~shall as of such date~~;

(C) As of the date on which his or her term of office begins, be at least 25 years of age, ~~and shall have~~;

(D) Have been admitted to practice law for seven years; and

(E) Be a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia and have been duly reinstated to the practice of law in the event of his or her disbarment therefrom.

(2) If, at the expiration of the qualifying period for the general nonpartisan primary or any special election, no candidate meeting the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection has qualified, then the county election superintendent shall reopen qualifying for a period of 15 days, and any ~~person~~ individual may qualify who: (A) will have been for three years next preceding the beginning of the term of office a resident of the superior court judicial circuit containing the geographic area in which the judge is to serve; and (B) meets all requirements, other than the residency



requirement specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, for eligibility for nomination and election to the office of state court judge. If such ~~person~~ individual is elected to the office of state court judge, ~~such person~~ he or she may thereafter qualify for reelection to such office as long as ~~such person~~ he or she continues to reside within the judicial circuit containing the geographic area in which the judge is to serve and otherwise meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) A full-time judge of the state court ~~may~~ shall not engage in the private practice of law. A part-time judge of the state court may engage in the private practice of law in other courts but may not practice in his or her own court or appear in any matter as to which that judge has exercised any jurisdiction.

(c) Judges of the state courts shall be subject to discipline, removal, and involuntary retirement pursuant to Article VI, Section VII, Paragraphs VI and VII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

(d) The office of any judge of the state court shall be vacated upon the disbarment or suspension from the practice of law of such judge by the Supreme Court whether voluntary or involuntary and upon order of the Supreme Court providing for such removal from office."

#### **SECTION 4.**

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

Senator Mullis of the 53rd offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Rules Committee substitute to HB 88 (LC 28 8478S) by inserting after "matters;" on line 5 "to provide for effective dates;" and by redesignating Section 4 as Section 5 and inserting after line 72 the following:*

#### **SECTION 4.**

Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018. The remaining sections shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Mullis amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 88, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 88. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Bill Heath  
District 31

Senator Lucas of the 26th moved to suspend the Senate Rules in order to first read a resolution and assign it to committee.

On the motion, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and the Senate suspended the Rules.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SR 527. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the operation and regulation of game show contests in this state; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House:

HB 597. By Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Tarvin of the 2nd and Hill of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), as amended, so as to change the position of city clerk from elective to appointive; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 598. By Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Tarvin of the 2nd and Hill of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Trenton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 600. By Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Jones of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th and Stephenson of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Stonecrest in DeKalb County, approved April 21, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3538), so as to revise the city's voting districts; to provide a term limit for the mayor; to modify provisions related to a quorum of and voting by the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 603. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Boddie of the 62nd, Dreyer of the 59th, Jackson of the 64th, Gardner of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County, the judges of the Juvenile Court of Fulton County, and the judge of the Probate Court of Fulton County, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3904), so as to modify the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 608. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th and Price of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Alpharetta, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4609), as amended, so as to implement term limits for members of the city's governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 609. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth," approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 610. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a supplement to the salaries of the judges of the superior court of the Clayton Judicial

Circuit, approved April 10, 1969 (Ga. L. 1969, p. 353), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4683), so as to increase the county supplement to the state salary of said judges; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 611. By Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Greene of the 151st and Ealum of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority, approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 4220), as amended, so as to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the existence and membership of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for conflicts of interest; to provide for powers of the authority; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for rules, regulations, and other procedures; to provide for immunity; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide that authority property is not subject to levy and sale; to provide for the Act's effect on other governments; to provide for earnings and dissolution; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 612. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Welch of the 110th and Rutledge of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new board of education for Newton County, approved March 31, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2405), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3586), so as to provide for the manner of changing the compensation for members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 614. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Thomas of the 39th, Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4200), so as to provide for annexation of certain property; to provide for related matters; to repeal a certain act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 246. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Millar of the 40th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for a final report; to provide for the abolishment of such charter commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The following Fiscal Notes, as required by law, were read by the Secretary:



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March 2, 2017

Honorable Jay Powell  
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SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Note  
 House Bill 340 (LC 28 8373S)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The original fiscal note for LC 28 8373S, dated March 1, 2017, has been revised and replaced. The revised fiscal note corrects the distribution of revenue between state and local governments in FY 2022.

The bill would modify several provisions related to the Title Fee Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT), including the distribution of revenue between the state and local governments and the treatment or valuation of leased vehicles; used vehicles; KIT vehicles; pre-1963 vehicles; out-of-state registrations; and vehicles transferred through divorce settlements. The legislative changes would be effective for registrations occurring on or after January 1, 2018.

### Impact on State and Local Revenue

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill's impact on state revenues in FY 2018 could be positive or negative. State revenue could decrease up to \$19.5 million or increase up to \$33.6 million. In FY 2022, the bill would decrease state revenue between \$119.2 million and \$184.9 million (Table 1). Local revenues are estimated to decrease up to \$5.4 million or increase up to \$10.6 million in FY 2018 and increase between \$79.3 million and \$174.1 million in FY 2022 (Table 2).

**Table 1. Projected State Revenue Effects of HB 340 LC 28 8373S\***

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Revenue distribution—state and local govt	\$2.0	(\$25.7)	(\$86.4)	(\$132.6)	(\$142.9)
Impose TAVT on total of base payments pursuant to the lease agreement	(\$23.3)	(\$55.4)	(\$54.0)	(\$51.4)	(\$42.8)
Modify treatment of OOS registrations	(\$22.7)	(\$56.2)	(\$54.2)	(\$43.6)	(\$29.5)
Used vehicles at greater of invoice or book value					
High	78.8	178.8	154.6	130.6	97.4
Low	25.7	58.3	50.4	42.5	31.7
Modify treatment of vehicles transferred through divorce settlements	(\$1.2)	(\$2.7)	(\$2.3)	(\$1.8)	(\$1.3)
Clarify valuation of KIT Cars, Modify treatment for pre-1963 vehicles	<i>--Technical Clarification - Negligible Revenue Effect--</i>				
Total State Revenue Effect					
High	\$33.6	\$38.8	(\$42.2)	(\$98.8)	(\$119.2)
Low	(\$19.5)	(\$81.7)	(\$146.4)	(\$186.9)	(\$184.9)

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

**Table 2. Projected Local Revenue Effects of HB 340 LC 28 8373S**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Revenue distribution—state and local govt	(\$2.5)	\$31.8	\$89.9	\$136.8	\$139.1
Impose TAVT on total of base payments pursuant to the lease agreement	(\$7.0)	(\$18.7)	(\$29.3)	(\$42.3)	(\$64.0)
Modify treatment of OOS registrations	(\$3.4)	(\$5.6)	(\$10.6)	(\$22.9)	(\$39.5)
Used vehicles at greater of invoice or book value					
High	23.6	58.9	82.1	105.1	140.5
Low	7.7	19.2	26.8	34.3	45.8
Modify treatment of vehicles transferred through divorce settlements	(\$0.3)	(\$0.7)	(\$1.1)	(\$1.4)	(\$2.0)
Clarify valuation of KIT Cars, Modify treatment for pre-1963 vehicles	<i>--Technical Clarification - Negligible Revenue Effect--</i>				
Total Local Revenue Effect					
High	\$10.6	\$65.6	\$131.0	\$175.3	\$174.1
Low	(\$5.4)	\$25.9	\$75.7	\$104.4	\$79.3

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

### Impact on Agency Costs

The Department of Revenue (DOR) estimated one-time costs of \$235,000 to implement the bill's requirements. Changes to IT systems are estimated at \$220,000, while the remaining \$15,000 would be used for drafting new documents to explain the changes and counseling those impacted.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

### Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

#### *Change the State and Local allocation schedule of TAVT revenues -*

The legislation modifies the current allocation schedule of TAVT revenues between the state and local governments. Under current law, TAVT revenues are shared between the state and local governments according to a formula specified in O.C.G.A §48-5C-1. Under the current law arrangement, local government receipts for a given year must fall within a range of plus or minus 1 percent of the local government target amount. If local government revenues for the previous year do not fall within this range, the allocation between the state and local governments for the current year is adjusted so that with the application of the adjusted rates the local revenue for the prior year would have equaled the target amount. Under the proposed law, between 2018 and 2021, state and local revenues will be distributed so that for each year the county will retain an amount of



TAVT revenues equal to the amount of ad valorem taxes collected in 2012 less the amount of ad valorem taxes collected in that year. Any remaining TAVT proceeds will be allocated between the state and local governments according to the following schedule:

	<b>CY 2018</b>	<b>CY 2019</b>	<b>CY 2020</b>	<b>CY 2021</b>
State Government	80%	70%	60%	50%
Local Government	20%	30%	40%	50%

Beginning in 2022 the state will receive 30 percent of the total state and local TAVT revenue collection and the local government will receive 70 percent of the total state and local TAVT revenue collection. After 2021, the local governments will no longer retain an amount of TAVT revenues equal to the amount of ad valorem taxes collected in 2012 less the amount of ad valorem taxes collected in that year.

Based on the provisions in the proposed law, these allocation shares are not subject to annual revision and the TAVT rate will continue at the current value of 7 percent indefinitely. Lastly, the proposed legislation leaves unchanged the provision that local county governments may retain up to a maximum of 1 percent of state TAVT proceeds to defray cost of administration.

- State and local revenues are forecasted based on historical TAVT data from the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) and reflect the forecast of vehicle registrations in Georgia produced by Moody's Analytics for years 2018-22.
- Vehicle prices are assumed to increase at an average annual rate of 1.5 percent over all types of vehicle transactions over the 2018-22 period.
- Local ad valorem receipts are forecasted to fall at an average rate of 23 percent per year over the 2018-22 period.
- The revenue effects presented in Table 1 and Table 2 assume the counties retain 1 percent of state revenues as compensation for administrative costs.

*Treatment of leased vehicles -*

This legislation modifies the treatment of leased vehicles under the TAVT. Under current law, the TAVT is applied to the full fair market value of the leased vehicle at the time the lease is signed. Under the proposal, the TAVT is applied to the sum of the base payments under the lease agreement.

- Based on TAVT data provided by DOR and the forecast of vehicle registrations for Georgia produced by Moody's Analytics, it is expected that registered leases will equal approximately 60,000 vehicles in 2018.
- Using data provided by DOR, the leasing rate in Georgia in 2016 was about 10 percent of all new vehicles transactions. Under current law, this rate is forecasted to increase to 12 percent by 2018 and 18 percent by 2022.

- Based on industry reports from Experian, the national average for leasing of new vehicles has been increasing significantly over the 2010-2015 period but the same publications also provide evidence that leasing rates in Georgia may be perpetually lower than the national average. In general, leasing activity is relegated to consumers with prime and super-prime credit ratings. Because the credit ratings of Georgia consumers tend to be below the national average, it is assumed that leasing activity in Georgia will be less than the national average. However, it is expected that the treatment of leases under the proposed law will encourage more leasing activity than is currently experienced in Georgia. To reflect this assumption, the leasing rate in Georgia is anticipated to increase to 13 percent by 2018 and 19 percent by 2022.
- Using the historical TAVT data provided by DOR, the estimate incorporates an average value for a leased vehicle of \$37,000 in 2018 and \$41,000 in 2022.
- Lastly, based on a sample of 50 2015 vehicles of various makes and models, the residual value after 36 months is assumed to equal 48 percent of the vehicle MSRP.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Treatment of out of state vehicles -*

HB 340 LC 8373S modifies the procedures for the registration of out-of-state vehicles when an owner is relocating to Georgia. Under current law, the TAVT is levied on the fair market value of the vehicle at the time it is registered in Georgia and the owner is allowed to pay the tax liability in two equal amounts over a 12-month period. Under the proposal, vehicles which are three model years old or less are assessed a state TAVT amount equal to \$350 per vehicle and a local TAVT amount equal to \$350 per vehicle. Vehicles which are more than three model years old are assessed a state TAVT amount equal to \$250 per vehicle and a local TAVT amount equal to \$250 per vehicle. Under the proposed law, the TAVT liability is due in full at the time of registration.

- The estimate assumes that approximately 94,000 vehicles will be registered as OOS transfers in 2018 and this amount is assumed to remain flat over the 2018-2022 period based on historical trends of U.S. Census Bureau data of domestic migration into Georgia since 2010.
- The average value of an OOS vehicle is assumed to be \$17,302 in 2018 and is based on TAVT data provided by DOR for prior years. This value is assumed to grow annually at a rate of about 1.5 percent based on historical data of the CPI for used vehicles produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and based on historical TAVT data.

- Based on data provided by DOR, about 26 percent of vehicles registered between 2013 and 2015 were three models years old or less.
- The revenue estimate reflects the fact that some individuals are choosing to pay the current OOS registration fee in one payment instead of two equal installments over a 12 month period.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Valuation method of used vehicles –*

This legislation modifies current law by requiring that the TAVT liability on used motor vehicles sold through dealerships be valued at the greater of the retail selling price of the motor vehicle or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicles listed in the motor vehicle ad valorem assessment guide used by the DOR. Under current law, the TAVT liability for used vehicles is based on the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicles listed in the motor vehicle ad valorem assessment guide used by DOR, regardless of the transaction price. Adoption of this provision means that the TAVT liability would be computed in the same manner for both new and used vehicles sold through dealerships. The provision does not apply to casual sales of vehicles.

- Past versions of this provision have been estimated by relying on a sample of 25 vehicle invoices from automobile dealers provided to the Fiscal Research Center in 2013. This small sample of invoices was used to produce an estimate of the average difference between the book value of a used vehicle and its selling price. The low estimate shown in Tables 1 and 2 of this fiscal note assumes that the difference between the invoice and book value in the case of dealer sales of used vehicles is approximately \$1,500 and is based on a review of these invoices.
- As an alternative estimate, a new data source has been identified that has not been available in the past. Based on a 2016 whitepaper produced by the National Auto Dealers Association (NADA), on average over the 2013-2015 period the retail price of used vehicle was 35 percent above its wholesale price.
- Assuming an average used car price of approximately \$13,000, the estimate incorporates an average retail premium of approximately \$4,600 per vehicle. This forms the basis of the high estimate presented in Tables 1 and 2.
- Based on historical data of used car transactions by used car dealers, the estimate assumes approximately 733,000 will be sold in 2018.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Vehicles transferred through divorce settlements –*

This legislation also allows vehicles transferred because of a divorce decree to be subject to a reduced state TAVT rate of 0.5 percent of vehicle fair market value and a reduced local TAVT rate of 0.5 percent of vehicle fair market value. Under current law, vehicles transferred because of a divorce decree are subject to the standard TAVT rate applicable to other transactions, such as dealer or casual sales.

- Based on data from the Centers for Disease Control, the national divorce rate in 2016 was 3.3 per 1,000 persons. Using this information, the estimate assumes approximately 34,000 divorces annually in Georgia.
- Based on data from the American Community Survey for 2013, Georgia residents owned 1.3 vehicles per household.
- Assuming half of the vehicles per household are transferred in a divorce settlement, the estimate assumes about 14,000 vehicles are transferred via a divorce settlement per year.
- Conversations with individuals at the DOR indicated that the TAVT levied currently in some of these cases may already be the reduced rate, as there seems to be some confusion among the county agents about how to process these transactions under current law. This is reflected in the estimate.
- The average value of vehicles transferred in a settlement is based on the historical values of casual sales transactions and is estimated to equal approximately \$4,100 in 2018.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Kit Cars and pre-1963 vehicles –*

The legislation allows Kit cars to be valued at the greater of the retail selling price of the kit or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of the motor vehicle as listed in the current valuation book utilized by the state revenue commissioner. The modification in this bill codifies the typical treatment of these vehicles under current law.

In addition the bill modifies the treatment of pre-1963 model vehicles. Vehicles with a model year prior to 1963, for which a conditional title has been obtained, would be allowed to opt into the TAVT system upon payment of a state TAVT payment equal to 0.5 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle and a local TAVT payment equal to 0.5 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle.



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SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 340 (LC 28 8373S)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill would modify several provisions related to the Title Fee Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT), including the distribution of revenue between the state and local governments and the treatment or valuation of leased vehicles; used vehicles; KIT vehicles; pre-1963 vehicles; out-of-state registrations; and vehicles transferred through divorce settlements.

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill's impact on state revenues in FY 2018 could be positive or negative. State revenue could decrease up to \$19.5 million or increase up to \$33.6 million. In FY 2022, the bill would decrease state revenue between \$194.7 million and \$260.4 million (Table 1). Local revenues are estimated to decrease up to \$5.4 million or increase up to \$10.6 million in FY 2018 and increase between \$178.6 million and \$273.3 million in FY 2022 (Table 2).

**Table 1. Projected State Revenue Effects of HB 340 LC 28 8373S\***

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Revenue distribution—state and local govt	\$2.0	(\$25.7)	(\$86.4)	(\$132.6)	(\$236.7)
Impose TAVT on total of base payments pursuant to the lease agreement	(\$23.3)	(\$55.4)	(\$54.0)	(\$51.4)	(\$42.8)
Modify treatment of OOS registrations	(\$22.7)	(\$56.2)	(\$54.2)	(\$43.6)	(\$29.5)
Used vehicles at greater of invoice or book value					
High	78.8	178.8	154.6	130.6	97.4
Low	25.7	58.3	50.4	42.5	31.7

Modify treatment of vehicles transferred through divorce settlements	(\$1.2)	(\$2.7)	(\$2.3)	(\$1.8)	(\$1.3)
Clarify valuation of KIT Cars, Modify treatment for pre-1963 vehicles	<i>--Technical Clarification - Negligible Revenue Effect--</i>				
Total State Revenue Effect					
High	\$33.6	\$38.8	(\$42.2)	(\$98.8)	(\$213.0)
Low	(\$19.5)	(\$81.7)	(\$146.4)	(\$186.9)	(\$278.7)

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

**Table 2. Projected Local Revenue Effects of HB 340 LC 28 8373S**

<i>(\$ millions)</i>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Revenue distribution—state and local govt	(\$2.5)	\$31.8	\$89.9	\$136.8	\$251.6
Impose TAVT on total of base payments pursuant to the lease agreement	(\$7.0)	(\$18.7)	(\$29.3)	(\$42.3)	(\$64.0)
Modify treatment of OOS registrations	(\$3.4)	(\$5.6)	(\$10.6)	(\$22.9)	(\$39.5)
Used vehicles at greater of invoice or book value					
High	23.6	58.9	82.1	105.1	140.5
Low	7.7	19.2	26.8	34.3	45.8
Modify treatment of vehicles transferred through divorce settlements	(\$0.3)	(\$0.7)	(\$1.1)	(\$1.4)	(\$2.0)
Clarify valuation of KIT Cars, Modify treatment for pre-1963 vehicles	<i>--Technical Clarification - Negligible Revenue Effect--</i>				
Total Local Revenue Effect					
High	\$10.6	\$65.6	\$131.0	\$175.3	\$286.6
Low	(\$5.4)	\$25.9	\$75.7	\$104.4	\$191.9

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
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### Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

#### *Change the State and Local allocation schedule of TAVT revenues -*

The legislation modifies the current allocation schedule of TAVT revenues between the state and local governments. Under current law, TAVT revenues are shared between the state and local governments according to a formula specified in O.C.G.A §48-5C-1. Under the current law arrangement, local government receipts for a given year must fall within a range of plus or minus 1 percent of the local government target amount. If local government revenues for the previous year do not fall within this range, the allocation between the state and local governments for the current year is adjusted so that with the application of the adjusted rates the local revenue for the prior year would have equaled the target amount. Under the proposed law, state and local revenues will be distributed so

that for each year the county will retain an amount of TAVT revenues equal to the amount of ad valorem taxes collected in 2012 less the amount of ad valorem taxes collected in that year. Any remaining TAVT proceeds will be allocated between the state and local governments according to the following schedule:

	<b>CY 2018</b>	<b>CY 2019</b>	<b>CY 2020</b>	<b>CY 2021</b>	<b>CY 2022</b>
State Government	80%	70%	60%	50%	30%
Local Government	20%	30%	40%	50%	70%

Based on the provisions in the proposed law, these allocation shares are not subject to annual revision and the TAVT rate will continue at the current value of 7 percent indefinitely. Lastly, the proposed legislation leaves unchanged the provision that local county governments may retain up to a maximum of 1 percent of state TAVT proceeds to defray cost of administration.

- State and local revenues are forecasted based on historical TAVT data from the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) and reflect the forecast of vehicle registrations in Georgia produced by Moody's Analytics for years 2018-22.
- Vehicle prices are assumed to increase at an average annual rate of 1.5 percent over all types of vehicle transactions over the 2018-22 period.
- Local ad valorem receipts are forecasted to fall at an average rate of 23 percent per year over the 2018-22 period.
- The revenue effects presented in Table 1 and Table 2 assume the counties retain 1 percent of state revenues as compensation for administrative costs.

*Treatment of leased vehicles -*

This legislation modifies the treatment of leased vehicles under the TAVT. Under current law, the TAVT is applied to the full fair market value of the leased vehicle at the time the lease is signed. Under the proposal, the TAVT is be applied to the sum of the base payments under the lease agreement.

- Based on TAVT data provided by DOR and the forecast of vehicle registrations for Georgia produced by Moody's Analytics, it is expected that registered leases will equal approximately 60,000 vehicles in 2018.
- Using data provided by DOR, the leasing rate in Georgia in 2016 was about 10 percent of all new vehicles transactions. Under current law, this rate is forecasted to increase to 12 percent by 2018 and 18 percent by 2022.
- Based on industry reports from Experian, the national average for leasing of new vehicles has been increasing significantly over the 2010-2015 period but the same publications also provide evidence that leasing rates in Georgia may be perpetually lower than the national average. In general, leasing activity is

relegated to consumers with prime and super-prime credit ratings. Because the credit ratings of Georgia consumers tend to be below the national average, it is assumed that leasing activity in Georgia will be less than the national average. However, it is expected that the treatment of leases under the proposed law will encourage more leasing activity than is currently experienced in Georgia. To reflect this assumption, the leasing rate in Georgia is anticipated to increase to 13 percent by 2018 and 19 percent by 2022.

- Using the historical TAVT data provided by DOR, the estimate incorporates an average value for a leased vehicle of \$37,000 in 2018 and \$41,000 in 2022.
- Lastly, based on a sample of fifty 2015 vehicles of various makes and models, the residual value after 36 months is assumed to equal 48 percent of the vehicle MSRP.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Treatment of out of state vehicles -*

HB 340 LC 8373S modifies the procedures for the registration of out-of-state vehicles when an owner is relocating to Georgia. Under current law, the TAVT is levied on the fair market value of the vehicle at the time it is registered in Georgia and the owner is allowed to pay the tax liability in two equal amounts over a 12-month period. Under the proposal, vehicles which are three model years old or less are assessed a state TAVT amount equal to \$350 per vehicle and a local TAVT amount equal to \$350 per vehicle. Vehicles which are more than three model years old are assessed a state TAVT amount equal to \$250 per vehicle and a local TAVT amount equal to \$250 per vehicle. Under the proposed law, the TAVT liability is due in full at the time of registration.

- The estimate assumes that approximately 94,000 vehicles will be registered as OOS transfers in 2018 and this amount is assumed to remain flat over the 2018-2022 period based on historical trends of U.S. Census Bureau data of domestic migration into Georgia since 2010.
- The average value of an OOS vehicle is assumed to be \$17,302 in 2018 and is based on TAVT data provided by DOR for prior years. This value is assumed to grow annually at a rate of about 1.5 percent based on historical data of the CPI for used vehicles produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and based on historical TAVT data.
- Based on data provided by DOR, about 26 percent of vehicles registered between 2013 and 2015 were three models years old or less.
- The revenue estimate reflects the fact that some individuals are choosing to pay the current OOS registration fee in one payment instead of two equal installments over a 12 month period.



- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Valuation method of used vehicles –*

This legislation modifies current law by requiring that the TAVT liability on used motor vehicles sold through dealerships be valued at the greater of the retail selling price of the motor vehicle or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicles listed in the motor vehicle ad valorem assessment guide used by the DOR. Under current law, the TAVT liability for used vehicles is based on the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicles listed in the motor vehicle ad valorem assessment guide used by DOR, regardless of the transaction price. Adoption of this provision means that the TAVT liability would be computed in the same manner for both new and used vehicles sold through dealerships. The provision does not apply to casual sales of vehicles.

- Past versions of this provision have been estimated by relying on a sample of 25 vehicle invoices from automobile dealers provided to the Fiscal Research Center in 2013. This small sample of invoices was used to produce an estimate of the average difference between the book value of a used vehicle and its selling price. The low estimate shown in Tables 1 and 2 of this fiscal note assumes that the difference between the invoice and book value in the case of dealer sales of used vehicles is approximately \$1,500 and is based on a review of these invoices.
- As an alternative estimate, a new data source has been identified that has not been available in the past. Based on a 2016 whitepaper produced by the National Auto Dealers Association (NADA), on average over the 2013-2015 period the retail price of used vehicle was 35 percent above its wholesale price.
- Assuming an average used car price of approximately \$13,000, the estimate incorporates an average retail premium of approximately \$4,600 per vehicle. This forms the basis of the high estimate presented in Tables 1 and 2.
- Based on historical data of used car transactions by used car dealers, the estimate assumes approximately 733,000 will be sold in 2018.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Vehicles transferred through divorce settlements –*

This legislation also allows vehicles transferred because of a divorce decree to be subject to a reduced state TAVT rate of 0.5 percent of vehicle fair market value and a reduced local TAVT rate of 0.5 percent of vehicle fair market value. Under current law, vehicles transferred because of a divorce decree are subject to the standard TAVT rate applicable to other transactions, such as dealer or casual sales.

- Based on data from the Centers for Disease Control, the national divorce rate in 2016 was 3.3 per 1,000 persons. Using this information, the estimate assumes approximately 34,000 divorces annually in Georgia.
- Based on data from the American Community Survey for 2013, Georgia residents owned 1.3 vehicles per household.
- Assuming half of the vehicles per household are transferred in a divorce settlement, the estimate assumes about 14,000 vehicles are transferred via a divorce settlement per year.
- Conversations with individuals at the DOR indicated that the TAVT levied currently in some of these cases may already be the reduced rate, as there seems to be some confusion among the county agents about how to process these transactions under current law. This is reflected in the estimate.
- The average value of vehicles transferred in a settlement is based on the historical values of casual sales transactions and is estimated to equal approximately \$4,100 in 2018.
- This estimate also incorporates the state and local TAVT rates that will arise due to the change in the allocation of revenues between the state and local governments.

*Kit Cars and pre-1963 vehicles –*

The legislation allows Kit cars to be valued at the greater of the retail selling price of the kit or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of the motor vehicle as listed in the current valuation book utilized by the state revenue commissioner. The modification in this bill codifies the typical treatment of these vehicles under current law.

In addition the bill modifies the treatment of pre-1963 model vehicles. Vehicles with a model year prior to 1963, for which a conditional title has been obtained, would be allowed to opt into the TAVT system upon payment of a state TAVT payment equal to 0.5 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle and a local TAVT payment equal to 0.5 percent of the fair market value of the vehicle.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 340:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner for determining fair market value of motor vehicles subject to the tax; to provide for the fair market value determination of kit cars; to provide for fees of the tag agent; to provide for the

promulgation of a standardized form; to provide for the submission of title applications and title ad valorem tax fees by dealers; to provide for penalties for failure to timely submit title applications and title ad valorem tax fees; to provide for the tax amounts on vehicles which were registered in other states; to provide for certain refunds; to provide for transfers as a result of a divorce decree or court order; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for an expiration period for temporary license plates; to require that applications be submitted to the county where the vehicle will be registered; to provide for extensions of the registration period under certain circumstances; to provide for conditional titles for certain motor vehicles; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, is amended by revising Code Section 48-5C-1, relating to definitions, exemption from taxation, allocation and disbursement of proceeds collected by tag agents, fair market value of vehicle appealable, and report, as follows:

"48-5C-1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Fair market value of the motor vehicle' means:

(A) For a used motor vehicle not sold by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer, the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicle for a vehicle listed in the current motor vehicle ad valorem assessment manual utilized by the state revenue commissioner and based upon a nationally recognized motor vehicle industry pricing guide for fair market and wholesale market values in determining the taxable value of a motor vehicle under Code Section 48-5-442, ~~and, in the case of a used car dealer, less any reduction for the trade-in value of another motor vehicle;~~

(B) For a used motor vehicle not sold by a licensed motor vehicle dealer and which is not ~~se~~ listed in such current motor vehicle ad valorem assessment manual, the value from the bill of sale or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value from a reputable used car market guide designated by the commissioner, whichever is greater, ~~and, in the case of a used car dealer, less any reduction for the trade-in value of another motor vehicle;~~

(C) Upon written application and supporting documentation submitted by an applicant under this Code section, a county tag agent may deviate from the fair market value as defined in subparagraph (A), ~~or (B), or (D)~~ of this paragraph based upon mileage and condition of the used vehicle. Supporting documentation may include, but not be limited to, bill of sale, odometer statement, and values from reputable pricing guides. The fair market value as determined by the county tag agent pursuant to this subparagraph shall be appealable as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section; ~~or~~

~~(D) For a new or used motor vehicle sold by a new motor vehicle dealer or licensed used motor vehicle dealer, the greater of the retail selling price or, in the case of a lease of a new motor vehicle, the agreed upon value of the vehicle pursuant to the lease agreement or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicle for a vehicle listed in the current motor vehicle ad valorem assessment manual utilized by the state revenue commissioner in determining the taxable value of a motor vehicle under Code Section 48-5-442, less any reduction for the trade-in value of another motor vehicle and any rebate or any cash discounts provided by the selling dealer and taken at the time of sale. The retail selling price or agreed upon value shall include any charges for labor, freight, delivery, dealer fees, and similar charges, tangible accessories, and dealer add-ons, and mark-ups, but shall not include any federal retailers' excise tax or extended warranty, service contract, or maintenance agreement, or similar products itemized on the dealer's invoice to the customer or any finance, insurance, and interest charges for deferred payments billed separately. No reduction for the trade-in value of another motor vehicle shall be taken unless the name of the owner and the vehicle identification number of such trade-in motor vehicle are shown on the bill of sale;~~

~~(E) For a new motor vehicle that is leased, the total of the base payments pursuant to the lease agreement; or~~

~~(F) For a kit car which is assembled by the purchaser from parts supplied by a manufacturer, the greater of the retail selling price of the kit or the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of the motor vehicle if listed in the current motor vehicle ad valorem assessment manual utilized by the state revenue commissioner and based upon a nationally recognized motor vehicle industry pricing guide for fair market and wholesale market values in determining the taxable value of a motor vehicle under Code Section 48-5-442. A kit car shall not include a rebuilt or salvage vehicle.~~

(2) 'Immediate family member' means spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild.

(3) 'Loaner vehicle' means a motor vehicle owned by a dealer which is withdrawn temporarily from dealer inventory for exclusive use as a courtesy vehicle loaned at no charge for a period not to exceed 30 days within a 366 day period to any one customer whose motor vehicle is being serviced by such dealer.

(4) 'Rental charge' means the total value received by a rental motor vehicle concern for the rental or lease for 31 or fewer consecutive days of a rental motor vehicle, including the total cash and nonmonetary consideration for the rental or lease, including, but not limited to, charges based on time or mileage and charges for insurance coverage or collision damage waiver but excluding all charges for motor fuel taxes or sales and use taxes.

(5) 'Rental motor vehicle' means a motor vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers and used primarily for the transportation of persons that is rented or leased without a driver.

(6) 'Rental motor vehicle concern' means a person or legal entity which owns or

leases five or more rental motor vehicles and which regularly rents or leases such vehicles to the public for value.

(7) 'Trade-in value' means the value of the motor vehicle as stated in the bill of sale for a vehicle which has been traded in to the dealer in a transaction involving the purchase of another vehicle from the dealer.

(b)(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any motor vehicle for which a title is issued in this state on or after March 1, 2013, shall be exempt from sales and use taxes to the extent provided under paragraph (95) of Code Section 48-8-3 and shall not be subject to the ad valorem tax as otherwise required under Chapter 5 of this title. Any such motor vehicle shall be titled as otherwise required under Title 40 but shall be subject to a state title fee and a local title fee which shall be alternative ad valorem taxes as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution. Motor vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan shall not be subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees but shall continue to be subject to apportioned ad valorem taxation under Article 10 of Chapter 5 of this title.

(B)(i) As used in this subparagraph, the term:

(I) 'Local base amount' means \$1 billion.

(II) 'Local current collection amount' means the total amount of sales and use taxes on the sale of motor vehicles under Chapter 8 of this title and motor vehicle local ad valorem tax proceeds under this Code section and Chapter 5 of this title which were collected during the calendar year which immediately precedes the tax year in which the title ad valorem tax adjustments are required to be made under this subparagraph.

(III) 'Local target collection amount' means an amount equal to the local base amount added to the product of 2 percent of the local base amount multiplied by the number of years since 2012 with a maximum amount of \$1.2 billion.

(IV) 'State base amount' means \$535 million.

(V) 'State current collection amount' means the total amount of sales and use taxes on the sale of motor vehicles under Chapter 8 of this title and motor vehicle state ad valorem tax proceeds under this Code section and Chapter 5 of this title which were collected during the calendar year which immediately precedes the tax year in which the state and local title ad valorem tax rate is to be reviewed for adjustment under division (xiv) of this subparagraph. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, the term 'state current collection amount' for the 2014 calendar year for the purposes of the 2015 review under division (xiv) of this subparagraph shall be adjusted so that such amount is equal to the amount of motor vehicle state ad valorem tax proceeds that would have been collected under this Code section in 2014 if the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate was 7 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle less any trade-in value plus the total amount of motor vehicle state ad valorem tax proceeds collected under Chapter 5 of this title during 2014.

- (VI) 'State target collection amount' means an amount equal to the state base amount added to the product of 2 percent of the state base amount multiplied by the number of years since 2012.
- (ii) The combined state and local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to:
- (I) For the period commencing March 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, 6.5 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle;
  - (II) For the 2014 tax year, 6.75 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle; and
  - (III) Except as provided in division (xiv) of this subparagraph, for the 2015 and subsequent tax years, 7 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle.
- (iii) For the period commencing March 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 57 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 43 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.
- (iv) For the 2014 tax year, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 55 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 45 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.
- (v) For the 2015 tax year, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 55 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 45 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.
- (vi) For the 2016 tax year, except as otherwise provided in division (xiii) of this subparagraph, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 53.5 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 46.5 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.
- (vii) For the 2017 tax year, except as otherwise provided in divisions (xiii) and (xiv) of this subparagraph, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 44 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 56 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.
- (viii) For the 2018 tax year, except as otherwise provided in division (xiii) of this subparagraph, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 40 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 60 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.
- (ix) For the 2019 tax year, except as otherwise provided in divisions (xiii) and (xiv) of this subparagraph, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 36 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 64 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(x) For the 2020 tax year, except as otherwise provided in division (xiii) of this subparagraph, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 34 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 66 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(xi) For the 2021 tax year, except as otherwise provided in division (xiii) of this subparagraph, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 30 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 70 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(xii) For the 2022 and all subsequent tax years, except as otherwise provided in division (xiii) of this subparagraph for tax years 2022, 2023, and 2024 and except as otherwise provided in division (xiv) of this subparagraph for tax year 2023, the state title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 28 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph, and the local title ad valorem tax shall be at a rate equal to 72 percent of the tax rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(xiii) Beginning in 2016, by not later than January 15 of each tax year through the 2022 tax year, the state revenue commissioner shall determine the local target collection amount and the local current collection amount for the preceding calendar year. If such local current collection amount is equal to or within 1 percent of the local target collection amount, then the state title ad valorem tax rate and the local title ad valorem tax rate for such tax year shall remain at the rate specified in this subparagraph for that year. If the local current collection amount is more than 1 percent greater than the local target collection amount, then the local title ad valorem tax rate for such tax year shall be reduced automatically by operation of this division by such percentage amount as may be necessary so that, if such rate had been in effect for the calendar year under review, the local current collection amount would have produced an amount equal to the local target collection amount, and the state title ad valorem tax rate for such tax year shall be increased by an equal amount to maintain the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate at the rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph. If the local current collection amount is more than 1 percent less than the local target collection amount, then the local title ad valorem tax rate for such tax year shall be increased automatically by operation of this division by such percentage amount as may be necessary so that, if such rate had been in effect for the calendar year under review, the local current collection amount would have produced an amount equal to the local target collection amount, and the state title ad valorem tax rate for such tax year shall be reduced by an equal amount to maintain the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate at the rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph. In the event of an adjustment of such ad valorem tax rates, by not later than January 31 of such tax year, the state revenue commissioner shall notify the tax commissioner of each county in this state of the adjusted rate amounts.

The effective date of such adjusted rate amounts shall be January 1 of such tax year.

(xiv) In tax years 2015, 2018, and 2022, by not later than July 1 of each such tax year, the state revenue commissioner shall determine the state target collection amount and the state current collection amount for the preceding calendar year. If such state current collection amount is greater than, equal to, or within 1 percent of the state target collection amount after making the adjustment, if any, required in division (xiii) of this subparagraph, then the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph shall remain at the rate specified in such division. If the state current collection amount is more than 1 percent less than the state target collection amount after making the adjustment, if any, required by division (xiii) of this subparagraph, then the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph shall be increased automatically by operation of this division by such percentage amount as may be necessary so that, if such rate had been in effect for the calendar year under review, the state current collection amount would have produced an amount equal to the state target collection amount, and the state title ad valorem tax rate and the local title ad valorem tax rate for the tax year in which such increase in the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate shall become effective shall be adjusted from the rates specified in this subparagraph or division (xiii) of this subparagraph for such tax year such that the proceeds from such increase in the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate shall be allocated in full to the state. In the event of an adjustment of the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate, by not later than August 31 of such tax year, the state revenue commissioner shall notify the tax commissioner of each county in this state of the adjusted combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate for the next calendar year. The effective date of such adjusted combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate shall be January 1 of the next calendar year. Notwithstanding the provisions of this division, the combined state and local title ad valorem tax rate shall not exceed 9 percent.

(xv) The state revenue commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate to implement and administer this Code section, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations regarding appropriate public notification of ~~any changes in rate amounts and the effective date of such changes~~ and rules and regulations regarding appropriate enforcement and compliance procedures and methods for the implementation and operation of this Code section. The state revenue commissioner shall promulgate a standardized form to be used by all dealers of new and used vehicles in this state in order to ease the administration of this Code section. The state revenue commissioner may promulgate and implement rules and regulations as may be necessary to permit seller financed sales of used vehicles to be assessed 2.5 percentage points less than the rate specified in division (ii) of this subparagraph. The used motor vehicle sold through a seller financed sale shall be taxed at the fair market value. The fair



market value of a used motor vehicle sold through a seller financed sale shall be the average of the current fair market value and the current wholesale value of a motor vehicle for a vehicle listed in the current motor vehicle ad valorem assessment manual utilized by the state revenue commissioner and based upon a nationally recognized motor vehicle industry pricing guide for fair market and wholesale market values in determining the taxable value of a motor vehicle under Code Section 48-5-442, less any reduction for the trade-in value of another motor vehicle.

(C) The application for title and the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be paid to the tag agent in the county where the motor vehicle is to be registered and shall be paid at the time the application for a certificate of title is submitted or, in the case of an electronic title transaction, at the time when the electronic title transaction is finalized. In an electronic title transaction, the state and local title ad valorem tax fees shall be remitted electronically directly to the county tag agent. A dealer of new or used motor vehicles ~~may accept~~ shall make such application for title and state and local title ad valorem tax fees on behalf of the purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle for the purpose of submitting or, in the case of an electronic title application, finalizing such title application and remitting state and local title ad valorem tax fees.

(D) There shall be a penalty imposed on any person who, in the determination of the commissioner, falsifies any information in any bill of sale used for purposes of determining the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Such penalty shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a state penalty and shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a local penalty as determined by the commissioner. Such determination shall be made within 60 days of the commissioner receiving information of a possible violation of this paragraph.

(E) Except in the case in which an extension of the registration period has been granted by the county tag agent under Code Section 40-2-20, a dealer of new or used motor vehicles that ~~accepts~~ makes an application for title and collects state and local title ad valorem tax fees from a purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle and does not submit or, in the case of an electronic title transaction, finalize such application for title and remit such state and local title ad valorem tax fees to the county tag agent within 30 days following the date of purchase shall be liable to the county tag agent for an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount of such state and local title ad valorem tax fees. An additional penalty equal to 10 percent of the amount of such state and local title ad valorem tax fees shall be imposed if such payment is not transmitted within 60 days following the date of purchase. An additional penalty equal to 15 percent of the amount of such state and local title ad valorem tax fees shall be imposed if such payment is not transmitted within 90 days following the date of purchase, and an additional penalty equal to 20 percent of the amount of such state and local title ad valorem tax fees shall be imposed if such payment is not transmitted within 120 days following the date of purchase. An

additional penalty equal to 25 percent of the amount of such state and local title ad valorem tax fees shall be imposed for each subsequent 30 day period in which the payment is not transmitted. In addition, any such dealer of used motor vehicles that fails to make an application for title and submit or, in the case of an electronic title transaction, finalize such application for title and remit such state and local title ad valorem tax fees to the county tag agent within 30 days following the date of purchase shall also be subject to civil fines not to exceed \$500.00 per transaction, and such failure may be the basis for the revocation or suspension of such dealer's license under Chapter 47 of Title 43.

(F) A dealer of new or used motor vehicles that ~~accepts~~ makes an application for title and collects state and local title ad valorem tax fees from a purchaser of a new or used motor vehicle and converts such fees to his or her own use shall be guilty of theft by conversion and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in Code Section 16-8-12.

(2) A person or entity acquiring a salvage title pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 40-3-36 shall not be subject to the fee specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection but shall be subject to a state title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Such state title ad valorem tax fee shall be an alternative ad valorem tax as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution.

(c)(1) The amount of proceeds collected by tag agents each month as state and local title ad valorem tax fees, state salvage title ad valorem tax fees, administrative fees, penalties, and interest pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be allocated and disbursed as provided in this subsection.

(2) For the 2013 tax year and in each subsequent tax year, the amount of such funds shall be disbursed within 20 days following the end of each calendar month as follows:

(A) State title ad valorem tax fees, state salvage title ad valorem tax fees, administrative fees, penalties, and interest shall be remitted to the state revenue commissioner who shall deposit such proceeds in the general fund of the state less an amount to be retained by the tag agent not to exceed 1 percent of the total amount otherwise required to be remitted under this subparagraph to defray the cost of administration. Such retained amount shall be remitted to the collecting county's general fund. Failure by the tag agent to disburse within such 20 day period shall result in a forfeiture of such administrative fee plus interest on such amount at the rate specified in Code Section 48-2-40; and

(B) Local title ad valorem tax fees, administrative fees, penalties, and interest shall be designated as local government ad valorem tax funds. The tag agent shall then distribute the proceeds as specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) The local title ad valorem tax fee proceeds required under this subsection shall be distributed as follows:

(A) The tag agent of the county shall within 20 days following the end of each calendar month allocate and distribute to the county governing authority and to

municipal governing authorities, the board of education of the county school district, the board of education of any independent school district located in such county, the water and sewerage authority for which the county has levied an ad valorem tax in accordance with a local constitutional amendment, and in a county in which a sales and use tax is levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, the governing body of the transportation authority created by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965, Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243, as amended, and the amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, an amount of those proceeds necessary to offset any reduction in (i) ad valorem tax on motor vehicles collected under Chapter 5 of this title in the taxing jurisdiction of each governing authority, school district, and water and sewerage authority from the amount of ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles collected under Chapter 5 of this title in each such governing authority, school district, and water and sewerage authority during the same calendar month of 2012 and (ii) with respect to the transportation authority, the monthly average portion of the sales and use tax levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation applicable to any motor vehicle titled in a county which levied such tax in 2012. Such amount of tax may be determined by the commissioner for counties which levied such tax in 2012, and any counties which subsequently levy a tax pursuant to a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, the governing body of the transportation authority created by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965, Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243, as amended, and the amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, the ~~Commissioner~~ commissioner may determine what amount of sales and use tax would have been collected in 2012, had such tax been levied. This reduction shall be calculated, with respect to (i) above, by subtracting the amount of ad valorem tax on motor vehicles collected under Chapter 5 of this title in each such taxing jurisdiction from the amount of ad valorem tax on motor vehicles collected under Chapter 5 of this title in that taxing jurisdiction in the same calendar month of 2012. In the event that the local title ad valorem tax fee proceeds are insufficient to fully offset such reduction in ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles or the portion of the sales and use tax described in (ii) above, the tag agent shall allocate a proportionate amount of the proceeds to each governing authority, the board of education of each such school district, the water and sewerage authority, and the transportation authority, and any remaining shortfall shall be paid from the following month's local title ad valorem tax fee proceeds. In the event that a shortfall remains, the tag agent shall continue to first allocate local title ad valorem tax fee proceeds to offset such shortfalls until the shortfall has been fully repaid; and (B) Of the proceeds remaining following the allocation and distribution under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the tag agent shall allocate and distribute to the county governing authority and to municipal governing authorities, the board of education of the county school district, and the board of education of any

independent school district located in such county the remaining amount of those proceeds in the manner provided in this subparagraph. Such proceeds shall be deposited in the general fund of such governing authority or board of education and shall not be subject to any use or expenditure requirements provided for under any of the following described local sales and use taxes but shall be authorized to be expended in the same manner as authorized for the ad valorem tax revenues on motor vehicles under Chapter 5 of this title which would otherwise have been collected for such governing authority or board of education. Of such remaining proceeds:

(i) An amount equal to one-third of such proceeds shall be distributed to the board of education of the county school district and the board of education of each independent school district located in such county in the same manner as required for any local sales and use tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title currently in effect. If such tax is not currently in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed to such board or boards of education in the same manner as if such tax were in effect;

(ii)(I) Except as otherwise provided in this division, an amount equal to one-third of such proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authority of the county and the governing authority of each qualified municipality located in such county in the same manner as specified under the distribution certificate for the joint county and municipal sales and use tax under Article 2 of Chapter 8 of this title currently in effect.

(II) If such tax were never in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authority of the county and the governing authority of each qualified municipality located in such county on a pro rata basis according to the ratio of the population that each such municipality bears to the population of the entire county.

(III) If such tax is currently in effect as well as a local option sales and use tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to a local constitutional amendment, an amount equal to one-third of such proceeds shall be distributed in the same manner as required under subdivision (I) of this division and an amount equal to one-third of such proceeds shall be distributed to the board of education of the county school district.

(IV) If such tax is not currently in effect and a local option sales and use tax for educational purposes levied pursuant to a local constitutional amendment is currently in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed to the board of education of the county school district and the board of education of any independent school district in the same manner as required under that local constitutional amendment.

(V) If such tax is not currently in effect and a homestead option sales and use tax under Article 2A of Chapter 8 of this title is in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authority of the county, each qualified municipality, and each existing municipality in the same proportion as otherwise required

under Code Section 48-8-104; and

(iii)(I) An amount equal to one-third of such proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authority of the county and the governing authority of each qualified municipality located in such county in the same manner as specified under an intergovernmental agreement or as otherwise required under the county special purpose local option sales and use tax under Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title currently in effect; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not apply if subdivision (III) of division (ii) of this subparagraph is applicable.

(II) If such tax were in effect but expired and is not currently in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authority of the county and the governing authority of each qualified municipality located in such county in the same manner as if such tax were still in effect according to the intergovernmental agreement or as otherwise required under the county special purpose local sales and use tax under Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of this title for the 12 month period commencing at the expiration of such tax. If such tax is not renewed prior to the expiration of such 12 month period, such amount shall be distributed in accordance with subdivision (I) of division (ii) of this subparagraph; provided, however, that if a tax under Article 2 of Chapter 8 of this title is not in effect, such amount shall be distributed in accordance with subdivision (II) of division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(III) If such tax is not currently in effect in a county in which a tax is levied for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008; the continuation of such amendment under Article XI, Section I, Paragraph IV(d) of the Constitution; and the laws enacted pursuant to such constitutional amendment, such proceeds shall be distributed in such county, in the same manner as ad valorem tax on motor vehicles collected under Chapter 5 of this title in the taxing jurisdiction of each governing authority and school district from the amount of ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles collected under Chapter 5 of this title in each such governing authority and school district during the same calendar month of 2012.

(IV) If such tax were never in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed in the same manner as specified under the distribution certificate for the joint county and municipal sales and use tax under Article 2 of Chapter 8 of this title currently in effect; provided, however, that if such tax under such article is not in effect, such proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authority of the county and the governing authority of each qualified municipality located in such county on a pro rata basis according to the ratio of the population that each such municipality bears to the population of the entire county.

(d)(1)(A) Upon the death of an owner of a motor vehicle which has not become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the immediate family member or immediate family members of such owner who receive such motor vehicle pursuant to a will or under the rules of inheritance shall, subsequent to the

transfer of title of such motor vehicle, continue to be subject to ad valorem tax under Chapter 5 of this title and shall not be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section unless the immediate family member or immediate family members make an affirmative written election to become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section. In the event of such election, such transfer shall be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(B) Upon the death of an owner of a motor vehicle which has become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the immediate family member or immediate family members of such owner who receive such motor vehicle pursuant to a will or under the rules of inheritance shall be subject to a state title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-quarter of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle and a local title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-quarter of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Such title ad valorem tax fees shall be an alternative ad valorem tax as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution.

(2)(A) Upon the transfer from an immediate family member of a motor vehicle which has not become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the immediate family member or immediate family members who receive such motor vehicle shall, subsequent to the transfer of title of such motor vehicle, continue to be subject to ad valorem tax under Chapter 5 of this title and shall not be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section unless the immediate family member or immediate family members make an affirmative written election to become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section. In the event of such election, such transfer shall be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(B) Upon the transfer from an immediate family member of a motor vehicle which has become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the immediate family member who receives such motor vehicle shall transfer title of such motor vehicle to such recipient family member and shall be subject to a state title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-quarter of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle and a local title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-quarter of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Such title ad valorem tax fees shall be an alternative ad valorem tax as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution.

(C) Any title transfer under this paragraph shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the transferor and transferee that such persons are immediate family members to one another. There shall be a penalty imposed on any person who, in the determination of the state revenue commissioner, falsifies any material information in such affidavit. Such penalty shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a state penalty and shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a local penalty as determined by the state revenue

commissioner. Such determination shall be made within 60 days of the state revenue commissioner receiving information of a possible violation of this paragraph.

(3) Any individual who:

(A) Is required by law to register a motor vehicle or motor vehicles in this state which were registered in the state in which such person formerly resided; and

(B) Is required to file an application for a certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-21 or 40-3-32

shall ~~only~~ be required to pay state and local title ad valorem tax fees ~~in the amount of 50 percent of the amount which would otherwise be due and payable under this subsection at the time of filing the application for a certificate of title, and the remaining 50 percent shall be paid within 12 months in accordance with this Code section, provided that such individual shall not be required to pay more than \$1,100.00 in state and local title ad valorem tax fees in order to register and title such motor vehicle under this paragraph.~~

(4) The state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for under this Code section shall not apply to corrected titles, replacement titles under Code Section 40-3-31, or titles reissued to the same owner pursuant to Code Sections 40-3-50 through 40-3-56.

(5) Any motor vehicle subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall continue to be subject to the title, license plate, revalidation decal, and registration requirements and applicable fees as otherwise provided in Title 40 in the same manner as motor vehicles which are not subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(6) Motor vehicles owned or leased by or to the state or any county, consolidated government, municipality, county or independent school district, or other government entity in this state shall not be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that such other government entity shall not qualify for the exclusion under this paragraph unless it is exempt from ad valorem tax and sales and use tax pursuant to general law.

(7)(A) Any motor vehicle which is exempt from sales and use tax pursuant to paragraph (30) of Code Section 48-8-3 shall be exempt from state and local title ad valorem tax fees under this subsection.

(B) Any motor vehicle which is exempt from ad valorem taxation pursuant to Code Section 48-5-478, 48-5-478.1, 48-5-478.2, or 48-5-478.3 shall be exempt from state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(8) There shall be a penalty imposed on the transfer of all or any part of the interest in a business entity that includes primarily as an asset of such business entity one or more motor vehicles, when, in the determination of the state revenue commissioner, such transfer is done to evade the payment of state and local title ad valorem tax fees under this subsection. Such penalty shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a state penalty per

motor vehicle and shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a local penalty per motor vehicle, as determined by the state revenue commissioner, plus the amount of the state and local title ad valorem tax fees. Such determination shall be made within 60 days of the state revenue commissioner receiving information that a transfer may be in violation of this paragraph.

(9) Any owner of any motor vehicle who fails to submit within 30 days of the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle in this state an application for a first certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-21 or a certificate of title under Code Section 40-3-32 shall be required to pay a penalty in the amount of 10 percent of the state title ad valorem tax fees and 10 percent of the local title ad valorem tax fees required under this Code section and, if such state and local title ad valorem tax fees and the penalty are not paid within 60 days following the date such owner is required by law to register such vehicle, interest at the rate of 1.0 percent per month shall be imposed on the state and local title ad valorem tax fees due under this Code section, unless a temporary permit has been issued by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner shall grant a temporary permit in the event the failure to timely apply for a first certificate of title is due to the failure of a lienholder to comply with Code Section 40-3-56, regarding release of a security interest or lien, and no penalty or interest shall be assessed. Such penalty and interest shall be in addition to the penalty and fee required under Code Section 40-3-21 or 40-3-32, as applicable.

(10) The owner of any motor vehicle for which a title was issued in this state on or after January 1, 2012, and prior to March 1, 2013, shall be authorized to opt in to the provisions of this subsection at any time prior to February 28, 2014, upon compliance with the following requirements:

(A)(i) The total amount of Georgia state and local title ad valorem tax fees which would be due from March 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013, if such vehicle had been titled in 2013 shall be determined; and

(ii) The total amount of Georgia state and local sales and use tax and Georgia state and local ad valorem tax under Chapter 5 of this title which were due and paid in 2012 for that motor vehicle and, if applicable, the total amount of such taxes which were due and paid for that motor vehicle in 2013 and 2014 shall be determined; and

(B)(i) If the amount derived under division (i) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is greater than the amount derived under division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the owner shall remit the difference to the tag agent. Such remittance shall be deemed local title ad valorem tax fee proceeds; or

(ii) If the amount derived under division (i) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is less than the amount derived under division (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, no additional amount shall be due and payable by the owner.

Upon certification by the tag agent of compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, such motor vehicle shall not be subject to ad valorem tax as otherwise required under Chapter 5 of this title in the same manner as otherwise provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.



(11)(A) In the case of rental motor vehicles owned by a rental motor vehicle concern, the state title ad valorem tax fee shall be in an amount equal to .625 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle, and the local title ad valorem tax fee shall be in an amount equal to .625 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle, but only if in the immediately prior calendar year the average amount of sales and use tax attributable to the rental charge of each such rental motor vehicle was at least \$400.00 as certified by the state revenue commissioner. If, in the immediately prior calendar year, the average amount of sales and use tax attributable to the rental charge of each such rental motor vehicle was not at least \$400.00, this paragraph shall not apply and such vehicles shall be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees prescribed in division (b)(1)(B)(ii) of this Code section.

(B) Such title ad valorem tax fees shall be an alternative ad valorem tax as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution.

(12) A loaner vehicle shall not be subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section for a period of time not to exceed 366 days commencing on the date such loaner vehicle is withdrawn temporarily from inventory. Immediately upon the expiration of such 366 day period, if the dealer does not return the loaner vehicle to inventory for resale, the dealer shall be responsible for remitting state and local title ad valorem tax fees in the same manner as otherwise required of an owner under paragraph (9) of this subsection and shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as an owner for noncompliance with the requirements of paragraph (9) of this subsection.

(13) Any motor vehicle which is donated to a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ~~for the purpose of being transferred to another person~~ shall, when titled in the name of such nonprofit organization, not be subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section but shall be subject to state and local title ad valorem tax fees ~~otherwise applicable to salvage titles under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section~~ in the amount of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Such title ad valorem tax fees shall be an alternative ad valorem tax as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution.

(14)(A) A lessor of motor vehicles that leases motor vehicles for more than 31 consecutive days to lessees residing in this state shall register with the department. The department shall collect an annual fee of \$100.00 for such registrations. Failure of a lessor to register under this subparagraph shall subject such lessor to a civil penalty of \$2,500.00.

(B) A lessee residing in this state who leases a motor vehicle under this paragraph shall register such motor vehicle with the tag agent in such lessee's county of residence within 30 days of the commencement of the lease of such motor vehicle or beginning residence in this state, whichever is later.

(C) A lessor that leases a motor vehicle under this paragraph to a lessee residing in

this state shall apply for a certificate of title in this state within 30 days of the commencement of the lease of such motor vehicle.

(15) There shall be no liability for any state or local title ad valorem tax fees in any of the following title transactions:

(A) The addition or substitution of lienholders on a motor vehicle title so long as the owner of the motor vehicle remains the same;

(B) The acquisition of a bonded title by a person or entity pursuant to Code Section 40-3-28 if the title is to be issued in the name of such person or entity;

(C) The acquisition of a title to a motor vehicle by a person or entity as a result of the foreclosure of a mechanic's lien pursuant to Code Section 40-3-54 if such title is to be issued in the name of such lienholder;

(D) The acquisition of a title to an abandoned motor vehicle by a person or entity pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 40 if such person or entity is a manufacturer or dealer of motor vehicles and the title is to be issued in the name of such person or entity;

(E) The obtaining of a title to a stolen motor vehicle by a person or entity pursuant to Code Section 40-3-43;

(F) The obtaining of a title by and in the name of a motor vehicle manufacturer, licensed distributor, licensed dealer, or licensed rebuilder for the purpose of sale or resale or to obtain a corrected title, provided that the manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or rebuilder shall submit an affidavit in a form promulgated by the commissioner attesting that the transfer of title is for the purpose of accomplishing a sale or resale or to correct a title only;

(G) The obtaining of a title by and in the name of the holder of a security interest when a motor vehicle has been repossessed after default in accordance with Part 6 of Article 9 of Title 11 if such title is to be issued in the name of such security interest holder;

(H) The obtaining of a title by a person or entity for purposes of correcting a title, changing an odometer reading, or removing an odometer discrepancy legend, provided that, subject to subparagraph (F) of this paragraph, title is not being transferred to another person or entity; ~~and~~

(I) The obtaining of a title by a person who pays state and local title ad valorem tax fees on a motor vehicle and subsequently moves out of this state but returns and applies to retitle such vehicle in this state;

(J) The transfer of a title made as a result of a business reorganization when the owners, partners, members, or stockholders of the business being reorganized maintain the same proportionate interest or share in the newly formed business reorganization; and

(K) The transfer of a title from a company to an owner of the company for the purpose of such individual obtaining a prestige or special license plate for the motor vehicle.

(16) It shall be unlawful for a person, including a dealer of new or used motor vehicles under subparagraph (b)(1)(C) of this Code section, to fail to obtain a title for

and register a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Any person, including a dealer of new or used motor vehicles under subparagraph (b)(1)(C) of this Code section, who knowingly and willfully fails to obtain a title for or register a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

(17)(A) Any person who purchases a 1963 through 1985 model year motor vehicle for which such person obtains a title shall be subject to this Code section, but the state title ad valorem tax fee shall be in an amount equal to .50 percent of the fair market value of such motor vehicle, and the local title ad valorem tax fee shall be in an amount equal to .50 percent of the fair market value of such motor vehicle.

(B) The owner of a 1962 or earlier model year motor vehicle who obtains a conditional title pursuant to Code Section 40-3-21.1 for such motor vehicle shall be authorized to opt in to the provisions of this subsection upon the payment of a state title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of the fair market value of such motor vehicle and a local title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of the fair market value of such motor vehicle. Upon certification by the tag agent of compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph, such motor vehicle shall not be subject to ad valorem tax as otherwise required under Chapter 5 of this title in the same manner as otherwise provided in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(18)(A) Upon the transfer of title as the result of a divorce decree or court order of a motor vehicle which has not become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the person who receives such motor vehicle shall, subsequent to the transfer of title of such motor vehicle, continue to be subject to the ad valorem tax under Chapter 5 of this title and shall not be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section unless such person makes an affirmative written election to become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section. In the event of such election, such transfer shall be subject to the state and local title ad valorem tax fees provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(B) Upon the transfer of title as the result of a divorce decree or court order of a motor vehicle which has become subject to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, the person who receives such motor vehicle shall, at the time of the transfer of title of such motor vehicle, be subject to a state title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle and a local title ad valorem tax fee in an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Such title ad valorem tax fees shall be an alternative ad valorem tax as authorized by Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III(b)(3) of the Georgia Constitution.

(C) Any title transfer under this paragraph shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the transferee that such transfer is pursuant to a divorce decree or court order, and the transferee shall attach such decree or order to the affidavit. There shall be a penalty imposed on any person who, in the determination of the state revenue

commissioner, falsifies any material information in such affidavit. Such penalty shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a state penalty and shall not exceed \$2,500.00 as a local penalty as determined by the state revenue commissioner. Such determination shall be made within 60 days of the state revenue commissioner receiving information of a possible violation of this paragraph.

(e) The fair market value of any motor vehicle subject to this Code section shall be appealable in the same manner as otherwise authorized for a motor vehicle subject to ad valorem taxation under Code Section 48-5-450; provided, however, that the person appealing the fair market value shall first pay the full amount of the state and local title ad valorem tax prior to filing any appeal. If the appeal is successful, the amount of the tax owed shall be recalculated and, if the amount paid by the person appealing the determination of fair market value is greater than the recalculated tax owed, the person shall be promptly given a refund of the difference.

(f) Beginning in 2014, on or before January 31 of each year, the department shall provide a report to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee showing the state and local title ad valorem tax fee revenues collected pursuant to this chapter and the motor vehicle ad valorem tax proceeds collected pursuant to Chapter 5 of this title during the preceding calendar year.

(g) A motor vehicle dealer shall be authorized to apply for a refund of state and local title ad valorem taxes on behalf of the person who purchased a motor vehicle from such dealer. Such dealer shall promptly pay to such purchaser any refund received by the dealer which is owed to the purchaser, and in any event, such payment shall be made no later than ten days following the receipt of such refund by the dealer."

## SECTION 2.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 40-2-8, relating to the operation of unregistered vehicles, as follows:

"(b)(1) Any vehicle operated in the State of Georgia which is required to be registered and which does not have attached to the rear thereof a numbered license plate and current revalidation decal affixed to a corner or corners of the license plate as designated by the commissioner, if required, shall be stored at the owner's risk and expense by any law enforcement officer of the State of Georgia, unless such operation is otherwise permitted by this chapter.

(2)(A) It shall be a misdemeanor to operate any vehicle required to be registered in the State of Georgia without a valid numbered license plate properly validated, unless such operation is otherwise permitted under this chapter; and provided, further, that the purchaser of a new vehicle or a used vehicle from a dealer of new or used motor vehicles who displays a temporary plate issued as provided by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph may operate such vehicle on the public highways and streets of this state without a current valid license plate during the period within which the purchaser is required by Code Section 40-2-20. An owner acquiring a motor vehicle from an entity that is not a new or used vehicle dealer

shall register such vehicle as provided for in Code Section 40-2-29 unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan pursuant to Article 3A of this chapter.

(B)(i) Any dealer of new or used motor vehicles shall issue to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of sale thereof, unless such vehicle is to be registered under the International Registration Plan, a temporary plate as provided for by department rules or regulations which may bear the dealer's name and location and shall bear ~~the an~~ expiration date of the period within which the purchaser is required by Code Section 40-2-20 to register such vehicle 45 days from the date of purchase. The expiration date of such a temporary plate may be revised and extended by the county tag agent upon application by the dealer, the purchaser, or the transferee if an extension of the purchaser's initial registration period has been granted as provided by Code Section 40-2-20. Such temporary plate shall not resemble a license plate issued by this state and shall be issued without charge or fee. The requirements of this subparagraph ~~do~~ shall not apply to a dealer whose primary business is the sale of salvage motor vehicles and other vehicles on which total loss claims have been paid by insurers.

(ii) All temporary plates issued by dealers to purchasers of vehicles shall be of a standard design prescribed by regulation promulgated by the department. The department may provide by rule or regulation for the sale and distribution of such temporary plates by third parties in accordance with paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) All sellers and distributors of temporary license plates shall maintain an inventory record of temporary license plates by number and name of the dealer.

(4) The purchaser and operator of a vehicle shall not be subject to the penalties set forth in this Code section during the period allowed for the registration of such vehicle. If the owner of such vehicle presents evidence that such owner has properly applied for the registration of such vehicle, but that the license plate or revalidation decal has not been delivered to such owner, then the owner shall not be subject to the penalties enumerated in this subsection."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 40-2-29, relating to registration and license plate requirement, license fee to accompany application, temporary operating permit, and penalties, as follows:

"(c) A person unable to fully comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall register such vehicle and receive a temporary operating permit that will be valid until the end of the initial registration period as provided for in paragraph (.1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-2-21. The commissioner may provide by rule or regulation for one 30 day extension of such initial registration period which may be granted by the county tag agent if the transferor has not provided such purchaser or other transferee owner with a title to the motor vehicle more than five business days prior to the expiration of such initial registration period. The county tag agent shall

grant an extension of the initial registration period when the transferor, purchaser, or transferee can demonstrate by affidavit in a form provided by the commissioner that title has not been provided to the purchaser or transferee due to the failure of a security interest holder or lienholder to timely release a security interest or lien in accordance with Code Section 40-3-56."

#### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-3-21, relating to the application for the first certificate of title, as follows:

"40-3-21.

(a) The application for the first certificate of title of a vehicle in this state shall be made ~~by the owner to the commissioner or~~ to the commissioner's duly authorized county tag agent on the prescribed form. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the application ~~must~~ shall be submitted to ~~the commissioner or~~ the appropriate authorized county tag agent by the owner of the vehicle within 30 days from the date of purchase of the vehicle or from the date the owner is otherwise required by law to register the vehicle in this state. If the owner does not submit the application within that time, the owner of the vehicle shall be required to pay a penalty of \$10.00 in addition to the ordinary title fee provided for by this chapter. If the documents submitted in support of the title application are rejected, the party submitting the documents shall have 60 days from the date of rejection to resubmit the documents required by ~~the commissioner or~~ the authorized county tag agent for the issuance of a certificate of title. Should the documents not be properly resubmitted within the 60 day period, there shall be an additional \$10.00 penalty assessed, and the owner of the vehicle shall be required to remove immediately the license plate of the vehicle and return the same to ~~the commissioner or~~ the authorized county tag agent. The license plate shall be deemed to have expired at 12:00 Midnight of the sixtieth day following the initial rejection of the documents submitted, if the documents have not been resubmitted as required under this subsection. Such application shall contain:

- (1) The full legal name, driver's license number, residence, and mailing address of the owner;
- (2) A description of the vehicle, including, so far as the following data exist: its make, model, identifying number, type of body, the number of cylinders, and whether new, used, or a demonstrator and, for a manufactured home, the manufacturer's statement or certificate of origin and the full serial number for all manufactured homes sold in this state on or after July 1, 1994;
- (3) The date of purchase by the applicant and, except as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section, the name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was acquired and the names and addresses of the holders of all security interests and liens in order of their priority; and
- (4) Any further information the ~~commissioner~~ authorized county tag agent reasonably requires to identify the vehicle and to enable ~~the commissioner or~~ the authorized county tag agent to determine whether the owner is entitled to a certificate of title and

the existence or nonexistence of security interests in the vehicle and liens on the vehicle.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'digital signature' means a digital or electronic method executed or adopted by a party with the intent to be bound by or to authenticate a record, which is unique to the person using it, is capable of verification, is under the sole control of the person using it, and is linked to data in such a manner that if the data are changed, the digital or electronic signature is invalidated.

(2) If the application refers to a vehicle purchased from a dealer, it shall contain the name and address of the holder of any security interest created or reserved at the time of the sale by the dealer. The application shall be signed by the owner and, unless the dealer's signature appears on the certificate of title or manufacturer's statement of origin submitted in support of the title application, the dealer, provided that as an alternative to a handwritten signature, the commissioner may authorize use of a digital signature as so long as appropriate security measures are implemented which assure security and verification of the digital signature process, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner. The dealer shall ~~promptly mail or deliver mail, deliver, or electronically submit~~ the application to the ~~commissioner or the county tag agent of the county in which the seller is located, of the county in which the sale takes place, of the county in which the vehicle is delivered, or of the county wherein the vehicle owner resides so as to have the application submitted to the commissioner or such~~ authorized county tag agent in the county where the vehicle will be registered within 30 days from the date of the sale of the vehicle. If the application is not submitted within that time, the dealer, or in nondealer sales the transferee, shall be required to pay a penalty of \$10.00 in addition to the ordinary title fee paid by the transferee provided for in this chapter. If the documents submitted in support of the title application are rejected, the dealer submitting the documents shall have 60 days from the date of initial rejection to resubmit the documents required by the ~~commissioner or~~ authorized county tag agent for the issuance of a certificate of title. Should the documents not be properly resubmitted within 60 days, there shall be an additional penalty of \$10.00 assessed against the dealer. The willful failure of a dealer to obtain a certificate of title for a purchaser shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the dealer's state issued license and registration for the sale of motor vehicles.

(c)(1) If the application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in another state or country, the application shall contain or be accompanied by:

(A) Any certificate of title issued by the other state or country; and

(B) Any other information and documents the ~~commissioner or~~ authorized county tag agent reasonably requires to establish the ownership of the vehicle and the existence or nonexistence of security interests in it and liens against it.

(2) If the application refers to a vehicle last previously registered in another state and if the applicant is the last previously registered owner in such state, the application need not contain the name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was acquired."

**SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-3-21.1.

For a 1962 or earlier model year motor vehicle, the owner of such motor vehicle may apply to the commissioner through the county tag agent for a conditional title for such motor vehicle. The application shall be made under oath on a form prescribed by the commissioner for such purpose. Such form shall require the applicant to provide such information as the commissioner shall determine, including all liens and other encumbrances known to the applicant at the time of application, which the commissioner shall cause to be listed on the conditional title upon its issuance. Upon receipt of the application, the commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized county tag agent shall file such application and, when satisfied as to its genuineness and regularity and that the applicant is entitled to the issuance of a conditional certificate of title under the provisions of this chapter, shall issue a conditional certificate of title for the motor vehicle. The conditional certificate of title shall be clearly marked as such and shall contain a disclaimer that states that the title may not reflect all liens or other encumbrances affecting the motor vehicle. The commissioner may impose a fee for the issuance of a conditional title which shall not exceed \$20.00. The duly authorized county tag agent shall retain 50 percent of such fee for the general fund of the county and shall transmit the remaining 50 percent to the department for deposit into the state treasury."

**SECTION 6.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 40-3-32, relating to the transfer of vehicles, as follows:

"(b) Except as provided in Code Section 40-3-33, the transferee, promptly after delivery to him or her of the vehicle and certificate of title, shall execute the application for a new certificate of title on the form the commissioner prescribes and cause the application and the certificate of title to be mailed or delivered to the ~~commissioner or his appropriate~~ authorized county tag agent in the county where the vehicle will be registered together with the application for change of registration for the vehicle, so that the title application shall be received within 30 days from the date of the transfer of the vehicle. If the title application is not received within that time, the owner shall be required to pay a penalty of \$10.00 in addition to the ordinary title fee provided for by this chapter. If the documents submitted in support of the title application are rejected, the party submitting the documents shall have 60 days from the date of initial rejection to resubmit the documents required by the ~~commissioner~~ authorized county tag agent for the issuance of title. If the documents are not properly resubmitted within 60 days, there shall be an additional \$10.00 penalty assessed, and the owner of the vehicle shall be required to remove immediately the license plate of the vehicle and return the same to the ~~commissioner~~ authorized county tag agent. The license plate shall be deemed to have expired at 12:00 Midnight of the sixtieth day following the initial rejection of the documents, if the documents have not been resubmitted as required under this subsection."



**SECTION 7.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018, and shall apply to all tax years beginning on and after such date.

**SECTION 8.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 5.

HB 340, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

At 12:18 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 1:15 p.m.

At 1:23 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill and Resolution of the Senate:

SB 117. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to change the definition of the term "agency"; to provide for the establishment of certain policies and standards to be used by all agencies; to provide for waivers under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SR 229. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 4th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Bleckley, Cherokee, Douglas, Evans, Glynn, Hall, Laurens, Rockdale, Upson, and Walton Counties; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 199. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Efstoration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies; to remove the sunset on such exemptions; to add an exemption for certain prereleased products; to provide for a new state income tax credit for qualified postproduction expenditures of postproduction companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 338. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Coleman of the 97th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools identified as in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for an Education Turnaround Advisory Council; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; to revise provisions relating to contracts for strategic waivers school systems; to revise provisions relating to charters for charter systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tippins of the 37th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 338:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for a system of supports and assistance for the lowest-performing schools identified as in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for a Chief Turnaround Officer; to provide for turnaround coaches; to provide for consultation with the State School Superintendent; to provide for a definition for "turnaround eligible schools"; to provide for the identification of the schools in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for contract amendments and interventions; to provide for third-party specialists; to provide for a comprehensive on-site evaluation and recommendations; to provide for the development of an intensive school improvement plan; to provide for supports for low-performing students; to provide for grants by the Office of Student Achievement; to provide for implementation of an intensive school improvement plan; to provide for interventions if the school does not improve; to provide for an Education Turnaround Advisory Council; to provide for biannual reports; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; to provide for its membership and duties; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a Leadership Academy; to provide for its membership and duties; to provide for removal of members of a local board of education if one-half or more of the

schools in the local school system are turnaround eligible schools for five or more consecutive years; to provide for temporary replacement members; to provide for petitions for reinstatement; to provide for a hearing; to revise provisions relating to contracts for strategic waivers school systems; to revise provisions relating to charters for charter systems; to provide for annual reports; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "First Priority Act – Helping Turnaround Schools Put Students First."

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new part to Article 2 of Chapter 14, relating to education accountability assessment programs, to read as follows:

"Part 3A

20-14-43.

(a) There is created the position of Chief Turnaround Officer. The State Board of Education, after consulting with the State School Superintendent and the Education Turnaround Advisory Council and conducting a national search, shall appoint the Chief Turnaround Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the state board. The Chief Turnaround Officer shall be an employee of the Department of Education but shall report directly to the state board.

(b) The Chief Turnaround Officer shall have the following qualifications:

(1) Extensive personal experience in turning around low-performing schools, including expertise in turnaround strategies, curriculum, instruction, and teacher and principal effectiveness;

(2) Has held the position of at least principal or a higher administrative position in a public school system for a minimum of five years with demonstrated skills in school management, budget, finance, federal and state programs, funding sources, and talent management; and

(3) Such additional education, experience, and other qualifications as determined by the State Board of Education.

(c) The duties of the Chief Turnaround Officer shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Managing and overseeing a system of supports and assistance for the lowest-

performing schools in this state identified as in the greatest need of assistance;

(2) Identifying resources, including the establishment of a resource list of evidence based strategies and integrated student services, and consulting with regional educational service agencies to determine specific expertise and resources available at each such regional educational service agency directly relating to school turnaround;

(3) Annually establishing a list of third-party specialists, including auditors and consultants, to assist schools and local school systems in conducting comprehensive on-site evaluations of schools to determine the root causes of low performance and lack of progress, to assist schools and local school systems in the implementation of intensive school improvement plans, or to provide any of the necessary support services as specified in the engagement letter or contract. Such list of third-party specialists shall be established through a request for proposals process and approved by the State Board of Education. Such request for proposals shall be designed with input from the Education Turnaround Advisory Council;

(4) Coordinating with the school improvement division within the Department of Education and coordinating and working with the State School Superintendent and the Office of Student Achievement to identify all state resources and supports available to the lowest-performing schools in the greatest need of assistance;

(5) Identifying turnaround coaches pursuant to Code Section 20-14-44 to serve as the assigned state site liaison in the school improvement process;

(6) Building school level leadership capabilities in cooperation with agencies and organizations that have experience and capacity and providing leadership development opportunities for principals and other school level leaders in turnaround eligible schools selected by the Chief Turnaround Officer; and

(7) Identifying best practices for school turnaround, including identifying those practices that are not successful in improving student outcomes, and sharing such information with local school systems and schools in this state.

(d) The Chief Turnaround Officer, the State School Superintendent, and the staff and all divisions of the Department of Education shall work collaboratively and shall coordinate as necessary to facilitate the implementation of this part. The Department of Education shall establish the state plan pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act in a manner that pursues and allows maximum flexibility to implement the provisions of this part.

20-14-44.

(a) The Chief Turnaround Officer, after consulting with the State School Superintendent, shall recommend individuals experienced in turning around schools that have similar needs and characteristics as those schools identified pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45, to serve as turnaround coaches, subject to approval by the state board.

(b) Turnaround coaches shall assist schools that are identified as in the greatest need of assistance pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45 with ongoing assistance and input and shall serve as contract managers to ensure conformance to contract terms. Turnaround

coaches shall be assigned to one or more schools which are under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45.

(c) Turnaround coaches may provide such other services and supports as determined by the Chief Turnaround Officer.

20-14-45.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'turnaround eligible schools' means the schools that have performed in the lowest 5 percent of schools in this state identified in accordance with the statewide accountability system established in the state plan pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

(b) The Chief Turnaround Officer, in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Office of Student Achievement, shall annually identify the lowest-performing schools that are deemed to be in the greatest need of assistance based on a list of turnaround eligible schools prepared annually by the Office of Student Achievement. If the Chief Turnaround Officer, after consulting with Department of Education staff and the State School Superintendent, determines that the capacity and resources available to the Chief Turnaround Officer and to the Department of Education are insufficient to serve all schools on the turnaround eligible schools list, the Chief Turnaround Officer may select a subset of such schools based on the following factors:

(1) Whether the school's rating has been improving or declining over the previous three years, based on the statewide accountability system;

(2) Whether the contract for strategic waivers school systems or the charter for charter systems adequately addresses the school's deficiencies;

(3) Whether the school is in a local school system with a recent accreditation report showing deficiencies in system level governance, school level leadership, system and school level resource utilization, or school level achievement, including the areas of reading and mathematics proficiencies;

(4) Whether the school is located in a local school system in which one-half or more of the schools are on the turnaround eligible schools list for the fifth or more consecutive year;

(5) Whether the school is in close proximity to a school that will be served pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection; and

(6) Any other factors deemed appropriate by the Chief Turnaround Officer.

(c) The Chief Turnaround Officer shall extend an opportunity to the local boards of education for each school identified pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to amend the contract entered into pursuant to Code Section 20-2-83 for strategic waivers school systems or to amend the charter, for charter systems. The amendment shall be for the purposes of agreeing to receive assistance pursuant to this part for such identified school or schools. For any such local board of education that is offered the opportunity to amend its system contract or charter but that does not sign an amendment within 60 days of being offered the amendment or that declines to sign an amendment, the State Board of Education shall within 60 days either implement one or more of the interventions contained in paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section

20-14-41 for such school or terminate the system contract or charter as allowed by the terms of such contract or charter.

(d) For any local school system that is not a charter system or a strategic waivers system, the Chief Turnaround Officer shall extend an opportunity to the local board of education for each school identified pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section to enter into an intervention contract for the purposes of agreeing to receive assistance pursuant to Code Section 20-14-46 for such identified school or schools. For any such local board of education that is offered the opportunity to enter into an intervention contract but that declines, the State Board of Education shall immediately implement one or more of the interventions contained in paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-41 for such school.

(e) For any school on the turnaround eligible school list which is not selected as part of the subset of schools to be assisted by the Chief Turnaround Officer due to insufficient capacity and resources, the Department of Education, through its school improvement division, shall begin or continue focused supports and a pre-diagnostic review utilizing all relevant data held at the state level as it relates to the local school system and school, including financial audits, funding allotments, federal funds, state assessment data, and the most recent local school system accreditation report regarding system level governance and leadership, resource utilization, teaching and learning effectiveness, and academic achievement.

20-14-46.

(a) Within 30 days of entering into a contract amendment or intervention contract between the State Board of Education and a local board of education pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45, the local board of education shall, in consultation with the turnaround coach, select a third-party specialist to conduct a comprehensive on-site diagnostic review in cooperation with the regional educational service agency and the turnaround coach of the school to determine the root causes of low performance and lack of progress. Such third-party specialist may be selected from the approved list established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-14-43 at the expense of the state, or the local board of education may select its own third-party specialist, upon approval by the Chief Turnaround Officer, at the expense of the local school system. The turnaround coach shall ensure that the third-party specialist receives all relevant data held at the state level as it relates to the local school system and school, including the system charter or contract, financial audits, funding allotments, federal funds, state assessment data, and any other relevant information as it relates to school performance. The third-party specialist shall also review the most recent local school system accreditation report regarding system level governance and leadership, resource utilization, teaching and learning effectiveness, and academic achievement.

(b) Within 90 days of entering into a contract amendment or intervention contract between the State Board of Education and a local board of education, the turnaround coach, in partnership with the regional educational service agency, shall ensure that the local board of education and the third-party specialist have completed a comprehensive

on-site evaluation of the school to determine the root causes of the school's low performance and lack of progress. The comprehensive on-site diagnostic review shall include a leadership assessment to determine the capacity of the school leader to lead the turnaround efforts, as well as a review of system level support and interventions, including central office policies and supports, technical assistance and guidance, financial management, and appropriate use of resources in accordance with approved waivers under the system charter or contract.

(c) Based on the comprehensive on-site evaluation, the turnaround coach, in partnership with the regional educational service agency, shall recommend actions, which may include, but not be limited to, reallocation of resources and technical assistance, changes in school procedures or operations, professional learning focused on student achievement for instructional and administrative staff, intervention for individual administrators or teachers, instructional strategies based on scientifically based research, additional waivers from state statutes or rules, adoption of policies and practices to ensure all groups of students meet the state's proficiency level, extended instruction time for low-performing students, strategies for parental involvement, incorporation of a teacher mentoring program, smaller class size for low-performing students, or other actions deemed appropriate.

(d) Based on the evaluation and recommendations and after public input from parents and the community, the school shall develop an intensive school improvement plan, approved by the Chief Turnaround Officer, that specifically addresses the academic insufficiencies identified by the school's rating in the single state-wide accountability system. The local board of education shall not be eligible for supplemental funding to support the implementation of the plan unless such local board demonstrates financial need based on its most current annual budget and the results of the most recent audit. The local board of education shall coordinate the hiring and contract renewal process for personnel and the allocation of school resources to support such plan. In developing the timelines in the intensive school improvement plan, the school shall take into consideration the budget cycles, employment contract deadlines, and other appropriate factors relating to the planning process. The school, with the support of the local board of education, local school superintendent, and principal, shall implement the plan with ongoing input and assistance from the Chief Turnaround Officer and performance monitoring by the turnaround coach.

20-14-47.

(a) Within the first 60 instructional days of the school year of a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45, turnaround coaches shall coordinate with each school to conduct individual assessments of those students who have been identified as low-performing and shall coordinate with schools to provide the following interventions, as agreed to by the turnaround coach and the school and based on available funding and resources, including the reallocation of existing resources and grant funding, if available, pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-14-48:

(1) Screen all students to diagnose the factors for low performance, including, but not



limited to, reading development and comprehension, math proficiencies, physical health, mental health, access to the Internet or other ancillary supports to out-of-school learning activities expected of students and evaluate all available records to address nonacademic barriers to learning in the lowest-performing schools; and

(2) Provide students who have been identified as low-performing with academic support and enrichment activities, access to programs to promote parental involvement, access to supports for addressing and improving mental and physical health, access to a learning resource center for students and guardians to strengthen academic supports, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and access to expert supports, which may include, but not be limited to, data scientists, psychometric personnel, curriculum specialists, learning theorists, and special educators to help advise the schools on technical learning matters.

(b) Turnaround coaches shall assist local boards of education in identifying integrated student services utilizing the list of resources established by the Chief Turnaround Officer pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-14-43. Local boards of education, in coordination with the turnaround coaches and the local school administration, shall create local collaborations to address personal and community conditions, which shall include the needs, issues, and problems within the communities of such school or schools, such as poverty, lack of economic development, safety, transportation options for parents and students, adult educational opportunities, wellness, and mental health services, and shall, in consultation with the turnaround coach, identify state and community resources that are available or that could be built upon, reallocated, or repurposed to address the issues impacting such school or schools.

20-14-48.

(a) The State Board of Education shall ensure that all necessary department resources and supports are made available for full implementation of this part, including, but not limited to, the implementation of the intensive school improvement plans established pursuant to Code Section 20-14-46 for schools for which a local board of education has entered into a contract amendment or intervention contract with the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45. Further, the State Board of Education shall ensure that such schools receive priority for the receipt of federal and state funds available to the Department of Education to the fullest extent possible under federal and state law, including, but not limited to, federal school improvement grants and Title I funds. The State Board of Education shall also pursue maximum flexibility in applying for and expending federal funds, including, but not limited to, the consolidation of all federal, state, and local funds in compliance with federal law.

(b) The Office of Student Achievement shall give priority to schools for which a local board of education has entered into a contract amendment or intervention contract with the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45 when awarding grants pursuant to subsection (b.1) of Code Section 20-14-26.1 or any other grants administered by the office.

(c)(1) The Office of Student Achievement shall be authorized to provide for grants,

subject to appropriations, to assist schools in local school systems under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45 with demonstrated financial need in:

(A) Retaining the services of a third-party specialist to assist in the implementation of an intensive school improvement plan developed pursuant to Code Section 20-14-46 or to provide any other support services deemed necessary pursuant to such plan;

(B) Assessing low-performing students and obtaining specified supports for such students as delineated in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-47; or

(C) Both subparagraph (A) and subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

(2) A school under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45 with a demonstrated financial need may, upon consultation with the turnaround coach for the school, request grant funds pursuant to this subsection. Upon approval by the Chief Turnaround Officer, the grant request may be submitted to the Office of Student Achievement. The award of any grant funds shall be at the discretion of the Office of Student Achievement, including the amount of any such grant funds awarded. The Office of Student Achievement shall prescribe criteria, policies, and standards deemed necessary for the effective implementation of this subsection, including criteria for a local school system to demonstrate financial need.

20-14-49.

(a) If after three school years of implementing the intensive school improvement plan developed pursuant to Code Section 20-14-46, the school is not improving, as determined by the Chief Turnaround Officer based on the terms of the amended contract, amended charter, or the intervention contract and on other applicable factors, the Chief Turnaround Officer shall require that one or more of the following interventions be implemented at the school, unless the school is in substantial compliance with the implementation of the intensive school improvement plan and has exhibited ongoing cooperation and collaboration:

(1) Continued implementation of the intensive school improvement plan developed pursuant to Code Section 20-14-46;

(2) Removal of school personnel, which may include the principal and personnel whose performance has been determined to be insufficient to produce student achievement gains;

(3) Implementation of a state charter school or a special school, as defined in Code Section 20-2-2062;

(4) Complete reconstitution of the school, removing all personnel, appointing a new principal, and hiring all new staff. Existing staff may reapply for employment at the newly reconstituted school but shall not be rehired if their performance regarding student achievement has been negative for the past four years;

(5) Operation of the school by a private nonprofit third-party operator selected and contracted by the local board of education;

(6) Mandatory parental option to relocate the student to another public school in the

local school system that does not have an unacceptable rating, to be chosen by the parents of the student from a list of available options provided by the local school system. The local school system shall provide transportation for students in Title I schools in accordance with the requirements of federal law. The local school system may provide transportation for students in non-Title I schools. In any year in which the General Assembly does not appropriate funds for the provision of transportation to non-Title I students, the parent or guardian shall assume responsibility for the transportation of that student;

(7) Complete restructuring of the school's governance arrangement and internal organization of the school;

(8) Operation of the school by a successful school system and pursuant to funding criteria established by the State Board of Education; or

(9) Any other interventions or requirements deemed appropriate by the Chief Turnaround Officer and the State Board of Education for the school and in accordance with the amended contract, amended charter, or intervention contract, except that operation of the school by a for profit entity shall be prohibited.

(b) Before the implementation of any interventions required by the Chief Turnaround Officer pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section for a school, the local board of education may request an opportunity for a hearing before the State Board of Education to show cause as to why an intervention or interventions imposed by the Chief Turnaround Officer for a school should not be required or that alternative interventions would be more appropriate. Such request shall be made no later than 30 days after notification by the Chief Turnaround Officer of the intended interventions. The State Board of Education shall take into consideration the substantial compliance of the school in the implementation of the intensive school improvement plan and the ongoing cooperation and collaboration exhibited by the school. The State Board of Education shall make a determination on any such request no later than 60 days after receipt of such request. The determination of the State Board of Education shall be the final decision.

20-14-49.1.

(a) There is created the Education Turnaround Advisory Council which shall report to the State Board of Education. The Education Turnaround Advisory Council shall be composed of:

(1) The executive director of the Georgia School Boards Association or his or her designee;

(2) The executive director of the Georgia School Superintendents Association or his or her designee;

(3) The executive director of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators or his or her designee;

(4) The executive director of the Georgia Association of Educators or his or her designee;

(5) The executive director of the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders or his

or her designee;

(6) The president of the Georgia Parent Teacher Association;

(7) The executive director of Educators First or his or her designee; and

(8) Education leaders representing local school superintendents, local boards of education, teachers, business leaders, or other appropriate individuals with interest in public education appointed as follows:

(A) Two education leaders appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

(B) Two education leaders appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) The chairperson of the State Board of Education shall cause the council to be convened no later than 30 days after the last appointment is made to the council. The council shall select a chairperson from among its membership.

(c) The Education Turnaround Advisory Council shall be authorized to:

(1) Submit to the State Board of Education names of potential candidates for the position of Chief Turnaround Officer and for turnaround coaches;

(2) Recommend school turnaround resources and potential turnaround experts to be added to resource lists;

(3) Provide advisement on the development of state-wide assessment tools;

(4) Provide advisement to the State School Superintendent and Chief Turnaround Officer, as necessary;

(5) Provide recommendations and input on the request for proposals process conducted pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-14-43 to establish a list of approved third-party specialists that may be retained to assist in the evaluation of schools; and

(6) Perform such other duties as assigned by the State Board of Education.

(d) The Education Turnaround Advisory Council shall have no authority and shall only be advisory in nature.

20-14-49.2.

(a) The Chief Turnaround Officer shall prepare a written biannual update on the status of each school that is under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45. The Chief Turnaround Officer shall provide such biannual reports no later than February 1 and August 1 of each year to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee and to the Education Turnaround Advisory Committee. The report due no later than February 1 may be in the form of an executive summary. The report due no later than August 1 shall include detailed information regarding the status, progress, and any interventions imposed on the schools that are under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45.

(b) The Chief Turnaround Officer shall annually meet with the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee, the State School Superintendent, and the Education Turnaround Advisory Council to

present the findings in the detailed report prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section.

20-14-49.3.

(a) The Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process is hereby created. The committee shall undertake a study regarding the potential establishment of a state accreditation process for public schools and school systems in this state, including the resources and structure that would be necessary, any impediments that would need to be addressed, and the interaction with existing private accreditation agencies. The study shall include analysis of aligning accreditation review with charter or contract renewal for charter systems and strategic waivers school systems, respectively. The committee shall consider the establishment of a state process for the annual review of system charters and contracts, including student academic achievement, local board governance, and financial management. The committee should also consider the possible consequences of losing state accreditation that could be administered, such as removal of local board of education members and loss of system charter or contract. In addition, the committee shall consider the possibility of establishing a school board review commission.

(b) The committee shall be composed of:

(1) Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker to serve as a cochairperson;

(2) Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate to serve as a cochairperson;

(3) The State School Superintendent or his or her designee;

(4) The chairperson of the State Board of Education or his or her designee;

(5) The director of the State Charter Schools Commission or his or her designee;

(6) The director of the Office of Student Achievement or his or her designee;

(7) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee; and

(8) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(A) A local board of education member;

(B) A local school superintendent;

(C) A principal;

(D) A teacher; and

(E) A parent.

(c) The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section. The committee shall meet upon the call of the cochairpersons.

(d) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Any citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the

mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Any members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(e) The committee shall provide a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation that may be necessary, no later than December 1, 2017, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the Senate Education and Youth Committee and the House Committee on Education.

(f) The committee shall stand abolished and this Code section shall stand repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2017.

20-14-49.4.

(a) The Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a Leadership Academy is hereby created. The committee shall study the possibility of establishing a leadership academy to provide opportunities for principals and other school leaders to update and expand their leadership knowledge and skills. The committee shall study and recommend the scope of a potential leadership academy, including, but not limited to, conducting seminars and workshops, providing onsite technical assistance, focusing on leadership in schools that have unacceptable ratings, criteria for participants and faculty, and any other matters deemed appropriate by the committee. The committee shall identify a process for establishing such leadership academy, which may be known as the Georgia Academic Leadership Academy, with a proposed beginning date of July 1, 2018.

(b) The committee shall be composed of:

(1) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be from the minority party;

(2) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be from the minority party;

(3) The commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia or his or her designee;

(4) The chancellor of the University System of Georgia or his or her designee;

(5) The executive director of the Professional Standards Commission or his or her designee; and

(6) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(A) Two local school superintendents;

- (B) Two principals;
- (C) One member of the State Board of Education;
- (D) One local board of education member;
- (E) One staff member from the Department of Education; and
- (F) One member of the Governor's policy staff.

The Governor shall designate one of the members as the chairperson.

(c) The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section. The committee shall meet upon the call of the chairperson.

(d) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Any citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Any members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner and funding as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Code section shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(e) The committee shall provide a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation that may be necessary, no later than December 1, 2017, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the Senate Education and Youth Committee and the House Committee on Education.

(f) The committee shall stand abolished and this Code section shall stand repealed by operation of law on December 31, 2017."

### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-73, relating to suspension and removal of local school board members upon potential loss of accreditation, as follows:

"20-2-73.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding Code Section 20-2-54.1 or any other provisions of law to the contrary, if:

(A) A a local school system or school is placed on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation for ~~school board governance related~~ any reason or reasons by one or more accrediting agencies included in subparagraph (A)

of paragraph (6) of Code Section 20-3-519, the local board of education shall notify the State Board of Education in writing within three business days of such placement and the State Board of Education shall conduct a hearing in not less than ten days of such notice nor more than 90 days and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members of the local board of education with pay; or (B) One-half or more of the schools in a local school system are turnaround eligible schools, as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-14-45, for the fifth or more consecutive year, the Department of Education shall notify the State Board of Education in writing within three business days of the publication of the list of turnaround eligible schools by the Office of Student Achievement and the State Board of Education shall conduct a hearing in not less than ten days of such notice nor more than 90 days and recommend to the Governor whether to suspend all eligible members of the local board of education with pay; provided, however, that this subparagraph shall be tolled for a local board of education while under a contract amendment or intervention contract pursuant to Code Section 20-14-45 so long as such local board of education is in substantial compliance with the terms of such contract amendment or intervention contract.

(2) A majority of the members of a local board of education may petition the State Board of Education to continue any hearing scheduled under this subsection. Upon a showing of good cause, the state board may in its sound discretion continue any such hearing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, deliberations held by the State Board of Education pursuant to this subsection to formulate its recommendation to the Governor shall not be open to the public; provided, however, that testimony shall be taken in an open meeting and a vote on the recommendation shall be taken in an open meeting following the hearing or at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the State Board of Education makes such recommendation, the Governor may, in his or her discretion, suspend all eligible members of the local board of education with pay and, in consultation with the State Board of Education, appoint temporary replacement members who shall be otherwise qualified to serve as members of such board.

(b) Any local board of education member suspended under this Code section may petition the Governor for reinstatement no earlier than 30 days following suspension and no later than 60 days following suspension. In the event that a suspended member does not petition for reinstatement within the allotted time period, his or her suspension shall be converted into permanent removal, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member.

(c) Upon petition for reinstatement by a suspended local board of education member, the Governor or his or her designated agent shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relative to whether the local board of education member's continued service on the local board of education is more likely than not to improve the ability of the local school system or school to retain or reattain its accreditation or to improve the ratings of the schools in the local school system so that less than one-half of the schools in such local school system are on the turnaround eligible schools list in subsequent



years. The appealing member shall be given at least 30 days' notice prior to such hearing. Such hearing shall be held not later than 90 days after the petition is filed and in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that the individual conducting the hearing shall have the power to call witnesses and request documents on his or her own initiative. For purposes of said chapter and any hearing conducted pursuant to this Code section, the Governor shall be considered the agency, and the Attorney General or his or her designee shall represent the interests of the Governor in the hearing. If it is determined that it is more likely than not that the local board of education member's continued service on the local board of education improves the ability of the local school system or school to retain or reattain its accreditation or to improve the ratings of the schools in the local school system so that less than one-half of the schools in such local school system are on the turnaround eligible schools list in subsequent years, the member shall be immediately reinstated; otherwise, the member shall be permanently removed, and the temporary replacement member shall become a permanent member and serve out the remainder of the term of the removed member or until the next general election which is at least six months after the member was permanently removed, whichever is sooner. Judicial review of any such decision shall be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50.

(d)(1) Subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subsection ~~Subsection~~ (a) of this Code section shall apply to a local school system or school which is placed on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation on or after April 20, 2011.

(2) Subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall apply to a local school system which, on or after July 1, 2017, has one-half or more of the schools in the local school system on the turnaround eligible schools list for the fifth or more consecutive year.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, an eligible member of a local board of education shall mean a board member who:

(1) Was ~~was~~ serving on the local board at the time the accrediting agency placed the local school system or school on the level of accreditation immediately preceding loss of accreditation; or

(2) Was serving on the local board at the time the local school system had one-half or more of the schools in the local school system on the turnaround eligible schools list for the fifth or more consecutive year and had served on the local board for at least the immediately preceding two years.

(f) A local board of education shall not expend any public funds for attorney's fees or expenses of litigation relating to proceedings initiated pursuant to this Code section except to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred prior to and through the recommendation of the state board as provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit an insurance provider from covering attorney's fees or expenses of litigation under an insurance policy.

(g) Any suspended board member who is reinstated by the Governor pursuant to this Code section may be reimbursed by the local board of education for his or her

reasonable attorney's fees and related expenses incurred in pursuing such reinstatement."

### SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-83, relating to state board approval of local school board flexibility contract, as follows:

"20-2-83.

(a) Upon approval of a proposed contract of a local school system which has requested flexibility, the state board shall enter into such contract with the local board of education.

(b) The terms of the contract shall include, but not be limited to, accountability, flexibility, and consequences components as negotiated pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-82 and in accordance with Code Section 20-2-84.

(c) Each contract shall be for a term of ~~five~~ six years. The terms of the contract may provide for automatic extension of such contract if a local school system has met its accountability requirements.

(d) The terms of a contract may be amended during the term of the contract only ~~if warranted due to unforeseen circumstances and~~ upon approval of the state board and the local board of education."

### SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-2063.2, relating to charter systems, as follows:

"(c) Prior to approval or denial of a charter petition for a charter system, the state board shall receive and give all due consideration to the recommendation and input from the Charter Advisory Committee established in Code Section 20-2-2063.1. The state board shall approve the charter if the state board finds, after receiving input from the Charter Advisory Committee, that the petition complies with the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures promulgated pursuant to Code Section 20-2-2063 and the provisions of this title, is in the public interest, and promotes school level governance. A charter for a charter system shall include the interventions, sanctions, and loss of governance consequences contained in Code Section 20-14-41."

### SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2067.1, relating to amendment of terms of charter for charter school, initial term of charter, and annual report, as follows:

"(b) The initial term of a charter, except for a charter system, shall be for a minimum of five years, unless the petitioner shall request a shorter period of time, and shall not exceed ten years. The local board and the state board, in accordance with Code Section 20-2-2064.1, may renew a local charter, upon the request of the charter school, for the period of time specified in the request, not to exceed ten years. The state board may renew a state chartered special school, upon the request of the school, for the period of

time specified in the request, not to exceed ten years. The initial term of a charter for a charter system shall not exceed ~~five~~ six years. The state board may renew the charter of a charter system, upon the request of the local board, for the period of time specified in the request, not to exceed ten years."

#### **SECTION 3-5.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-14-41, relating to appropriate levels of intervention for failing schools, master or management team, school improvement team, annual reports, data revision, and hearing, to read as follows:

"(h)(1) The State Board of Education shall prepare an annual report detailing the schools that have received an unacceptable rating for one or more consecutive years and the interventions applied to each such school pursuant to Code Section 20-14-41.  
(2) The State Board of Education shall provide the annual report no later than December 31 for the previous academic year, to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee, and the Education Turnaround Advisory Committee."

#### **PART IV SECTION 4-1.**

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

The President resumed the Chair.

Senators Henson of the 41st and Tate of the 38th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Education and Youth substitute to HB 338 (LC 33 7058S) by striking lines 35 through 40 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(a) There is created the position of Chief Turnaround Officer. The State School Superintendent, after consulting with the Education Turnaround Advisory Council and conducting a national search, shall appoint the Chief Turnaround Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the State School Superintendent. The Chief Turnaround Officer shall be an employee of the Department of Education and shall report directly to the State School Superintendent.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Tippins of the 37th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Henson of the 41st called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
N Black	Y James	Y Seay
N Brass	N Jeffares	N Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	N Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	E Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 20, nays 34, and the Henson, Tate amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senators Hill of the 6th, Jones of the 25th, Stone of the 23rd, Williams of the 27th and Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend HB 338 committee substitute by inserting after "reports;" on line 21 the following: to establish an individual student education account program; to provide for qualifications and requirements; to provide for participating schools; to provide for responsibilities of parents; to provide for rules and regulations;*

*By inserting between lines 634 and 635 the following:*

**PART IV  
SECTION 4-1.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 35

20-2-2140.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Individual Student Education Account Act.'

20-2-2141.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Department' means the Department of Education.
- (2) 'Eligible postsecondary institution' means a community college, an accredited university, or an accredited private postsecondary institution.
- (3) 'Eligible student' means any child who is a Georgia resident and has spent the prior school year in attendance at a Georgia public school and was reported by a public school system or school systems during the preceding October and March full-time equivalent (FTE) program counts in accordance with Code Section 20-2-150.
- (4) 'Individual student education account' or 'account' means a consumer driven savings account established pursuant to this article composed of state funds accrued on behalf of an eligible student and which may be used for qualifying educational expenses, including future postsecondary education expenses.
- (5) 'Participating student' means an eligible student who has elected to participate in the program established pursuant to this article.
- (6) 'Program' means the individual student education account program established pursuant to this article.
- (7) 'Qualifying educational expenses' means:
  - (A) Tuition and fees at a participating school and textbooks required by such school;
  - (B) Payment for private tutoring;
  - (C) Payment for purchase of curriculum materials;
  - (D) Tuition or fees for a nonpublic online learning program;
  - (E) Contracted educational services by a public school or local school system, including courses; provided, however, that this shall not be construed to equate to enrollment in a public school for purposes of eligibility for the program;
  - (F) Fees for nationally norm-referenced assessment, advanced placement or similar examinations, and examinations related to college or university admission;
  - (G) Educational services for participating students with disabilities from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider; and
  - (H) Tuition and fees at an eligible postsecondary institution and textbooks required therein.
- (8) 'Parent,' 'participating school,' and 'resident school system' shall have the same meanings as in Code Section 20-2-2112.

20-2-2142.

(a) For each participating student, the department shall deposit into an account an amount equivalent to the costs of the educational program that would have been provided for such student as calculated under Code Section 20-2-161 if he or she were enrolled in and attending school in the resident school system less the state-wide average local five mill share per student and less any administrative costs withheld pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-2143. The amount deposited shall not include any federal funds.

(b) A participating student shall be counted in the enrollment of his or her resident school system; provided, however, that this count shall only be for the purpose of determining the amount of the grant, and such participating student shall not be counted as enrolled for purposes of state or federal accountability requirements. The funds needed to provide a grant shall be subtracted by the department from the allotment payable to the participating student's resident school system for purposes of funding the individual student education accounts.

(c) Funds deposited into an account shall be used only for qualifying educational expenses for the participating student. Annually, 50 percent of the prior year's deposit in an account shall roll over to the following year. If an account has been inactive for two consecutive years or funds remain in the account when the participating student turns 25 years old, the funds in such account shall be returned to the state and the account shall be closed. Upon high school graduation of the participating student, an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the total of the prior year's deposits shall roll over and may be used for postsecondary education.

(d) In the 2017-2018 school year, the number of participating students in the program shall be limited to one-quarter of 1 percent of the state-wide total public school enrollment and in the 2018-2019 school year and thereafter, an additional one-quarter of 1 percent of the state-wide total public school enrollment shall be added each school year. If the number of eligible students applying to participate in the program in any given school year exceeds the capacity as set by this subsection, priority shall be given to students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch under federal guidelines, students in schools that have performed in the lowest 5 percent of schools in this state identified in accordance with the state-wide accountability system established in the state plan pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, and students with Individualized Education Programs, otherwise participating students shall be admitted through a random selection process.

(e) A participating student shall be eligible to receive deposits into an individual student education account pursuant to this Code section until the student returns to a public school, the parent closes the account, or the student graduates from high school.

#### 20-2-2143.

(a) The department may withhold up to 3 percent of the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-2142 for use in administering the program established pursuant to this article.

(b) The department shall have the authority to refer cases of suspected misuse of account funds by parents to law enforcement agencies for investigation.

(c) The department shall have authority to bar any parent or participating school from participation in the program for violation of program requirements.

#### 20-2-2144.

All participating schools shall meet the same requirements as in subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-2115.

20-2-2145.

The department shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this article."

*By redesignating Part IV and Section 4-1 as Part V and Section 5-1, respectively.*

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Tippins of the 37th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Hill of the 6th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
N Black	N James	N Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 14, nays 38, and the Hill of the 6th, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senator Lucas of the 26th offered the following amendment #3:

Amend LC 33 7058S, the substitute to HB 338, by:

inserting after line 95:

"(d) Turnaround coaches shall have the authority to file an action in the superior court of the county in which the school is located to compel a parent that has consistently failed to

enable their children to attend or otherwise take advantage of the services provided under this Part to take all reasonable measures to enable his or her child to receive such services."

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Tippins of the 37th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 13, nays 32, and the Lucas amendment #3 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 37, nays 18.

HB 338, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.



HB 341. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Coomer of the 14th, Golick of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Strickland of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 and Code Section 17-10-6.2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses and punishment for sexual offenders, respectively, so as to provide for mandatory terms of imprisonment for trafficking of individuals for sexual servitude; to change provisions relating to the model notice for the human trafficking hotline; to change provisions relating to punishment for other sexual offenses; to clarify provisions relating to the probation portion of a split sentence imposed for certain sexual offenses; to amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, so as to provide a conforming cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Unterman of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 341:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 16 and Code Section 17-10-6.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses and punishment for sexual offenders, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to trafficking of individuals for sexual servitude; to change provisions relating to the model notice for the human trafficking hotline; to change provisions relating to punishment for other sexual offenses; to clarify provisions relating to the probation portion of a split sentence imposed for certain sexual offenses; to amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, so as to provide a conforming cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising subsections (c) and (f) of Code Section 16-5-46, relating to trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude, as follows:

"(c) A person commits the offense of trafficking ~~a person~~ an individual for sexual servitude when that person knowingly ~~subjects another person~~:

(1) Subjects an individual to or maintains ~~another person~~ an individual in sexual servitude ~~or knowingly recruits~~;

(2) Recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means ~~another~~

~~person~~ an individual for the purpose of sexual servitude; or

(3) Solicits by any means an individual to perform sexually explicit conduct on behalf of such person when such individual is the subject of sexual servitude."

"(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any person who commits the offense of trafficking an individual for labor ~~or sexual~~ servitude shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00.

(2) Any person who commits the offense of trafficking an individual for labor ~~or sexual~~ servitude against an individual who is ~~under the age of 18 years shall be guilty~~ of a felony, and ~~upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00; provided, however, that if the offense is committed against an individual under 18 years of age and such individual under the age of 18 years was coerced or deceived into being trafficked for labor or sexual servitude or if the offense is committed against an individual who has a developmental disability, the person shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years or life imprisonment and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00.~~

(3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, any person who violates paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years.

(4) Any person who violates paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of this Code section committed against an individual under 18 years of age and such individual under the age of 18 years was coerced or deceived into such violation or if such violation is committed against an individual who has a developmental disability, such person shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years or life imprisonment.

(5) Any person who violates paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony. When such offense is committed against an individual who is 16 or 17 years of age, upon conviction, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. When such offense is committed against an individual who is younger than 16 years of age or an individual known to have a developmental disability, upon conviction, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years."

## SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) and repealing subsection (e) of Code Section 16-5-47, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in businesses and on the Internet, as follows:

"(c) ~~The On or before August 1, 2013, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall develop a model notice that complies with the requirements of this subsection and make the model notice is available for download on from its Internet website. Such notice shall be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size; and printed in a 16 point font in~~

English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, ~~and state the following:~~ Such model notice shall provide information giving individuals a method to contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking.

~~'Are you or someone you know being sold for sex or made/forced to work for little or no pay and cannot leave? Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 for help. All victims of slavery and human trafficking have rights and are protected by international, federal, and state law.~~

~~The hotline is:~~

- ~~(1) Anonymous and confidential;~~
- ~~(2) Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week;~~
- ~~(3) Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information;~~
- ~~(4) Accessible in 170 languages;~~
- ~~(5) Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization; and~~
- ~~(6) Toll free."~~

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 16-6-13, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through 16-6-12, as follows:

~~"(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person convicted of any of the offenses enumerated in Code Sections 16-6-10 through 16-6-12 violating:~~

- (1) Code Section 16-6-10 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. A person convicted of the offense enumerated in, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of any term of imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated;
- (2) Code Section 16-6-9 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor;
- (3) Code Section 16-6-11 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of any term of imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated; or
- (4) Code Section 16-6-12 shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature, and at the sole discretion of the judge, all but 24 hours of any term of imprisonment imposed may be suspended, stayed, or probated."

### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 16-12-100, relating to sexual exploitation of children, as follows:

~~"(f)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, any person who violates a provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years and by a fine of not more than \$100,000.00; provided, however, that if the person so convicted is a member of the immediate family of the victim, no fine shall be imposed. Any person punished as provided in this paragraph shall, in~~

addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2."

### SECTION 5.

Code Section 17-10-6.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to punishment for sexual offenders, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'sexual offense' means:

- (1) Aggravated assault with the intent to rape, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-5-21;
- (2) False imprisonment, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-5-41, if the victim is not the child of the defendant and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (3) Sodomy, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-6-2, unless subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of Code Section 16-6-2;
- (4) Statutory rape, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-6-3, if the person convicted of the crime is 21 years of age or older;
- (5) Child molestation, ~~as defined~~ in violation of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-6-4, unless subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-6-4;
- (6) Enticing a child for indecent purposes, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-6-5, unless subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-6-5;
- (7) Sexual assault against persons in custody, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-6-5.1;
- (8) Incest, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-6-22;
- (9) A second or subsequent conviction for sexual battery, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-6-22.1; or
- (10) Sexual exploitation of children, ~~as defined~~ in violation of Code Section 16-12-100, unless subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (f) of Code Section 16-12-100.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, and notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any person convicted of a sexual offense shall be sentenced to a split sentence which shall include the minimum term of imprisonment specified in the Code section applicable to ~~the~~ such sexual offense. No portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the ~~sentencing court and~~. Any such sentence shall include, in addition to the mandatory term of imprisonment, an additional probated sentence of at least one year; provided, however, that when a court imposes consecutive sentences for sexual offenses, the requirement that the court impose a probated sentence of at least one year shall only apply to the final consecutive sentence imposed. No person convicted of a sexual offense shall be sentenced as a first offender pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, ~~relating to probation for first offenders~~, or any other provision of Georgia law relating to the sentencing of first offenders."

**SECTION 6.**

Code Section 42-1-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(10)(B.1) and adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(B.1) 'Dangerous sexual offense' with respect to convictions occurring ~~after June 30, 2015~~ between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2017, means any criminal offense, or the attempt to commit any criminal offense, under Title 16 as specified in this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph or any offense under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States which consists of the same or similar elements of the following offenses:

- (i) Aggravated assault with the intent to rape in violation of Code Section 16-5-21;
- (ii) Kidnapping in violation of Code Section 16-5-40 which involves a victim who is less than 14 years of age, except by a parent;
- (iii) Trafficking a person for sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46;
- (iv) Rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-1;
- (v) Sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
- (vi) Aggravated sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
- (vii) Statutory rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-3, if the individual convicted of the offense is 21 years of age or older;
- (viii) Child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4;
- (ix) Aggravated child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4, unless the person was convicted of a misdemeanor offense;
- (x) Enticing a child for indecent purposes in violation of Code Section 16-6-5;
- (xi) Sexual assault against persons in custody in violation of Code Section 16-6-5.1;
- (xii) Incest in violation of Code Section 16-6-22;
- (xiii) A second conviction for sexual battery in violation of Code Section 16-6-22.1;
- (xiv) Aggravated sexual battery in violation of Code Section 16-6-22.2;
- (xv) Sexual exploitation of children in violation of Code Section 16-12-100;
- (xvi) Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.1;
- (xvii) Computer pornography and child exploitation in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.2;
- (xviii) Obscene telephone contact in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.3; or
- (xix) Any conduct which, by its nature, is a sexual offense against a victim who is a minor or an attempt to commit a sexual offense against a victim who is a minor.

(B.2) 'Dangerous sexual offense' with respect to convictions occurring after June 30, 2017, means any criminal offense, or the attempt to commit any criminal offense, under Title 16 as specified in this subparagraph or any offense under federal law or the laws of another state or territory of the United States which

consists of the same or similar elements of the following offenses:

- (i) Aggravated assault with the intent to rape in violation of Code Section 16-5-21;
- (ii) Kidnapping in violation of Code Section 16-5-40 which involves a victim who is less than 14 years of age, except by a parent;
- (iii) Trafficking an individual for sexual servitude in violation of Code Section 16-5-46;
- (iv) Rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-1;
- (v) Sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
- (vi) Aggravated sodomy in violation of Code Section 16-6-2;
- (vii) Statutory rape in violation of Code Section 16-6-3, if the individual convicted of the offense is 21 years of age or older;
- (viii) Child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4;
- (ix) Aggravated child molestation in violation of Code Section 16-6-4, unless the person was convicted of a misdemeanor offense;
- (x) Enticing a child for indecent purposes in violation of Code Section 16-6-5;
- (xi) Sexual assault against persons in custody in violation of Code Section 16-6-5.1;
- (xii) Incest in violation of Code Section 16-6-22;
- (xiii) A second conviction for sexual battery in violation of Code Section 16-6-22.1;
- (xiv) Aggravated sexual battery in violation of Code Section 16-6-22.2;
- (xv) Sexual exploitation of children in violation of Code Section 16-12-100;
- (xvi) Electronically furnishing obscene material to minors in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.1;
- (xvii) Computer pornography and child exploitation in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.2;
- (xviii) Obscene telephone contact in violation of Code Section 16-12-100.3; or
- (xix) Any conduct which, by its nature, is a sexual offense against a victim who is a minor or an attempt to commit a sexual offense against a victim who is a minor."

#### **SECTION 7.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 341, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 341. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

3/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 341. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Cecil T. Butch Miller  
District 49

HB 290. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, McCall of the 33rd, Powell of the 171st, Corbett of the 174th and Dickey of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem property tax exemptions, so as to revise definitions related to the exemption of certain agricultural equipment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 290, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:



3/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 290. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

HB 261. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-66 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to petitions for exoneration and discharge as a first offender, hearings, and retroactive grant of first offender status, so as to allow certain individuals sentenced to a term of incarceration between March 18, 1968, and October 31, 1982, to petition the court for a retroactive grant of first offender status if he or she would have otherwise qualified for sentencing pursuant to this article; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson

Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 1.

HB 261, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3.24.17

I inadvertently voted “No” on HB 261. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “Yes”.

/s/ Curt Thompson  
District 5

Senator Parent of the 42nd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 510. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hawkins of the 27th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited acts regarding alcoholic beverages, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to population and the measurement of certain distances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harbison of the 15th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers  
Y Anderson, L  
Anderson, T  
Y Beach  
Y Black  
Y Brass  
Y Burke

Y Hill, H  
Y Hill, Ja  
Y Hufstetler  
Y Jackson, L  
Y James  
Y Jeffares  
Y Jones, B

Y Orrock  
E Parent  
Y Payne  
Y Rhett  
Y Seay  
Y Shafer  
Y Sims

Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	N Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 5.

HB 510, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 221. By Representatives Efrstration of the 104th, Willard of the 51st, England of the 116th, Cooper of the 43rd, Morris of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to agency, so as to update and conform provisions relating to powers of attorney to a uniform Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 221:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to enact the "Uniform Power of Attorney Act"; to repeal provisions relating to a financial power of attorney; to provide for a short title and definitions; to provide for applicability, validity, meaning, effect, and termination of a power of attorney; to provide for an agent, coagent, and successor agent, their duties, responsibilities, liability, authority, and compensation; to provide for general and specific authority that a principal may give an agent in a power of attorney; to provide for forms; to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is amended by repealing Article 7 of Chapter 6, relating to financial power of attorney, and designating it as reserved.

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 6B  
ARTICLE 1

10-6B-1.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Uniform Power of Attorney Act.'

10-6B-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Agent' means a person granted authority to act in the place of an individual, whether denominated by such term, attorney-in-fact, or otherwise. Such term shall include a coagent, successor agent, and a person to which authority is delegated.

(2) 'Durable' means not terminated by the principal's incapacity.

(3) 'Electronic' means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(4) 'Good faith' means honesty in fact.

(5) 'Incapacity' means inability of an individual to manage property or business affairs because the individual:

(A) Has an impairment in the ability to receive and evaluate information or make or communicate decisions even with the use of technological assistance; or

(B) Is:

(i) Missing;

(ii) Detained, including incarcerated in a penal system; or

(iii) Outside the United States and unable to return.

(6) 'Person' means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(7) 'Power of attorney' means a writing or other record that grants authority to a person to act in the place of an individual, whether or not such term is used.

(8) 'Presently exercisable general power of appointment,' with respect to property or a property interest subject to a power of appointment, means power exercisable at the time in question to vest absolute ownership in the principal individually, the principal's estate, the principal's creditors, or the creditors of the principal's estate. Such term shall include a power of appointment not exercisable until the occurrence of a specified event, the satisfaction of an ascertainable standard, or the passage of a specified period only after the occurrence of the specified event, the satisfaction of the ascertainable standard, or the passage of the specified period. Such term shall not include a power exercisable in a fiduciary capacity or only by will.

(9) 'Principal' means an individual who grants authority to a person to act in the place of such individual.

(10) 'Property' means anything that may be the subject of ownership, whether real or personal, or legal or equitable, or any interest or right therein.

(11) 'Record' means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

(12) 'Sign' means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record, to execute or adopt a tangible symbol.

(13) 'State' means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(14) 'Stocks and bonds' means stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and all other types of securities and financial instruments, whether held directly, indirectly, or in any other manner. Such term shall not include commodity futures contracts and call or put options on stocks or stock indexes.

#### 10-6B-3.

(a) This chapter shall apply to all powers of attorney except:

(1) A power to the extent it is coupled with an interest in the subject of the power, including a power given to or for the benefit of a creditor in connection with a credit transaction;

(2) A power to make health care decisions;

(3) A proxy or other delegation to exercise voting rights or management rights with respect to an entity;

(4) A power created on a form prescribed by a government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality for a governmental purpose;

(5) Transaction specific powers of attorney, including, but not limited to, powers of attorney under Chapter 6 of this title; and

(6) Powers of attorney provided for under Titles 19 and 33.

(b) A power of attorney shall not authorize an agent to create a will.

#### 10-6B-4.

A power of attorney created under this chapter shall be durable unless it expressly provides that it is terminated by the incapacity of the principal.

10-6B-5.

(a) A power of attorney shall be:

- (1) Signed by the principal or by another individual in such principal's presence at the principal's express direction;
- (2) Attested in the presence of the principal by one or more competent witnesses; and
- (3) Attested in the presence of the principal before a notary public or other individual authorized by law to administer oaths who is not a witness for purposes of paragraph (2) of this Code section.

(b) All signatures and attestations required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall be performed and conducted in the presence of all parties provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section.

10-6B-6.

(a) A power of attorney executed in this state on or after July 1, 2017, shall be valid if its execution complies with Code Section 10-6B-5.

(b) This chapter shall not affect a power of attorney executed prior to July 1, 2017, to which the former provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 6 of this title, as such existed on June 30, 2017, shall continue to apply.

(c) A power of attorney executed other than in this state shall be valid in this state if, when the power of attorney was executed, the execution complied with:

- (1) The law of the jurisdiction that determines the meaning and effect of the power of attorney pursuant to Code Section 10-6B-7; or
- (2) The requirements for a military power of attorney pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1044b, in effect on February 1, 2017.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by law other than this chapter, a photocopy or electronically transmitted copy of an original power of attorney shall have the same effect as the original; provided, however, that when recording a power of attorney in connection with a conveyance involving real property, an original power of attorney shall be used.

10-6B-7.

The meaning and effect of a power of attorney shall be determined by the law of the jurisdiction indicated in the power of attorney and, in the absence of an indication of jurisdiction, by the law of the jurisdiction in which the power of attorney was executed.

10-6B-8.

(a) In a power of attorney, a principal may nominate a conservator of the principal's estate for consideration by the court if protective proceedings for the principal's estate are begun after the principal executes the power of attorney. Except for good cause shown or disqualification, the court shall make its appointment in accordance with the principal's most recent nomination.

(b) Unless expressly provided otherwise by the power of attorney or ordered otherwise by the court appointing the conservator, if, after a principal executes a power of

attorney, a court appoints a conservator of the principal's estate or other fiduciary charged with the management of some or all of the principal's property, then the appointment of a conservator or other fiduciary shall terminate all or part of the power of attorney that relates to the matters within the scope of the conservatorship or management by another fiduciary. If such power of attorney does not wholly terminate, the agent shall be accountable to the conservator or other fiduciary as well as to the principal.

(c) If the court orders the power of attorney shall not terminate, the court may impose upon the power of attorney or agent such terms and conditions as it determines are in the best interest of the principal.

#### 10-6B-9.

(a) A power of attorney shall be effective when executed unless the principal provides in the power of attorney that it becomes effective at a future date or upon the occurrence of a future event or contingency.

(b) If a power of attorney becomes effective upon the occurrence of a future event or contingency, the principal, in the power of attorney, may authorize one or more persons to determine in a writing or other record that the event or contingency has occurred.

(c) If a power of attorney becomes effective upon the principal's incapacity and the principal has not authorized a person to determine whether the principal is incapacitated, or the person authorized is unable or unwilling to make the determination, the power of attorney shall become effective upon a certification in a writing or other record by:

(1) A physician or licensed psychologist determining that the principal has an impairment in the ability to receive and evaluate information or make or communicate decisions even with the use of technological assistance; or

(2) An attorney at law, a judge, or an appropriate governmental official determining that the principal is missing, detained, including incarcerated in a penal system, or is outside the United States and unable to return.

(d) A person authorized by the principal in the power of attorney to determine that the principal is incapacitated may act as the principal's personal representative pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Sections 1171 through 1179 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d, in effect on February 1, 2017, and applicable regulations in effect on February 1, 2017, to obtain access to the principal's health care information and communicate with the principal's health care provider.

#### 10-6B-10.

(a) A power of attorney shall terminate when:

(1) The principal dies;

(2) The principal becomes incapacitated, if the power of attorney specifically provides that it is not durable;

(3) The principal revokes the power of attorney, provided that the principal provides the agent with notice of such revocation by certified mail and provided that such

notice is filed with the clerk of superior court in the county of domicile of the principal;

(4) The agent resigns, becomes incapacitated, or dies;

(5) The power of attorney provides that it terminates;

(6) The purpose of the power of attorney is accomplished; or

(7) One of the events specified in paragraph (3) or (4) of this subsection occurs and the power of attorney does not provide for another agent to act under the power of attorney.

(b) An agent's authority shall terminate when:

(1) The agent resigns, becomes incapacitated, or dies;

(2) The principal revokes the agent's authority, provided that the principal provides the agent with notice of such revocation by certified mail and provided that such notice is filed with the clerk of superior court in the county of domicile of the principal;

(3) An action is filed for the dissolution or annulment of the agent's marriage to the principal or their legal separation, unless the power of attorney otherwise provides; or

(4) The power of attorney terminates.

(c) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, an agent's authority is exercisable until the authority terminates under subsection (b) of this Code section, notwithstanding a lapse of time since the execution of the power of attorney.

(d) Termination of an agent's authority or of a power of attorney shall not be effective as to the agent or another person that, without actual knowledge of the termination, acts in good faith under the power of attorney. An act so performed, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall bind the principal and the principal's successors in interest.

(e) Incapacity of the principal of a power of attorney that is not durable shall not revoke or terminate the power of attorney as to an agent or other person that, without actual knowledge of the incapacity, acts in good faith under the power of attorney. An act so performed, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall bind the principal and the principal's successors in interest.

(f) The execution of a power of attorney shall not revoke a power of attorney previously executed by the principal unless the subsequent power of attorney provides that the previous power of attorney shall be revoked or that all other powers of attorney are revoked.

#### 10-6B-11.

(a) A principal may designate two or more persons to act as coagents. Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, coagents shall exercise their authority independently.

(b)(1) A principal may designate one or more successor agents to act if an agent resigns, dies, becomes incapacitated, is no longer qualified to serve, has declined to serve, or dies. A principal may grant authority to designate one or more successor agents to an agent or other person designated by name, office, or function. Unless the



power of attorney otherwise provides, a successor agent shall:

(A) Have the same authority as that granted to the original agent; and

(B) Not act until all predecessor agents have resigned, become incapacitated, are no longer qualified to serve, have declined to serve, or died.

(2) Once a predecessor agent resigns, becomes incapacitated, is no longer qualified to serve, or has declined to serve, he or she shall be permanently barred from serving as an agent under the then existing power of attorney.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in the power of attorney and subsection (d) of this Code section, an agent that does not participate in or conceal a breach of fiduciary duty committed by another agent, including a predecessor agent, shall not be liable for the actions of the other agent.

(d) An agent that has actual knowledge of a breach or imminent breach of fiduciary duty by another agent shall notify the principal and, if the principal is incapacitated, take any action reasonably appropriate in the circumstances to safeguard the principal's best interest. An agent that fails to notify the principal or take action as required by this subsection shall be liable for the reasonably foreseeable damages that could have been avoided if the agent had notified the principal or taken such action.

#### 10-6B-12.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, an agent shall not be entitled to compensation for services rendered. An agent shall be entitled to reasonable reimbursement of expenses incurred in performing the acts required by the principal under the power of attorney.

#### 10-6B-13.

Except as otherwise provided in the power of attorney, a person accepts appointment as an agent under a power of attorney by exercising authority or performing duties as an agent or by any other assertion or conduct indicating acceptance.

#### 10-6B-14.

(a) Notwithstanding provisions in the power of attorney, an agent that has accepted appointment shall act:

(1) In accordance with the principal's reasonable expectations to the extent actually known by the agent and, otherwise, in the principal's best interest;

(2) In good faith; and

(3) Only within the scope of authority granted in the power of attorney.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the power of attorney, an agent that has accepted appointment shall:

(1) Act loyally for the principal's benefit;

(2) Act so as not to create a conflict of interest that impairs the agent's ability to act impartially in the principal's best interest;

(3) Act with the care, competence, and diligence ordinarily exercised by agents in similar circumstances;

- (4) Keep a record of all receipts, disbursements, and transactions made on behalf of the principal;
- (5) Cooperate with a person that has authority to make health care decisions for the principal to carry out the principal's reasonable expectations to the extent actually known by the agent and, otherwise, act in the principal's best interest; and
- (6) Attempt to preserve the principal's estate plan, to the extent actually known by the agent, if preserving such plan is consistent with the principal's best interest based on all relevant factors, including:
  - (A) The value and nature of the principal's property;
  - (B) The principal's foreseeable obligations and need for maintenance;
  - (C) Minimization of taxes, including income, estate, inheritance, generation-skipping transfer, and gift taxes; and
  - (D) Eligibility for a benefit, a program, or assistance under a law or regulation.
- (c) An agent that acts in good faith shall not be liable to any beneficiary of the principal's estate plan for failure to preserve such plan.
- (d) An agent that acts with care, competence, and diligence for the best interest of the principal shall not be liable solely because the agent also benefits from the act or has an individual or conflicting interest in relation to the property or affairs of the principal.
- (e) If an agent is selected by the principal because of special skills or expertise possessed by the agent or in reliance on the agent's representation that the agent has special skills or expertise, the special skills or expertise shall be considered in determining whether the agent has acted with care, competence, and diligence under the circumstances.
- (f) Absent a breach of duty to the principal, an agent shall not be liable if the value of the principal's property declines.
- (g) An agent that exercises authority to delegate to another person the authority granted by the principal or that engages another person on behalf of the principal shall not be liable for an act, error of judgment, or default of that person if the agent exercises care, competence, and diligence in selecting and monitoring the person.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided in the power of attorney, an agent shall not be required to disclose receipts, disbursements, or transactions conducted on behalf of the principal unless ordered by a court or requested by the principal, a guardian, a conservator, another fiduciary acting for the principal, a governmental agency having authority to protect the welfare of the principal, or, upon the death of the principal, by the personal representative or successor in interest of the principal's estate. If so requested, within 30 days the agent shall comply with the request or provide a writing or other record substantiating why additional time is needed and shall comply with the request within an additional 30 days.

#### 10-6B-15.

A provision in a power of attorney relieving an agent of liability for breach of duty shall be binding on the principal and the principal's successors in interest except to the extent the provision:

(1) Relieves the agent of liability for breach of duty committed in bad faith, or with reckless indifference to the purposes of the power of attorney or the best interest of the principal; or

(2) Was inserted as a result of an abuse of a confidential or fiduciary relationship with the principal.

#### 10-6B-16.

(a) The following persons may petition a court to construe a power of attorney or review the agent's conduct, and grant appropriate relief:

(1) The principal or the agent;

(2) A guardian, conservator, or other fiduciary acting for the principal;

(3) A person authorized to make health care decisions for the principal;

(4) The principal's spouse, parent, or descendant;

(5) An individual who would qualify as a presumptive heir of the principal;

(6) A person named as a beneficiary to receive any property, benefit, or contractual right on the principal's death or as a beneficiary of a trust created by or for the principal that has a financial interest in the principal's estate;

(7) A governmental agency having authority to protect the welfare of the principal;

(8) The principal's caregiver or another person that demonstrates sufficient interest in the principal's welfare; and

(9) A person asked to accept the power of attorney.

(b) Upon motion by the principal, the court shall dismiss a petition filed under this Code section, unless the court finds that the principal lacks capacity to revoke the agent's authority or the power of attorney.

#### 10-6B-17.

An agent that violates this chapter shall be liable to the principal or the principal's successors in interest for the amount required to:

(1) Restore the value of the principal's property to what it would have been had the violation not occurred; and

(2) Reimburse the principal or the principal's successors in interest for the attorney's fees and costs paid on the agent's behalf.

#### 10-6B-18.

Unless the power of attorney provides a different method for an agent's resignation, an agent may resign by giving notice to the principal and, if the principal is incapacitated:

(1) To the conservator or guardian, if one has been appointed for the principal, and a coagent or successor agent; or

(2) If there is no person described in paragraph (1) of this Code section, to:

(A) The principal's caregiver; or

(B) Another person reasonably believed by the agent to have sufficient interest in the principal's welfare.

10-6B-19.

(a) A person that in good faith accepts a power of attorney without actual knowledge that the signature is not genuine may rely upon the presumption under Code Section 10-6B-5 that the signature is genuine.

(b) A person that in good faith accepts a power of attorney without actual knowledge that the power of attorney is void, invalid, or terminated, that the purported agent's authority is void, invalid, or terminated, or that the agent is exceeding or improperly exercising the agent's authority may rely upon the power of attorney as if the power of attorney were genuine, valid, and still in effect, the agent's authority were genuine, valid, and still in effect, and the agent had not exceeded and had properly exercised the authority.

(c) A person that is asked to accept a power of attorney may request, and rely upon, without further investigation:

(1) An agent's certification under penalty of perjury of any factual matter concerning the principal, agent, or power of attorney;

(2) A coagent's certification under penalty of perjury of any factual matter concerning the principal, agent, or power of attorney;

(3) An English translation of the power of attorney if the power of attorney contains, in whole or in part, language other than English; and

(4) An opinion of an attorney as to any matter of law concerning the power of attorney if the person making the request provides in a writing or other record the reason for the request.

(d) An English translation or an opinion of an attorney requested under this Code section shall be provided at the principal's expense unless the request is made more than seven business days after the power of attorney is presented for acceptance.

(e) For purposes of this Code section, a person that conducts activities through employees shall be without actual knowledge of a fact relating to a power of attorney, a principal, or an agent if the employee conducting the transaction involving the power of attorney is without actual knowledge of the fact.

10-6B-20.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'statutory form power of attorney' means using:

(1) The form set forth in Code Section 10-6B-70;

(2) A military power of attorney pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1044b, in effect on February 1, 2017; or

(3) A document that substantially reflects the language in the form set forth in Code Section 10-6B-70, so long as it is witnessed as required by Code Section 10-6B-5.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section:

(1) A person shall either accept a statutory form power of attorney or request a certification, a translation, or an opinion of an attorney under subsection (c) of Code Section 10-6B-19 no later than seven business days after presentation of the power of attorney for acceptance;

- (2) If a person requests a certification, a translation, or an opinion of an attorney under subsection (c) of Code Section 10-6B-19, the person shall accept the power of attorney no later than five business days after receipt of the certification, translation, or opinion of an attorney; and
- (3) A person shall not require an additional or different form of power of attorney for authority granted in the power of attorney presented.
- (c) A person shall not be required to accept a statutory form power of attorney if:
- (1) The person is not otherwise required to engage in a transaction with the principal in the same circumstances;
- (2) Engaging in a transaction with the agent or the principal in the same circumstances would be inconsistent with federal law;
- (3) The person has actual knowledge of the termination of the agent's authority or of the power of attorney before exercise of the power;
- (4) A request for a certification, a translation, or an opinion of an attorney under subsection (c) of Code Section 10-6B-19 is refused;
- (5) The person in good faith believes that the power is not valid or that the agent does not have the authority to perform the act requested, whether or not a certification, a translation, or an opinion of an attorney under subsection (c) of Code Section 10-6B-19 has been requested or provided; or
- (6) The person makes, or has actual knowledge that another person has made, a report to protective services as such term is defined in Code Section 30-5-1 stating a good faith belief that the principal may be subject to physical or financial abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment by the agent or a person acting for or with the agent.
- (d) A person that refuses to accept a power of attorney in violation of this Code section shall be subject to:
- (1) A court order mandating acceptance of the power of attorney; and
- (2) Liability for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of litigation incurred in any action or proceeding that confirms the validity of the power of attorney or mandates acceptance of the power of attorney.
- (e) For purposes of this Code section, a person that conducts activities through employees shall be without actual knowledge of a fact relating to a power of attorney, a principal, or an agent if the employee conducting the transaction involving the power of attorney is without actual knowledge of the fact.

#### 10-6B-21.

Unless displaced by a provision of this chapter, the principles of law and equity supplement this chapter.

#### 10-6B-22.

(a) This chapter shall not supersede any other law applicable to financial institutions or other entities, and the other law controls if inconsistent with this chapter.

(b) This chapter shall not supersede the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970, 31 U.S.C. Section

5311, in effect on February 1, 2017, and the corresponding regulations thereto, in effect on February 1, 2017.

10-6B-23.

The remedies under this chapter shall not be exclusive and shall not abrogate any right or remedy under the laws of this state other than this chapter.

## ARTICLE 2

10-6B-40.

(a) An agent under a power of attorney may do the following on behalf of the principal or with the principal's property only if the power of attorney expressly grants the agent the authority and exercise of the authority is not otherwise prohibited by another agreement or instrument to which the authority or property is subject:

(1) Create, amend, revoke, or terminate an inter vivos trust;

(2) Make a gift;

(3) Create or change rights of survivorship;

(4) Create or change a beneficiary designation;

(5) Delegate authority granted under the power of attorney;

(6) Waive the principal's right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity, including a survivor benefit under a retirement plan;

(7) Exercise fiduciary powers that the principal has authority to delegate;

(8) Exercise authority over the content of electronic communications, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 2510(12), in effect on February 1, 2017, sent or received by the principal; or

(9) Disclaim property, including a power of appointment.

(b) Notwithstanding a grant of authority to do an act described in subsection (a) of this Code section, unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, an agent that is not an ancestor, spouse, or descendant of the principal, shall not exercise authority under a power of attorney to create in the agent, or in an individual to whom the agent owes a legal obligation of support, an interest in the principal's property, whether by gift, right of survivorship, beneficiary designation, disclaimer, or otherwise.

(c) Subject to subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) of this Code section, if a power of attorney grants to an agent authority to do all acts that a principal could do, the agent has the general authority described in Code Sections 10-6B-43 through 10-6B-55.

(d) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, a grant of authority to make a gift shall be subject to Code Section 10-6B-56.

(e) Subject to subsections (a), (b), and (d) of this Code section, if the subjects over which authority is granted in a power of attorney are similar or overlap, the broadest authority shall control.

(f) Authority granted in a power of attorney is exercisable with respect to property that the principal has when the power of attorney is executed or acquires later, whether or not the property is located in this state and whether or not the authority is exercised or

the power of attorney is executed in this state.

(g) An act performed by an agent pursuant to a power of attorney shall have the same effect and inures to the benefit of and binds the principal and the principal's successors in interest as if the principal had performed the act.

#### 10-6B-41.

(a) An agent shall have authority described in this article if the power of attorney refers to general authority with respect to the descriptive term for the subjects stated in Code Sections 10-6B-43 through 10-6B-56 or cites the Code section in which the authority is described.

(b) A reference in a power of attorney to general authority with respect to the descriptive term for a subject stated in Code Sections 10-6B-43 through 10-6B-56 or a citation to a specific Code section in Code Sections 10-6B-43 through 10-6B-56 shall incorporate the entire Code section as if it were set out in full in the power of attorney.

(c) A principal may modify authority incorporated by reference.

#### 10-6B-42.

Except as otherwise provided in the power of attorney, by executing a power of attorney that incorporates by reference a subject described in Code Sections 10-6B-43 through 10-6B-56 or that grants to an agent authority to do all acts that a principal could do pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 10-6B-40, a principal shall authorize the agent, with respect to that subject, to:

(1) Demand, receive, and obtain by litigation or otherwise, money or any other thing of value to which the principal is, may become, or claims to be entitled, and conserve, invest, disburse, or use anything so received or obtained for the purposes intended;

(2) Contract in any manner with any person, on terms agreeable to the agent, to accomplish a purpose of a transaction and perform, rescind, cancel, terminate, reform, restate, release, or modify the contract or another contract made by or on behalf of the principal;

(3) Execute, acknowledge, seal, deliver, file, or record any instrument or communication the agent considers desirable to accomplish a purpose of a transaction, including creating at any time a schedule listing some or all of the principal's property and attaching it to the power of attorney;

(4) Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to a claim existing in favor of or against the principal or intervene in litigation relating to the claim;

(5) Seek on the principal's behalf the assistance of a court or other governmental agency to carry out an act authorized in the power of attorney;

(6) Engage, compensate, and discharge an attorney, accountant, discretionary investment manager, expert witness, or other advisor;

(7) Prepare, execute, and file a record, report, or other document to safeguard or promote the principal's interest under a law or regulation;

(8) Communicate with any representative or employee of a government or

governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, on behalf of the principal;

(9) Except as otherwise provided under federal privacy laws, access communications intended for, and communicate on behalf of the principal, whether by mail, electronic transmission, telephone, or other means; and

(10) Do any lawful act with respect to the subject and all property related to the subject.

10-6B-43.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to real property shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Demand, buy, lease, receive, accept as a gift or as security for an extension of credit, or otherwise acquire or reject an interest in real property or a right incident to real property;

(2) Sell; exchange; convey with or without covenants, representations, or warranties; quitclaim; release; surrender; retain title for security; encumber; partition; consent to partitioning; subject to an easement or covenant; subdivide; apply for zoning or other governmental permits; plat or consent to platting; develop; grant an option concerning; lease; sublease; contribute to an entity in exchange for an interest in that entity; or otherwise grant or dispose of an interest in real property or a right incident to real property;

(3) Pledge or mortgage an interest in real property or right incident to real property as security to borrow money or pay, renew, or extend the time of payment of a debt of the principal or a debt guaranteed by the principal;

(4) Release, assign, satisfy, or enforce by litigation or otherwise a mortgage, deed of trust, conditional sale contract, encumbrance, lien, or other claim to real property which exists or is asserted;

(5) Manage or conserve an interest in real property or a right incident to real property owned or claimed to be owned by the principal, including:

(A) Insuring against liability or casualty or other loss;

(B) Obtaining or regaining possession of or protecting the interest or right by litigation or otherwise;

(C) Paying, assessing, compromising, or contesting taxes or assessments or applying for and receiving refunds in connection with such taxes or assessments; and

(D) Purchasing supplies, hiring assistance or labor, and making repairs or alterations to the real property;

(6) Use, develop, alter, replace, remove, erect, or install structures or other improvements upon real property in or incident to which the principal has, or claims to have, an interest or right;

(7) Participate in a reorganization with respect to real property or an entity that owns an interest in or right incident to real property and receive, and hold, and act with respect to stocks and bonds or other property received in a plan of reorganization, including:



- (A) Selling or otherwise disposing of them;
- (B) Exercising or selling an option, right of conversion, or similar right with respect to them; and
- (C) Exercising any voting rights in person or by proxy;
- (8) Change the form of title of an interest in or right incident to real property; and
- (9) Dedicate to public use, with or without consideration, easements or other real property in which the principal has, or claims to have, an interest.

#### 10-6B-44.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to tangible personal property shall authorize the agent to:

- (1) Demand, buy, receive, accept as a gift or as security for an extension of credit, or otherwise acquire or reject ownership or possession of tangible personal property or an interest in tangible personal property;
- (2) Sell; exchange; convey with or without covenants, representations, or warranties; quitclaim; release; surrender; create a security interest in; grant options concerning; lease; sublease; or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property or an interest in tangible personal property;
- (3) Grant a security interest in tangible personal property or an interest in tangible personal property as security to borrow money or pay, renew, or extend the time of payment of a debt of the principal or a debt guaranteed by the principal;
- (4) Release, assign, satisfy, or enforce by litigation or otherwise, a security interest, lien, or other claim on behalf of the principal, with respect to tangible personal property or an interest in tangible personal property;
- (5) Manage or conserve tangible personal property or an interest in tangible personal property on behalf of the principal, including:
  - (A) Insuring against liability or casualty or other loss;
  - (B) Obtaining or regaining possession of or protecting the property or interest, by litigation or otherwise;
  - (C) Paying, assessing, compromising, or contesting taxes or assessments or applying for and receiving refunds in connection with such taxes or assessments;
  - (D) Moving the property from place to place;
  - (E) Storing the property for hire or on a gratuitous bailment; and
  - (F) Using and making repairs, alterations, or improvements to the property; and
- (6) Change the form of title of an interest in tangible personal property.

#### 10-6B-45.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to stocks and bonds shall authorize the agent to:

- (1) Buy, sell, and exchange stocks and bonds;
- (2) Establish, continue, modify, or terminate an account with respect to stocks and bonds;

- (3) Pledge stocks and bonds as security to borrow, pay, renew, or extend the time of payment of a debt of the principal;
- (4) Receive certificates and other evidences of ownership with respect to stocks and bonds; and
- (5) Exercise voting rights with respect to stocks and bonds in person or by proxy, enter into voting trusts, and consent to limitations on the right to vote.

10-6B-46.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to commodities and options shall authorize the agent to:

- (1) Buy, sell, exchange, assign, settle, and exercise commodity futures contracts and call or put options on stocks or stock indexes traded on a regulated option exchange; and
- (2) Establish, continue, modify, and terminate option accounts.

10-6B-47.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to banks and other financial institutions shall authorize the agent to:

- (1) Continue, modify, and terminate an account or other banking arrangement made by or on behalf of the principal;
- (2) Establish, modify, and terminate an account or other banking arrangement with a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, credit union, thrift company, brokerage firm, or other financial institution selected by the agent;
- (3) Contract for services available from a financial institution, including renting a safe deposit box or space in a vault;
- (4) Withdraw, by check, order, electronic funds transfer, or otherwise, money or property of the principal deposited with or left in the custody of a financial institution;
- (5) Receive statements of account, vouchers, notices, and similar documents from a financial institution and act with respect to them;
- (6) Enter a safe deposit box or vault and withdraw or add to the contents;
- (7) Borrow money and pledge as security personal property of the principal necessary to borrow money or pay, renew, or extend the time of payment of a debt of the principal or a debt guaranteed by the principal;
- (8) Make, assign, draw, endorse, discount, guarantee, and negotiate promissory notes, checks, drafts, and other negotiable or nonnegotiable paper of the principal or payable to the principal or the principal's order, transfer money, receive the cash or other proceeds of those transactions, and accept a draft drawn by a person upon the principal and pay it when due;
- (9) Receive for the principal and act upon a sight draft, warehouse receipt, or other document of title whether tangible or electronic, or other negotiable or nonnegotiable instrument;

(10) Apply for, receive, and use letters of credit, credit and debit cards, electronic transaction authorizations, and traveler's checks from a financial institution and give an indemnity or other agreement in connection with letters of credit; and

(11) Consent to an extension of the time of payment with respect to commercial paper or a financial transaction with a financial institution.

10-6B-48.

Subject to the terms of a document or an agreement governing an entity or an entity ownership interest, and unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to operation of an entity or business shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Operate, buy, sell, enlarge, reduce, or terminate an ownership interest;

(2) Perform a duty or discharge a liability and exercise in person or by proxy a right, power, privilege, or option that the principal has, may have, or claims to have;

(3) Enforce the terms of an ownership agreement;

(4) Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation to which the principal is a party because of an ownership interest;

(5) Exercise in person or by proxy, or enforce by litigation or otherwise, a right, power, privilege, or option the principal has or claims to have as the holder of stocks and bonds;

(6) Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation to which the principal is a party concerning stocks and bonds;

(7) With respect to an entity or business owned solely by the principal:

(A) Continue, modify, renegotiate, extend, and terminate a contract made by or on behalf of the principal with respect to the entity or business before execution of the power of attorney;

(B) Determine:

(i) The location of its operation;

(ii) The nature and extent of its business;

(iii) The methods of manufacturing, selling, merchandising, financing, accounting, and advertising employed in its operation;

(iv) The amount and types of insurance carried; and

(v) The mode of engaging, compensating, and dealing with its employees and accountants, attorneys, or other advisors;

(C) Change the name or form of organization under which the entity or business is operated and enter into an ownership agreement with other persons to take over all or part of the operation of the entity or business; and

(D) Demand and receive money due or claimed by the principal or on the principal's behalf in the operation of the entity or business and control and disburse the money in the operation of the entity or business;

(8) Put additional capital into an entity or business in which the principal has an

interest;

(9) Join in a plan of reorganization, consolidation, conversion, domestication, or merger of the entity or business;

(10) Sell or liquidate all or part of an entity or business;

(11) Establish the value of an entity or business under a buy-out agreement to which the principal is a party;

(12) Prepare, sign, file, and deliver reports, compilations of information, returns, or other papers with respect to an entity or business and make related payments; and

(13) Pay, compromise, or contest taxes, assessments, fines, or penalties and perform any other act to protect the principal from illegal or unnecessary taxation, assessments, fines, or penalties, with respect to an entity or business, including attempts to recover, in any manner permitted by law, money paid before or after the execution of the power of attorney.

#### 10-6B-49.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to insurance and annuities shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Continue, pay the premium or make a contribution on, modify, exchange, rescind, release, or terminate a contract procured by or on behalf of the principal which insures or provides an annuity to either the principal or another person, whether or not the principal is a beneficiary under the contract;

(2) Procure new, different, and additional contracts of insurance and annuities for the principal and the principal's spouse, children, and other dependents, and select the amount, type of insurance or annuity, and mode of payment;

(3) Pay the premium or make a contribution on, modify, exchange, rescind, release, or terminate a contract of insurance or annuity procured by the agent;

(4) Apply for and receive a loan secured by a contract of insurance or annuity;

(5) Surrender and receive the cash surrender value on a contract of insurance or annuity;

(6) Exercise an election;

(7) Exercise investment powers available under a contract of insurance or annuity;

(8) Change the manner of paying premiums on a contract of insurance or annuity;

(9) Change or convert the type of insurance or annuity with respect to which the principal has or claims to have authority described in this Code section;

(10) Apply for and procure a benefit or assistance under a law or regulation to guarantee or pay premiums of a contract of insurance on the life of the principal;

(11) Collect, sell, assign, hypothecate, borrow against, or pledge the interest of the principal in a contract of insurance or annuity;

(12) Select the form and timing of the payment of proceeds from a contract of insurance or annuity; and

(13) Pay, from proceeds or otherwise, compromise or contest, and apply for refunds in connection with, a tax or assessment levied by a taxing authority with respect to a

contract of insurance or annuity or its proceeds or liability accruing by reason of such tax or assessment.

10-6B-50.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'estate, trust, or other beneficial interest' means a trust, probate estate, guardianship, conservatorship, escrow, or custodianship or a fund from which the principal is, may become, or claims to be, entitled to a share or payment.

(b) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to estates, trusts, and other beneficial interests shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Accept, receive, receipt for, sell, assign, pledge, or exchange a share in or payment from an estate, trust, or other beneficial interest;

(2) Demand or obtain money or any other thing of value to which the principal is, may become, or claims to be, entitled by reason of an estate, trust, or other beneficial interest, by litigation or otherwise;

(3) Exercise for the benefit of the principal a presently exercisable general power of appointment held by the principal;

(4) Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation to ascertain the meaning, validity, or effect of a deed, will, declaration of trust, or other instrument or transaction affecting the interest of the principal;

(5) Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation to remove, substitute, or surcharge a fiduciary;

(6) Conserve, invest, disburse, or use anything received for an authorized purpose;

(7) Transfer an interest of the principal in real property, stocks and bonds, accounts with financial institutions or securities intermediaries, insurance, annuities, and other property to the trustee of a revocable trust created by the principal as settlor; and

(8) Reject, renounce, disclaim, release, or consent to a reduction in or modification of a share in or payment from an estate, trust, or other beneficial interest.

10-6B-51.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to claims and litigation shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Assert and maintain before a court or administrative agency a claim, claim for relief, cause of action, counterclaim, offset, recoupment, or defense, including an action to recover property or any other thing of value, recover damages sustained by the principal, eliminate or modify tax liability, or seek an injunction, specific performance, or other relief;

(2) Bring an action to determine adverse claims or intervene or otherwise participate in litigation;

- (3) Seek an attachment, garnishment, order of arrest, or other preliminary, provisional, or intermediate relief and use an available procedure to effect or satisfy a judgment, order, or decree;
- (4) Make or accept a tender, offer of judgment, or admission of facts, submit a controversy on an agreed statement of facts, consent to examination, and bind the principal in litigation;
- (5) Submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, and propose or accept a compromise;
- (6) Waive the issuance and service of process upon the principal, accept service of process, appear for the principal, designate persons upon which process directed to the principal may be served, execute and file or deliver stipulations on the principal's behalf, verify pleadings, seek appellate review, procure and give surety and indemnity bonds, contract and pay for the preparation and printing of records and briefs, receive, execute, and file or deliver a consent, waiver, release, confession of judgment, satisfaction of judgment, notice, agreement, or other instrument in connection with the prosecution, settlement, or defense of a claim or litigation;
- (7) Act for the principal with respect to bankruptcy or insolvency, whether voluntary or involuntary, concerning the principal or some other person, or with respect to a reorganization, receivership, or application for the appointment of a receiver or trustee which affects an interest of the principal in property or any other thing of value;
- (8) Pay a judgment, award, or order against the principal or a settlement made in connection with a claim or litigation; and
- (9) Receive money or any other thing of value paid in settlement of or as proceeds of a claim or litigation.

10-6B-52.

(a) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to personal and family maintenance shall authorize the agent to:

- (1) Perform the acts necessary to maintain the customary standard of living of the principal, the principal's spouse, and the following individuals, whether living when the power of attorney is executed or later born:
  - (A) The principal's minor children;
  - (B) The principal's adult children who are pursuing a postsecondary school education and are under 25 years of age;
  - (C) The principal's parents or the parents of the principal's spouse, if the principal had established a pattern of such payments; and
  - (D) Any other individuals legally entitled to be supported by the principal;
- (2) Make periodic payments of child support and other family maintenance required by a court or governmental agency or an agreement to which the principal is a party;
- (3) Provide living quarters for the individuals described in paragraph (1) of this subsection by:
  - (A) Purchase, lease, or other contract; or

(B) Paying the operating costs, including interest, amortization payments, repairs, improvements, and taxes, for premises owned by the principal or occupied by those individuals;

(4) Provide normal domestic help, usual vacations and travel expenses, and funds for shelter, clothing, food, appropriate education, including postsecondary and vocational education, and other current living costs for individuals described in paragraph (1) of this subsection to enable such individuals to maintain their customary standard of living;

(5) Pay expenses for necessary health care and custodial care on behalf of the individuals described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(6) Act as the principal's personal representative pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Sections 1171 through 1179 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d, in effect on February 1, 2017, and applicable regulations in effect on February 1, 2017, in making decisions related to the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care consented to by the principal or anyone authorized under the laws of this state to consent to health care on behalf of the principal;

(7) Continue any provision made by the principal for automobiles or other means of transportation, including registering, licensing, insuring, and replacing them, for the individuals described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(8) Maintain credit and debit accounts for the convenience of the individuals described in paragraph (1) of this subsection and open new accounts; and

(9) Continue payments incidental to the membership or affiliation of the principal in a religious institution, club, society, order, or other organization or to continue contributions to those organizations.

(b) Authority with respect to personal and family maintenance shall be neither dependent upon, nor limited by, authority that an agent may or may not have with respect to gifts under this chapter.

#### 10-6B-53.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service' means any benefit, program, or assistance provided under a law or regulation, including Social Security, medicare, and Medicaid.

(b) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Execute vouchers in the name of the principal for allowances and reimbursements payable by the United States or a foreign government or by a state or political subdivision of a state to the principal, including allowances and reimbursements for transportation of the individuals described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-6B-52, and for shipment of their household effects;

(2) Take possession and order the removal and shipment of property of the principal from a post, warehouse, depot, dock, or other place of storage or safekeeping, either

governmental or private, and execute and deliver a release, voucher, receipt, bill of lading, shipping ticket, certificate, or other instrument for such purpose;

(3) Enroll in, apply for, select, reject, change, amend, or discontinue, on the principal's behalf, a benefit or program;

(4) Prepare, file, and maintain a claim of the principal for a benefit or assistance, financial or otherwise, to which such principal may be entitled under a law or regulation;

(5) Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose, or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation concerning any benefit or assistance the principal may be entitled to receive under a law or regulation; and

(6) Receive the financial proceeds of a claim described in paragraph (4) of this subsection and conserve, invest, disburse, or use for a lawful purpose anything so received.

#### 10-6B-54.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'retirement plan' means a plan or account created by an employer, the principal, or another individual to provide retirement benefits or deferred compensation of which such principal is a participant, beneficiary, or owner, including a plan or account under the following sections of the Internal Revenue Code:

(1) An individual retirement account under Internal Revenue Code Section 408, 26 U.S.C. Section 408, in effect on February 1, 2017;

(2) A Roth individual retirement account under Internal Revenue Code Section 408A, 26 U.S.C. Section 408A, in effect on February 1, 2017;

(3) A deemed individual retirement account under Internal Revenue Code Section 408(q), 26 U.S.C. Section 408(q), in effect on February 1, 2017;

(4) An annuity or mutual fund custodial account under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b), 26 U.S.C. Section 403(b), in effect on February 1, 2017;

(5) A pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus, or other retirement plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a), 26 U.S.C. Section 401(a), in effect on February 1, 2017;

(6) A plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b), 26 U.S.C. Section 457(b), in effect on February 1, 2017; and

(7) A nonqualified deferred compensation plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 409A, 26 U.S.C. Section 409A, in effect on February 1, 2017.

(b) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to retirement plans shall authorize the agent to:

(1) Select the form and timing of payments under a retirement plan and withdraw benefits from a plan;

(2) Make a rollover, including a direct trustee-to-trustee rollover, of benefits from one retirement plan to another;

(3) Establish a retirement plan in the principal's name;

(4) Make contributions to a retirement plan;



- (5) Exercise investment powers available under a retirement plan; and
- (6) Borrow from, sell assets to, or purchase assets from a retirement plan.

#### 10-6B-55.

Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to taxes shall authorize the agent to:

- (1) Prepare, sign, and file federal, state, local, and foreign income, gift, payroll, property, Federal Insurance Contributions Act, and other tax returns, claims for refunds, requests for extension of time, petitions regarding tax matters, and any other tax-related documents, including receipts, offers, waivers, consents, including consents and agreements under Internal Revenue Code Section 2032A, 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A, in effect on February 1, 2017, closing agreements, and any power of attorney required by the Internal Revenue Service or other taxing authority with respect to a tax year upon which the statute of limitations has not run and the following 25 tax years;
- (2) Pay taxes due, collect refunds, post bonds, receive confidential information, and contest deficiencies determined by the Internal Revenue Service or other taxing authority;
- (3) Exercise any election available to the principal under federal, state, local, or foreign tax law; and
- (4) Act for the principal in all tax matters for all periods before the Internal Revenue Service, or other taxing authority.

#### 10-6B-56.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term a gift 'for the benefit of' a person includes a gift to a trust, an account under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, and a tuition savings account or prepaid tuition plan as defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 529, 26 U.S.C. Section 529, in effect on February 1, 2017.

(b) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to gifts shall authorize the agent only to:

- (1) Make outright to, or for the benefit of, a person, a gift of any of the principal's property, including by the exercise of a presently exercisable general power of appointment held by the principal, in an amount per donee not to exceed the annual dollar limits of the federal gift tax exclusion under Internal Revenue Code Section 2503(b), 26 U.S.C. Section 2503(b), in effect on February 1, 2017, without regard to whether the federal gift tax exclusion applies to the gift, or if the principal's spouse agrees to consent to a split gift pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 2513, 26 U.S.C. Section 2513, in effect on February 1, 2017, in an amount per donee not to exceed twice the annual federal gift tax exclusion limit; and
- (2) Consent, pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 2513, 26 U.S.C. Section 2513, in effect on February 1, 2017, to the splitting of a gift made by the principal's spouse in an amount per donee not to exceed the aggregate annual gift tax exclusions for both spouses.

(c) An agent may make a gift of the principal's property only as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's objectives if actually known by the agent and, if unknown, as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's best interest based on all relevant factors, including:

- (1) The value and nature of the principal's property;
- (2) The principal's foreseeable obligations and need for maintenance;
- (3) Minimization of taxes, including income, estate, inheritance, generation-skipping transfer, and gift taxes;
- (4) Eligibility for a benefit, a program, or assistance under a law or regulation; and
- (5) The principal's personal history of making or joining in making gifts.

### ARTICLE 3

10-6B-70.

A document substantially in the following form may be used to create a statutory form power of attorney that has the meaning and effect prescribed by this chapter.

'State of Georgia

County of \_\_\_\_\_

### **STATUTORY FORM POWER OF ATTORNEY**

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

This power of attorney authorizes another person (your agent) to make decisions concerning your property for you (the principal). Your agent will be able to make decisions and act with respect to your property (including your money) whether or not you are able to act for yourself. The meaning of authority over subjects listed on this form is explained in O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10.

This power of attorney does not authorize the agent to make health care decisions for you.

You should select someone you trust to serve as your agent. Unless you specify otherwise, generally the agent's authority will continue until you die or revoke the power of attorney or the agent resigns or is unable to act for you. If you revoke the power of attorney, you must communicate your revocation by notice to the agent in writing by certified mail and file such notice with the clerk of superior court in your county of domicile.

Your agent is not entitled to any compensation unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions. Your agent shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in performing the acts required by you in your power of attorney.

This form provides for designation of one agent. If you wish to name more than one agent, you may name a successor agent or name a coagent in the Special Instructions. Coagents will not be required to act together unless you include that requirement in the Special Instructions.

If your agent is unable or unwilling to act for you, your power of attorney will end unless you have named a successor agent. You may also name a second successor agent.

This power of attorney shall be durable unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions.

This power of attorney becomes effective immediately unless you state otherwise in the Special Instructions.

**If you have questions about the power of attorney or the authority you are granting to your agent, you should seek legal advice before signing this form.**

**DESIGNATION OF AGENT**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of principal)  
name the following person as my agent:

Name of agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGNATION OF SUCCESSOR AGENT(S) (OPTIONAL)**

If my agent is unable or unwilling to act for me, I name as my successor agent:

Name of successor agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Successor agent's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Successor agent's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Successor agent's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

If my successor agent is unable or unwilling to act for me, I name as my second successor agent:

Name of second successor agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second successor agent's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second successor agent's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second successor agent's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANT OF GENERAL AUTHORITY**

I grant my agent and any successor agent general authority to act for me with respect to the following subjects as defined in O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10:

(INITIAL each subject you want to include in the agent's general authority. If you wish to grant general authority over all of the subjects you may initial "all preceding subjects" instead of initialing each subject.)

- Real property
- Tangible personal property
- Stocks and bonds
- Commodities and options
- Banks and other financial institutions
- Operation of entity or business
- Insurance and annuities
- Estates, trusts, and other beneficial interests
- Claims and litigation
- Personal and family maintenance
- Benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service
- Retirement plans
- Taxes
- All preceding subjects

**GRANT OF SPECIFIC AUTHORITY (OPTIONAL)**

My agent SHALL NOT do any of the following specific acts for me UNLESS I have INITIALED the specific authority listed below:

(CAUTION: Granting any of the following will give your agent the authority to take actions that could significantly reduce your property or change how your property is distributed at your death. INITIAL ONLY the specific authority you WANT to give your agent. You should give your agent specific instructions in the Special Instructions when you authorize your agent to make gifts.)

- Create, amend, revoke, or terminate an inter vivos trust
- Make a gift, subject to the limitations of O.C.G.A. § 10-6B-56 and any Special Instructions in this power of attorney
- Create or change rights of survivorship
- Create or change a beneficiary designation
- Authorize another person to exercise the authority granted under this power of attorney
- Waive the principal's right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity, including a survivor benefit under a retirement plan

- Access the content of electronic communications
- Exercise fiduciary powers that the principal has authority to delegate
- Disclaim or refuse an interest in property, including a power of appointment

**LIMITATION ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY**

An agent that is not my ancestor, spouse, or descendant SHALL NOT use my property to benefit the agent or a person to whom the agent owes an obligation of support unless I have included that authority in the Special Instructions.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (OPTIONAL)**

You may give special instructions on the following lines (you may add lines or place your special instructions in a separate document and attach it to the power of attorney):

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This power of attorney is effective immediately unless I have stated otherwise in the Special Instructions.

**NOMINATION OF CONSERVATOR (OPTIONAL)**

If it becomes necessary for a court to appoint a conservator of my estate, I nominate the following person(s) for appointment:

Name of nominee for conservator of my estate:

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Nominee's address:

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Nominee's telephone number:

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Nominee's e-mail address:

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**RELIANCE ON THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Any person, including my agent, may rely upon the validity of this power of attorney or a copy of it unless that person has actual knowledge it has terminated or is invalid.

**SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your e-mail address

This document was signed in my presence on \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date)

by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness's name printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness's address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness's telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness's e-mail address

State of Georgia  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

This document was signed in my presence on \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Date)

by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notary (Seal)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

This document prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AGENT

### Agent's Duties

When you accept the authority granted under this power of attorney, a special legal relationship is created between you and the principal. This relationship imposes upon you legal duties that continue until you resign or the power of attorney is terminated or revoked. You must:

- (1) Do what you know the principal reasonably expects you to do with the principal's property or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, act in the principal's best interest;
- (2) Act in good faith;
- (3) Do nothing beyond the authority granted in this power of attorney; and
- (4) Disclose your identity as an agent whenever you act for the principal by writing or printing the name of the principal and signing your own name as "agent" in the following manner:

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ as Agent.  
(Principal's name)
(Your signature)

Unless the Special Instructions in this power of attorney state otherwise, you must also:

- (1) Act loyally for the principal's benefit;
- (2) Avoid conflicts that would impair your ability to act in the principal's best interest;
- (3) Act with care, competence, and diligence;
- (4) Keep a record of all receipts, disbursements, and transactions made on behalf of the principal;
- (5) Cooperate with any person that has authority to make health care decisions for the principal to do what you know the principal reasonably expects or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, to act in the principal's best interest; and
- (6) Attempt to preserve the principal's estate plan if you know the plan and preserving the plan is consistent with the principal's best interest.

### Termination of Agent's Authority

You must stop acting on behalf of the principal if you learn of any event that terminates this power of attorney or your authority under this power of attorney. Events that terminate a power of attorney or your authority to act under a power of attorney include:

- (1) Death of the principal;
- (2) The principal's revocation of your authority or the power of attorney so as long as the revocation of the power of attorney is communicated to you in writing by certified mail and provided that such notice is filed with the clerk of superior court in the

county of domicile of the principal;

(3) The occurrence of a termination event stated in the power of attorney;

(4) The purpose of the power of attorney is fully accomplished; or

(5) If you are married to the principal, a legal action is filed with a court to end your marriage, or for your legal separation, unless the Special Instructions in this power of attorney state that such an action will not terminate your authority.

**Liability of Agent**

The meaning of the authority granted to you is defined in O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10. If you violate O.C.G.A. Chapter 6B of Title 10 or act outside the authority granted, you may be liable for any damages caused by your violation.

**If there is anything about this document or your duties that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice.'**

10-6B-71.

The following optional form may be used by an agent to certify facts concerning a power of attorney.

**'AGENT'S CERTIFICATION AS TO THE VALIDITY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND AGENT'S AUTHORITY**

State of Georgia

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of agent), certify under penalty of perjury that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of principal) granted me authority as an agent or successor agent in a power of attorney dated \_\_\_\_\_.

I further certify that to my knowledge:

(1) The principal is alive and has not revoked the power of attorney or my authority to act under the power of attorney and the power of attorney and my authority to act under the power of attorney have not terminated;

(2) If the power of attorney was drafted to become effective upon the happening of an event or contingency, the event or contingency has occurred;

(3) If I were named as a successor agent, the prior agent is no longer able or willing to serve; and

(4)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Insert other relevant statements)

**SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's name printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's e-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
This document was signed in my presence on

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

by

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of agent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of notary

\_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
This document prepared by:

ARTICLE 4

10-6B-80.

This chapter modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq., but shall not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001(c), or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7003(b).

10-6B-81.

Chapter 6 of this title shall not apply to a power of attorney created pursuant to this chapter."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to Article 1 of Chapter 6, relating to agency, to read as follows:

"10-6-7.

This chapter shall not apply to powers of attorney to which Chapter 6B of this title is applicable."

**SECTION 3-2.**

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-8-10, relating to affirmative defenses to prosecution for violation of Code Sections 16-8-2 through 16-8-7, to read as follows:

"16-8-10.

It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution for violation of Code Sections 16-8-2 through ~~16-8-7~~ 16-8-9 that the person:

- (1) Was unaware that the property or service was that of another;
- (2) Acted under an honest claim of right to the property or service involved ~~or~~;
- (3) Acted under a right to acquire or dispose of ~~it~~ the property as he or she did; provided, however, that the use of a power of attorney as provided in Chapter 6B of Title 10 shall not, in and of itself, absolve a person from criminal responsibility; or
- ~~(3)~~(4) Took property or service exposed for sale intending to purchase and pay for it promptly or reasonably believing that the owner, if present, would have consented."

**SECTION 3-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-105, relating to the applicability of Article 8, the protection of elder persons, as follows:

"16-5-105.

(a) The use of a power of attorney as provided for in Chapter 6B of Title 10 shall not, in and of itself, absolve a person from prosecution under this article.

(b) This article shall be cumulative and supplemental to any other law of this state."

**PART IV**  
**SECTION 4-1.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 4-2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	E Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 221, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3/24

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 221. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Fran Millar  
District 40

3/24/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 221. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Lindsey Tippins  
District 37

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 6th

Martin of the 9th

Tillery of the 19th

HB 202. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th and Hatchett of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to change provisions relating to the salary for the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 4th.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations offered the following substitute to HB 202:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To provide for compensation and expenses of certain state officials; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salaries and fees, so as to change provisions relating to the salary for the Governor; to change certain provisions relating to annual salaries, expenses, and cost-of-living adjustments for certain state officials; to change provisions relating to the State Commission on Compensation; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**PART I  
SECTION 1-1.**

Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salaries and fees, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4,

relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, as follows:

"(1) Governor .....	\$ 60,000.00
	<u>175,000.00</u>

An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion."

**PART II  
SECTION 2-1.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 45-7-4, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, by revising subparagraphs (a)(22)(C) and (a)(22)(E) as follows:

"(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties ~~within the state~~ as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications, transportation, utilities, ~~and~~ purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of \$100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph. ~~Such~~ Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed ~~upon~~ following the submission of ~~sworn~~ vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such ~~sworn~~ vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member that the information contained in such voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No ~~sworn~~ such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem

differential."

"(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of the first year of the two year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during the second year of the two year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made; provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe and the form of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate. In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the legislative fiscal

office is authorized to withhold the payment of any other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized."

**PART III  
SECTION 3-1.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Article 5, relating to the State Commission on Compensation, as follows:

"ARTICLE 5

45-7-90.

A State Commission on Compensation is established for the purpose of assisting the General Assembly in setting the compensation of constitutional state officers, including members of the General Assembly and full-time heads of state agencies, authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, and departments whose compensation is set by the Constitution, by law, or by Act of the General Assembly.

45-7-91.

(a) As used in this article, the term 'commission' means the State Commission on Compensation.'

(b) The commission shall be composed of ~~12~~ seven members who shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. No person shall be qualified for appointment to office as a member of the commission if he or she is an officer or employee of the state at the time of his or her selection for appointment nor shall such officer's or employee's spouse, child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or the spouse of such individuals be qualified for such appointment. ~~Four~~ Three members shall be appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall be regularly engaged in the field of business finance or business management. Two members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, ~~at least one of whom shall be experienced in labor management relations.~~ Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, ~~at least one of whom shall be experienced in labor management relations.~~ ~~Four members shall be appointed by the Justices of the Supreme Court, at least one of whom shall be authorized to practice law in this state.~~

(c) Should any vacancy on the commission occur from death, resignation, or otherwise, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor member to serve during the unexpired term.

45-7-92.

Members of the commission shall take an oath to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Georgia and shall receive ~~a salary of \$59.00 per~~

~~day for each day of service and such expenses and allowances while performing their duties of office as are refundable to state employees~~ a daily expense allowance and reimbursement for transportation costs as provided for in Code Section 45-7-21. All expenses incurred by the commission in the performance of its duties shall be paid from funds available to the General Assembly. The commission shall meet no more than ~~30~~ 30 days ~~during the year it is established and no more than~~ 15 days in any year thereafter.

45-7-93.

The commission shall meet immediately after a majority of its members have taken the oath of office, shall select from the members one of their ~~number~~ members to serve as ~~chairman~~ chairperson, and shall adopt such rules and procedures as may be deemed necessary for the expeditious accomplishment of the obligations of the commission. The commission shall be authorized to employ staff personnel as necessary to accomplish commission objectives.

45-7-94.

The commission shall make a study of the compensation currently being paid by the state to all constitutional state officers, including members of the General Assembly and all full-time heads of state agencies, authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, and departments whose compensation is set by the Constitution of Georgia, by law, or by an Act of the General Assembly; and the commission shall compare such compensation with that currently being received by officers and employees serving in comparable positions with the federal government, this state, other states, local governments, and in industry, business, and the professions. In making this comparative study, the commission shall utilize all available data pertaining to prevailing market rates and relating to the costs and standards of living of persons in comparable positions.

45-7-95.

(a) The commission shall file a written report based upon its studies in which a recommended compensation shall be stated for each constitutional state officer, including members of the General Assembly and all full-time heads of state agencies, authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, committees, and departments whose compensation is set by the Constitution of Georgia, by law, or by Act of the General Assembly. A copy of ~~said~~ such report shall be filed with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Secretary of the Senate, and legislative counsel, ~~Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.~~ The commission shall file the written report at least ~~30~~ 90 days prior to the convening of the General Assembly in regular session at which the general appropriations bill is first considered. The written report of the commission shall be filed, notwithstanding a determination by the commission that no compensation increase or decrease is recommended.

(b) ~~Whenever a written report of the commission's compensation plan is filed, a bill~~



~~shall be prepared suitable for introduction in either the Senate or House of Representatives containing the compensation recommended by the commission; and such bill shall be introduced at the next session of the General Assembly convening after the filing of said written report. Such bill and the compensation contained therein, in order to become effective, shall receive the same number of readings and go through and be subject to the same procedure as required by the Constitution of Georgia for any other bill; provided, however, that the bill relative to the commission's compensation plan, whether introduced in the House or the Senate, or both, shall be automatically engrossed by both the House and the Senate, and any such bill shall not be changed in either the House or the Senate after its introduction.~~

45-7-96.

It is the intention of the General Assembly that this article shall not be construed so as to authorize the commission to reduce the compensation of constitutional state officers below that established by the Constitution of Georgia or so as to deprive the General Assembly of plenary power to enact laws affecting compensation in accordance with the Constitution of Georgia."

#### **PART IV SECTION 4-1.**

Part I of this Act shall become effective upon the inauguration of the Governor in January, 2019, in accordance with Code Section 45-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Part II of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, and shall apply to expenses incurred on or after such date. This Part and Part III of this Act shall become effective upon approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

#### **SECTION 4-2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett

Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 3.

HB 202, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/24/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 202. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Lindsey Tippins  
District 37

HB 153. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Rhodes of the 120th, Efstration of the 104th, Smith of the 70th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council on American Indian Concerns, so as to attach the council to the Department of Natural Resources for administrative purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Walker III of the 20th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 153, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3-24-17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 153. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Chuck Payne  
District 54

3-24-17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 153. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Jesse Stone  
District 23

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 108. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Veterans Service, so as to require maintenance of a women veterans' office by the commissioner of veterans service; to provide for the purposes of such women veterans' office; to require interaction with veterans court divisions to assist with recruiting and training mentors; to require an annual report; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 226. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to change certain provisions relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages; to change provisions relating to certain annual production requirements for Georgia farm wineries; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 121. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to provide for immunity; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change the definition of a

dangerous drug; to add a drug to Schedule V; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 219. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with automated driving systems on certain public roads; to provide for submission of certain information to the Department of Revenue to operate motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with such systems in certain locations; to provide for notice to local governing authorities; to provide for the collection of data from the operation of such motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of information and data to the General Assembly by the manufacturer of motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Rhett of the 33rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 192. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Williamson of the 115th, Hatchett of the 150th, Willard of the 51st, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 12 of Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 7 and Article 8 of Chapter 2 of Title 14 of the O.C.G.A., relating to management of bank and trust companies and directors and officers of corporations, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the responsibilities and standard of care of directors and officers of banks, trust companies, and corporations; to clarify and expand the ability of directors and officers to rely on other individuals in the performance of their duties; to shield directors and officers from liability for monetary damages to the corporation, its shareholders, and certain other parties in the absence of gross negligence; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

Senator Thompson of the 14th asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on HB 192 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8(d). The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson of the 14th was excused.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	E Rhett
Y Black	Y James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	E Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 41, nays 10.

HB 192, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

At 4:39 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 5:09 p.m.

At 5:18 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 153. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearing aid dealers and

dispensers, so as to exempt certain activities of hearing aid dealers, hearing aid dispensers, and others related to the manufacture and sale of certain nonprescription hearing aids from the applicability of said chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 228. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of certain state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 597. By Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Tarvin of the 2nd and Hill of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), as amended, so as to change the position of city clerk from elective to appointive; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 598. By Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Tarvin of the 2nd and Hill of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Trenton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 600. By Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Jones of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th and Stephenson of the 90th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Stonecrest in DeKalb County, approved April 21, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 3538), so as to revise the city's voting districts; to provide a term limit for the mayor; to modify provisions related to a quorum of and voting by the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 603. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Boddie of the 62nd, Dreyer of the 59th, Jackson of the 64th, Gardner of the 57th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County, the judges of the Juvenile Court of Fulton County, and the judge of the Probate Court of Fulton County, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3904), so as to modify the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 608. By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th and Price of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Alpharetta, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4609), as amended, so as to implement term limits for members of the city's governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 609. By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Carson of the 46th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Parsons of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth," approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.



HB 610. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Burnough of the 77th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a supplement to the salaries of the judges of the superior court of the Clayton Judicial Circuit, approved April 10, 1969 (Ga. L. 1969, p. 353), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 4683), so as to increase the county supplement to the state salary of said judges; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 611. By Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Greene of the 151st and Ealum of the 153rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority, approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 4220), as amended, so as to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the existence and membership of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for conflicts of interest; to provide for powers of the authority; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for rules, regulations, and other procedures; to provide for immunity; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide that authority property is not subject to levy and sale; to provide for the Act's effect on other governments; to provide for earnings and dissolution; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 612. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Dickerson of the 113th, Welch of the 110th and Rutledge of the 109th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new board of education for Newton County, approved March 31, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2405), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3586), so as to provide for the manner of changing the compensation for members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 614. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Thomas of the 39th, Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4200), so as to provide for annexation of certain property; to provide for related matters; to repeal a certain act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 224. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Smith of the 134th, Rynders of the 152nd, Smyre of the 135th, Ealum of the 153rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 13 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that a military student may attend any school in the local school system; to provide a definition; to provide for a streamlined process and annual notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend HB 224 (HB 224/FA) by inserting after "notice;" on line 5 the following:*  
to provide for other enrollment criteria in certain schools;

*By striking the quotation mark at the end of line 25 and by adding following line 25 the following:*

(d) This Code section shall not be construed to prevent magnet schools from applying additional criteria for enrollment in such schools."

Senators Jones II of the 22nd and Hill of the 6th offered the following amendment #1a:

Amend AM 33 1697 Amendment to HB 224 by:

Striking lines 5 & 6 and replace with "(d) This Code section shall not be construed to prevent magnet schools from applying the same criteria the school applies to other eligible students."

On the adoption of amendment #1a, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Dugan of the 30th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 21, nays 24, and the Jones II of the 22nd, Hill of the 6th amendment #1a to the Jones II of the 22nd amendment #1 was lost.

On the adoption of amendment #1, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Dugan of the 30th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 17, nays 29, and the Jones II amendment #1 was lost.

Senators Tillery of the 19th and Hill of the 4th offered the following amendment # 2.

Amend HB 224 by adding after Line 25 & before Line 26

"(d) the provisions of this code section shall not apply to any local system where the system does not have more than one school serving each grade."

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Dugan of the 30th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 7, nays 37, and the Tillery, Hill of the 4th amendment #2 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 224, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the House:

HB 615. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Deffenbaugh of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 175. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to enact reforms relating to juvenile court proceedings recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to allow juvenile courts to impose certain conditions on parents, guardians, and legal custodians of children who are in need of services, delinquent, or involved in a court's community based

risk reduction program; to provide for procedure; to change provisions relating to the detention of a delinquent child who has been determined to be incompetent to proceed in juvenile court proceedings; to provide for professional input as to the detention of a child who has been determined to be incompetent to proceed; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 265. By Senator Williams of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for compensation of the coroner and deputy coroner of Forsyth County; to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustment increases for the coroner; to provide for salary supplements for the coroner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 174. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts, the Department of Community Supervision, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and enact reforms recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to amend Title 15 and Code Section 49-3-6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts and functions of a county or district department of family and children services; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17, Title 42, and Code Section 51-1-54 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, penal institutions, and the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 176. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to enact reforms relating to driving privileges recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to change and provide for the procedure of issuing bench warrants for individuals charged with certain traffic, motorist, and road violations; to remove a barrier to obtaining a habitual violator probationary license; to

change provisions relating to third and subsequent convictions under Code Section 40-6-391 involving controlled substances or marijuana; to change provisions relating to reinstatement of certain licenses under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 186. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Millar of the 40th, Brass of the 28th, Sims of the 12th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to clarify language relating to the effect of dual credit courses on HOPE scholarship and grant applicability; to provide that students who earned a high school diploma through certain dual credit coursework are eligible for a HOPE grant toward an associate degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 15. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Henson of the 41st, Harper of the 7th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-129 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, so as to add to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a weapons carry license without the payment of certain fees; to provide conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 149. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace

officers, so as to provide for training requirements for school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 168. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to extend the persons and agencies permitted to access child abuse records by the department or a county or other state or local agency; to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Central Child Abuse Registry, so as to permit access to information in the child abuse registry to certain governmental entities investigating allegations of child abuse; to permit access to child abuse registry to certain child-placing entities conducting foster and adoptive parent background checks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 258. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowser of the 46th, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for ineligibility for office for holders of public money of municipalities who refuse or fail to account and pay over such funds to the proper officer; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 130. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 452. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Reeves of the 34th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, instead of the Georgia Sheriffs Association, to prepare and issue guidelines and procedures regarding compliance with Code Section 42-4-14; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 452:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post and share certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-3-14.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the bureau shall post on its public website the information of persons who are aliens and who have been released from federal custody within the boundaries of this state and have committed violent or serious crimes, as such information is presented within the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System as received by the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the bureau or any



replacement agency. Within 12 hours of receiving such information, the bureau shall post such information as required by this Code section and electronically send a copy of such information to the Georgia Sheriffs' Association. The bureau shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Code section."

## **SECTION 2.**

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

Senators Cowser of the 46th, Harper of the 7th, Dugan of the 30th and Thompson of the 14th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 452 (LC 41 1162S) by replacing lines 1 through 24 with the following:*

To amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as require the bureau to publicly post and share certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to create the Board of Homeland Security, the Department of Homeland Security, and the position of commissioner of homeland security; to provide for definitions; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the board, department, and commissioner; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend various provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conforming nomenclature and cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### **PART I SECTION 1-1.**

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-3-14.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the bureau shall post on its public website the information of persons who are aliens and who have been released from federal custody within the boundaries of this state after having committed a felony, as such information is presented within the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System as received by the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the bureau or any replacement agency. Within 12 hours of receiving such information, the bureau shall post such information as required by this Code section and electronically send a copy of such information to the Georgia Sheriffs' Association. The bureau shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Code section."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 35-3-203, relating to the duties and responsibilities of the director, as follows:

"35-3-203.

(a) The director through the center shall share and provide homeland security activity information to the director of emergency management and the commissioner of homeland security, including, but not limited to, threats, warnings, and developing situations, when an investigation reveals conduct of a terroristic nature or in material support of terroristic activities, recruitment of terrorists, or information on the activities of known terrorist organizations.

(b) The center shall liaise with the bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Terrorism Task Force, United States Department of Homeland Security, and other local, state, and federal intelligence and law enforcement officials for purposes of carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this article.

(c) The center shall allow unrestricted access to secure communications equipment to the ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security and his or her representatives who possess the appropriate federally approved security clearances for the dissemination of homeland security activity information by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(d) The ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security shall serve as this state's security manager for the purpose of identifying and processing state personnel for security clearances through the United States Department of Homeland Security."

**SECTION 1-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 35-3-204, relating to the membership and availability of analysts, as follows:

"35-3-204.

(a) Membership in the center shall consist of the director, the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~, the commissioner of homeland security, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of corrections, the chief information officer for the State of Georgia, the state fire marshal, the Attorney General, the adjutant general, and state and local fire service, law enforcement, homeland security, emergency management, corrections, and other appropriate agencies and disciplines as determined by the ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security in consultation with the director. Such members shall assign or make available their analysts or other personnel to the center as such need is determined by the ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security.

(b) The ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security shall maintain ~~Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency~~ analysts in the center as needed as determined by the ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security."

**SECTION 1-4.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 11****35-11-1.**

As used in this chapter, the term:

- (1) 'Board' means the Board of Homeland Security.
- (2) 'Center' means the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center.
- (3) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of homeland security.
- (4) 'Critical infrastructure' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.
- (5) 'Department' means the Georgia Department of Homeland Security.
- (6) 'Domestic terrorism' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.
- (7) 'Homeland security activity' means any activity related to the prevention or discovery of, response to, or recovery from:
  - (A) Domestic terrorism;
  - (B) A hostile military or paramilitary action; or
  - (C) An extraordinary law enforcement emergency.
- (8) 'Public transportation system' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.
- (9) 'Serious bodily harm' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.
- (10) 'State or government facility' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.

**35-11-2.**

- (a) There is created a Board of Homeland Security.
- (b) The board shall consist of 17 members who shall be as follows:
  - (1) The Governor, ex officio, who shall be chairperson of the board;
  - (2) The commissioner of homeland security;
  - (3) The director of emergency management;
  - (4) The commissioner of public safety;
  - (5) The director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;
  - (6) The adjutant general;
  - (7) The commissioner of natural resources;
  - (8) The commissioner of public health;
  - (9) The Attorney General or his or her designee who shall be the deputy attorney general or an assistant attorney general;
  - (10) The commissioner of transportation;
  - (11) The Commissioner of Agriculture;
  - (12) The executive director of the Georgia Technology Authority; and
  - (13) Five appointees of the Governor who shall be individuals from the public or

private sector who are directly involved in policy, program, security, or funding activities relevant to homeland security or infrastructure protection; provided, however, that one such appointment shall be a sheriff and one such appointment shall be a chief executive of a law enforcement agency of a county or a municipality. Such appointees under this paragraph shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c)(1) Any legislative members of the board who may be appointed pursuant to paragraph (13) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8.

(2) Members of the board who are state or local government officials, other than legislative members, or state or local government employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the board, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the board in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state or local government officials or state or local government employees.

(3) Members of the board who are not legislators, state or local government officials, or state or local government employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(4) Funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state or local government officials, other than legislative members, and state or local government employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective governments, departments, authorities, or agencies.

35-11-3.

(a) The board shall:

(1) Establish the general policy to be followed by the department; and

(2) Advise the Governor and commissioner on:

(A) The implementation of the homeland security strategy by state and local agencies and provide specific guidance and counsel for helping those agencies implement the strategy; and

(B) All matters related to the planning, development, coordination, and implementation of initiatives to promote the homeland security strategy of the state.

(b) The board shall develop a state-wide homeland security strategy that improves the state's ability to:

(1) Protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic terrorism and other homeland security threats and hazards; and

(2) Mitigate loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future homeland security threats and hazards.

(c) The board's homeland security strategy shall coordinate homeland security activities among and between local, state, and federal agencies and the private sector and shall include specific plans for:

(1) Intelligence gathering, analysis, and sharing;

(2) Reducing the state's vulnerability to domestic terrorism and other homeland

security threats and hazards;

(3) Protecting critical infrastructure, public transportation systems, and state or government facilities;

(4) Protecting the state's ports and airports;

(5) Detecting, deterring, and defending against domestic terrorism and cyber, biological, chemical, and nuclear terrorism;

(6) Positioning equipment, technology, and personnel to improve the state's ability to respond to a homeland security threats and hazards;

(7) Providing the center certain forms of authority to implement the homeland security strategy of this state; and

(8) Using technological resources to:

(A) Facilitate the interoperability of governmental technology resources, including data, networks, and applications;

(B) Coordinate the warning and alert systems of state and local agencies;

(C) Incorporate multidisciplinary approaches to homeland security; and

(D) Improve the security of governmental and private sector information technology and information resources.

(d) The homeland security strategy shall complement and operate in coordination with federal strategic guidance on homeland security.

(e) The board shall adopt rules and regulations which shall be adopted, established, promulgated, amended, repealed, filed, and published in accordance with the applicable provisions and procedures set forth in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The courts shall take judicial notice of any such rules or regulations. As used in this subsection, the term 'rules and regulations' shall have the same meaning as the word 'rule' as defined in paragraph (6) of Code Section 50-13-2.

35-11-4.

(a) There is established the Department of Homeland Security with a commissioner of homeland security who shall be the head thereof. The department shall be assigned to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The department shall direct and implement the board's homeland security strategy.

35-11-5.

(a) The Governor shall appoint the commissioner of homeland security. He or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, who shall fix his or her compensation. The commissioner of homeland security shall hold no other state office.

(b) The commissioner may employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, may fix their compensation, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available for purposes of homeland security, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(c) The commissioner, with the approval of the board, may establish units within the department as he or she deems proper for its administration and shall designate persons

to be assistant commissioners of each unit and to exercise authority as he or she may delegate to them in writing.

(d) The commissioner and other personnel of the department shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state departments and agencies.

(e) The commissioner shall:

(1) Be the executive head of the department and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for homeland security in this state;

(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;

(3) Have command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within this state;

(4) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for homeland security within the state;

(5) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with homeland security agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government;

(6) Oversee all risk and threat assessments and coordinate all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;

(7) Be responsible for measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of domestic terrorism;

(8) Coordinate and review all activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, oversight of homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Technology Authority, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;

(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of domestic terrorism; and

(10) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by law.

35-11-6.

Appropriations to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for functions transferred to the department pursuant to this chapter shall be transferred to the department as provided for in Code Section 45-12-90. Personnel, equipment, and facilities previously employed by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for functions transferred to the department pursuant to this chapter shall likewise be transferred to the department. Any disagreement as to any of such transfers shall be resolved by the Governor.

35-11-7.

A state or local agency that performs a homeland security activity shall cooperate with

and assist the commissioner and the center in the performance of their duties under this chapter and other state or federal law."

## **PART II**

### **SECTION 2-1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 12-5-30.4, relating to establishment of water emergency response procedures, as follows:

"(c) If the division determines that there is a threat to the health or property of downstream users of the waters of this state, the division shall as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours after such determination, notify and consult with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the appropriate local emergency management agency, the appropriate local county health department, and other appropriate divisions within the department as necessary to determine if it is necessary to prepare and distribute a public notice concerning such threat. Upon notification by the division, the local emergency management agency or the local county health department shall prepare and post such public notice through electronic media and print. Such public notice shall be located at places where the public regularly uses the waters of this state or seeks information about such waters."

### **SECTION 2-2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 12-5-204, relating to completion and submission of emergency plan and costs, as follows:

"(a) The authority shall ensure the completion of the emergency plan not later than September 1, 2011, and shall submit the emergency plan to the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and Environment and of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations not later than September 15, 2011."

### **SECTION 2-3.**

Code Section 20-2-1185 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school safety plans, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) as follows:

"(b) A public school may request funding assistance from the state for the installation of safety equipment, including, but not limited to, video surveillance cameras, metal detectors, and other similar security devices. Funding may be provided to a public school in accordance with a school safety plan prepared by the school and approved by the local board of education, the Department of Education, and the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency."

"(d) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall

provide training and technical assistance to public school systems, and may provide this same training and technical assistance to private school systems, and independent private schools throughout this state in the area of emergency management and safe school operations. This training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model school safety plans."

#### **SECTION 2-4.**

Code Section 31-12-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigation of potential bioterrorism activity and regulations and planning for public health emergencies, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations appropriate for management of any public health emergency declared pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 38-3-51, with particular regard to coordination of the public health emergency response of the state pursuant to subsection (i) of said Code section. Such rules and regulations shall be applicable to the activities of all entities created pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title in such circumstances, notwithstanding any other provisions of law. In developing such rules and regulations, the department shall consult and coordinate as appropriate with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The department is authorized, in the course of management of a declared public health emergency, to adopt and implement emergency rules and regulations pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-13-4. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' but shall be automatically referred by the Office of Legislative Counsel to the House of Representatives and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

(c) The department shall promulgate, prepare, and maintain a public health emergency plan and draft executive order for the declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 and Chapter 13 of Title 50. In preparation of such public health emergency plan and draft executive order, the department shall consult and coordinate as appropriate with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

#### **SECTION 2-5.**

Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:



"(1) The chairperson of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the ~~director~~ commissioner of homeland security, the chairperson of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the chairperson of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, the chairperson of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, the commissioner of corrections, the chairperson of the Board of Corrections, the commissioner of community supervision, the chairperson of the Board of Community Supervision, the vice chairperson of the Board of Public Safety, the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the State School Superintendent, the commissioner of community affairs, the president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the chairperson of the Georgia Public Defender Council, the chairperson of the Governor's Office for Children and Families, and the commissioner of juvenile justice or their designees shall be ex officio members of the council, as full voting members of the council by reason of their office; and"

### SECTION 2-6.

Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, is amended by revising Code Section 38-3-20, relating to Georgia Emergency Management Agency created, director, staff, offices, director's duties, and disaster coordinator, as follows:

"38-3-20.

(a) There is established the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency with a director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ who shall be the head thereof. The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be assigned to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The Governor shall appoint the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~. He or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, who shall fix his or her compensation. The director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ shall hold no other state office.

(c) The director may employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, may fix their compensation, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available for purposes of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of ~~Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35~~, Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter, and the duties of the agency and the director described in Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended.

(d) The director and other personnel of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies.

(e) The director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall:

(1) Be the executive head of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland~~

Security Agency and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ in this state;

~~(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;~~

~~(3) Have command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within this state, including, but not limited to, the Homeland Security Task Force and the Homeland Security Central Command when activated by the Governor;~~

~~(4)(2) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management and~~2  
~~homeland security~~ within the state;

~~(5)(3) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government; and~~

~~(6) Oversee all risk and threat assessments and coordinate all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;~~

~~(7) Be responsible for crisis and consequence management planning, including, but not limited to, measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of terrorism;~~

~~(8) Coordinate and review all activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, oversight of homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;~~

~~(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of terrorism; and~~

~~(10)(4) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter as may be prescribed by the Governor and such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities as described in Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended.~~

(f) The director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ shall also be the disaster coordinator and shall act for the Governor when requested to do so."

#### SECTION 2-7.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-22, relating to Governor's emergency management powers and duties, as follows:

"(a) The Governor shall have general direction and control of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter and, in the event of disaster or emergency beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the emergency management functions within this state."

**SECTION 2-8.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) and paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-22.1, relating to safety plan addressing threat of terrorism required of state agencies or authorities, exemptions, training and technical assistance, and confidentiality of plans and related documentation, as follows:

"(c) Subject to the availability of funds for such purpose, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall provide training and technical assistance to agencies and authorities and may provide such training and technical assistance to local units of government and to critical facilities operated by the private sector. Such training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model safety plans."

"(2) Any other record produced pursuant to this Code section the disclosure of which would, in the determination of the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, endanger the life or physical safety of any person or persons or the physical safety of any public property."

**SECTION 2-9.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(3)(F) and paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-27, relating to local organizations for emergency management, creation, structure, powers, directors, appointment, qualifications, and compensation, state to provide financial assistance, and entitlement for funding, as follows:

"(F) Except as provided in this subparagraph, any director or deputy director of a local emergency management organization appointed after July 1, 1999, shall be a certified emergency manager under the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency's Certified Emergency Manager Program. The curriculum of the Certified Emergency Manager Program and requirements for certification shall be determined by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ and shall include, but not be limited to, professional development series training, independent study courses, emergency preparedness courses, and field-delivered courses. Certification may be obtained by an appointed director or deputy director within six months of his or her appointment. Certification shall expire biennially. As a condition of certification renewal, such emergency management personnel shall be required to satisfactorily complete continuing education requirements provided for in subparagraph (G) of this paragraph."

"(6) A local director whose salary is reimbursed in part or in full by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall also meet all requirements which may be imposed by the federal emergency management agency or its successor."

**SECTION 2-10.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-50, relating to emergency interim successors to various officials and necessity of declared emergency, as follows:

"(d) Designations of emergency interim successors to state officers shall become official upon the officer filing a list of the successors with the Secretary of State, who shall inform the Governor, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, all emergency interim successors to the officer involved, and the judge of the probate court of the county of legal residence of the successors of all such designations and any changes therein. Any designation of an emergency interim successor may be changed or altered by the officer concerned filing a notice of the change or alteration with the Secretary of State."

**SECTION 2-11.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-57, relating to establishment of standardized, verifiable, performance based unified incident command system, utilization, training, implementation, funding, and first informer broadcasters, as follows:

"38-3-57.

(a) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall establish and maintain, in collaboration with all appropriate state agencies and volunteer organizations with emergency support function roles and professional organizations that represent local public safety agencies, including the Emergency Management Association of Georgia, the Georgia Association of Police Chiefs, the Georgia Fire Chiefs' Association, and the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, a standardized, verifiable, performance based unified incident command system.

(b) Such system shall be consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan and shall be utilized in response to emergencies and disasters referenced in the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, including presidentially declared disasters and states of emergency issued by the Governor.

(c) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, in cooperation with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the State Forestry Commission, shall develop or adopt a course of instruction for use in training and certifying emergency response personnel in unified incident command.

(d) All local public safety and emergency response organizations, including emergency management agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services, shall implement the standardized unified incident command system provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section by October 1, 2004.

(e) Local agencies that have not established such system by October 1, 2004, shall not be eligible for state reimbursement for any response or recovery related expenses.

(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is primarily engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the

public airwaves, cable, direct or indirect satellite transmission, or any other similar means of communication.

(B) 'Emergency' means the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster as provided in Code Section 38-3-51 or as presidentially declared.

(C) 'First informer broadcaster' means a broadcaster in Georgia who makes application to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency for designation as a first informer broadcaster and who is granted such designation as a first informer broadcaster pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~.

(2) The unified incident command system and the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan shall, by July 1, 2016, establish planning for first informer broadcasters such that first informer broadcasters, to any extent practicable, may during an emergency:

(A) Have access to areas affected by an emergency for the purpose of restoring, repairing, or resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability of a broadcaster to acquire, produce, or transmit emergency related programming, including but not limited to repairing and maintaining transmitters and generators and transporting fuel for generators;

(B) Have access to the distribution of fuel, food, water, supplies, equipment, and any other materials necessary for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal; and

(C) Not have vehicles, fuel, food, water, and any other materials seized or condemned that are essential for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal.

(3) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency may develop or adopt courses of instruction for use in training personnel of first informer broadcasters on personal safety and navigation in an area affected by an emergency. The requirements of any such training shall be established pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~. The costs of any such training shall be paid by the first informer broadcasters participating in the training."

#### **SECTION 2-12.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-140, relating to short title, as follows:

"38-3-140.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency Nomenclature Act of 2008.'"

#### **SECTION 2-13.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-141, relating to definitions, as follows:

"38-3-141.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Badge' means any official badge, identification card, or security pass used by members of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, either in the past or currently.
- (2) 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency.
- (3) 'Emblem' means any official patch or other emblem worn currently or formerly or used by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to identify the agency, a division of the agency, or employees of the agency.
- (4) 'Person' means any person, corporation, organization, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia.
- (5) 'Seal' means any official symbol, mark, or abbreviation which represents and is used, currently or in the past, by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency or any other division or operation under the command of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to identify the agency, a division of the agency, or employees of the agency.
- (6) 'Willful violator' means any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this article. Any person who violates this article after being advised in writing by the director that such person's activity is in violation of this article shall be considered a willful violator and shall be considered in willful violation of this article. Any person whose agent or representative is a willful violator and who has knowledge of the violation by the agent or representative shall also be considered a willful violator and in willful violation of this article unless, upon learning of the violation, he or she immediately terminates the agency or other relationship with such violator."

#### **SECTION 2-14.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-142, relating to use of agency name without written permission prohibited in certain circumstances, as follows:  
"38-3-142.

Whoever, except with the written permission of the director, knowingly uses the words 'Georgia Emergency Management Agency,' '~~Georgia Homeland Security Agency,~~' 'Emergency Management Agency,' '~~Homeland Security Agency,~~' 'GEMA,' 'GEMHSA,' or '~~GEMA/HS~~' or 'GEMA' in referring to Georgia's Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency in connection with any advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that such advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production is approved, endorsed, or authorized by or associated with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be in violation of this article."

#### **SECTION 2-15.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-143, relating to use or display of agency symbols without written permission prohibited, as follows:

"38-3-143.

Any person who uses or displays any symbol, including any emblem, seal, or badge, current or historical, used by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency without written permission from the director shall be in violation of this article."

#### **SECTION 2-16.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-144, relating to requests for permission and grants of permission at director's discretion, as follows:

"38-3-144.

Any person seeking permission to use or display the nomenclature or symbols of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency may request such permission in writing to the director. The director shall serve notice on the requesting party within 15 calendar days after receipt of the request of his or her decision on whether the person may use the nomenclature or the symbol. If the director does not respond within the 15 day time period, then the request is presumed to have been denied. The grant of permission under this article shall be at the discretion of the director and under such conditions as the director may impose."

#### **SECTION 2-17.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, as follows:

"38-3-151.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency established by Code Section 38-3-20.
- (2) 'Building mapping information system' means a state-wide informational system containing maps of designated public buildings.
- (3) 'Director' means the director of the agency."

#### **SECTION 2-18.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 38-3-161, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Disaster relief organization' means an entity that provides emergency or disaster relief services that include health services or veterinary services provided by volunteer health practitioners and that:

- (A) Is designated or recognized as a provider of those services pursuant to a disaster response and recovery plan adopted by an agency of the federal government or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency; or
- (B) Regularly plans and conducts its activities in coordination with an agency of the federal government, the Department of Public Health, a local emergency management agency, a local public health district, or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency."

**SECTION 2-19.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 38-3-163, relating to regulation of volunteer health practitioners during an emergency, as follows:

"(1) Consult and coordinate its activities with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, to provide for the efficient and effective use of volunteer health practitioners; and"

**SECTION 2-20.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(4)(D) and subsection (b) of Code Section 38-3-164, relating to registration systems, as follows:

"(D) Be designated by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency as a registration system for purposes of this article.

(b) While an emergency declaration is in effect, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan; a person authorized to act on behalf of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency; or a host entity may confirm whether volunteer health practitioners utilized in this state are registered with a registration system that complies with subsection (a) of this Code section. Confirmation shall be limited to obtaining the identities of the volunteer health practitioners from the system and determining whether the system indicates that the volunteer health practitioners are licensed and in good standing."

**SECTION 2-21.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 38-3-168, relating to construction with other provisions and inclusion, as follows:

"(b) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, may incorporate into the emergency forces of this state volunteer health practitioners who are not officers or employees of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a municipality or other local government within this state."

**SECTION 2-22.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-169, relating to regulatory authority, as follows:

"38-3-169.

The Department of Public Health may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this article. In doing so, the Department of Public Health shall consult with and consider the recommendations of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, and shall also consult with and consider rules and regulations promulgated by similarly empowered agencies in other states to promote uniformity of application of this article and make the emergency response systems in the various states reasonably compatible."



**SECTION 2-23.**

Code Section 40-1-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulatory compliance inspections, notifications, contacts with state, permit required for transporting hazardous materials, escorts or inspections, exceptions, recovery for damage or discharge, civil monetary penalties, routing agencies, and adoption of regulations, is amended by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q) The department is designated as the routing agency as defined in Title 49 C.F.R. Part 397, Subpart E. Routing determinations for hazardous materials shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Hazardous Materials Law, 49 U.S.C. Section 5112. The commissioner or his or her designee shall consult with Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency, Georgia Department of Homeland Security, or other agencies as necessary to carry out these responsibilities."

**SECTION 2-24.**

Code Section 46-5-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency established pursuant to Code Section 38-3-20 unless the context clearly requires otherwise."

**SECTION 2-25.**

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 48-2-100, relating to short title, definitions, legislative findings, certain exemptions for out-of-state businesses and employees conducting operations related to declared state of emergency, and post-emergency application of state laws and requirements, as follows:

"(g)(1) Any out-of-state business that enters this state to perform qualified work during a disaster or emergency period shall provide to the department and to the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency a statement that it is in this state for purposes of responding to the disaster or emergency, which statement shall include the ~~business'~~ business's name, state of domicile, principal business address, federal tax identification number, date of entry, and contact information.

(2) A registered business in this state shall provide the information required in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the department and to the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency for any affiliate that enters this state that is an out-of-state business. The notification shall also include contact information for the registered business in this state.

(h) The Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency and the department shall promulgate regulations as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Code section."

**SECTION 2-26.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-29.4, relating to tax credit for disaster assistance funds received and rules and regulations, as follows:

"(a) A taxpayer who receives disaster assistance during a taxable year from the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency or the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in an amount equal to \$500.00 or the actual amount of such disaster assistance, whichever is less. The commissioner may require adequate supporting documentation showing that the taxpayer received such assistance."

**SECTION 2-27.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 48-8-13, relating to taxing jurisdiction for mobile telecommunications services, as follows:

"(f) A home service provider shall identify each customer's place of primary use and shall provide at least quarterly a complete listing of the total number of customers to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency. The home service provider shall indicate in such report whether it is employing an enhanced ZIP Code to assign each street address to a specific taxing jurisdiction so as to qualify for the safe harbor provisions of 4 U.S.C. Section 120. Further, each home service provider shall, upon request, provide information showing the total number of billings and the amount of fees collected to any taxing jurisdiction as to the customers whose place of primary use is within the jurisdiction of such taxing jurisdiction; provided, however, that in no event shall customer identification be required to be released. Such information shall initially be made available not later than July 1, 2006."

**SECTION 2-28.**

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, is amended by revising Code Section 51-1-50, relating to immunity of broadcasters from liability for Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program, as follows:

"51-1-50.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Broadcast' means the transmission of video or audio programming by an electronic or other signal conducted by radiowaves or microwaves, by wires, lines, coaxial cables, wave guides or fiber optics, by satellite transmissions directly or indirectly to viewers or listeners, or by any other means of communication.

(2) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, by cable, by direct or indirect satellite transmission, or by any other means of communication.

(3) 'Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program' means the voluntary program entered into by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Emergency

Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and certain broadcasters licensed to serve in the State of Georgia, which program provides that if the Georgia Bureau of Investigation verifies that a child has been abducted and is in danger, an alert containing known details of the abduction is transmitted to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, which is then transmitted by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to broadcasters in Georgia; and those broadcasters participating in the program then broadcast or otherwise disseminate the alert to listeners, viewers, or subscribers.

(b) Any broadcaster participating in Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program shall not be liable for any civil damages arising from the broadcast or other dissemination of any alert generated pursuant to the Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program. The immunity provided for in this Code section shall apply to any broadcast or dissemination of information that is substantially consistent with the information transmitted by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and that takes place during an alert requested by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and for a period of two hours after such alert has ended or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency informs the participating broadcasters that the alert has changed in content.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit or restrict in any way any legal protection a broadcaster may have under any other law for broadcasting or otherwise disseminating any information."

### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

Senator Jones of the 10th offered the following amendment #1a:

Amend HB 452 (AM 29 2627ER) by:

on line 20 striking "who are aliens and"

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Hill of the 6th objected.

On the adoption of amendment #1a, the yeas were 13, nays 33, and the Jones of the 10th amendment #1a to the Cowsert, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of amendment #1, there were no objections, and the Cowsert, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.6(b), action on HB 452 was suspended, and HB 452 was placed on the Senate General Calendar.

HB 241. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Jones of the 47th, Hatchett of the 150th, Powell of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of hazardous conditions, so as to add Krabbe disease to the list of metabolic and genetic conditions for which newborn screening may be conducted pursuant to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the screening at the option of the parent or parents; to provide for payment of fees directly to the laboratory; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Gooch of the 51st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 Y Henson

Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 241, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

At 6:33 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 7:03 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 210. By Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Holmes of the 129th and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain specimen collection stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories for the purpose of regulation under Chapter 22; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Jeffares of the 17th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers  
 Y Anderson, L  
 Y Anderson, T  
 Y Beach  
 Y Black  
 Y Brass  
 Y Burke  
 Y Butler

Y Hill, H  
 Y Hill, Ja  
 Y Hufstetler  
 E Jackson, L  
 Y James  
 Y Jeffares  
 Y Jones, B  
 Jones, E

Y Orrock  
 Y Parent  
 Y Payne  
 Y Rhett  
 Y Seay  
 Shafer  
 Sims  
 Y Stone

Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 0.

HB 210, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 24, 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 210. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ David Shafer  
District 48

HB 134. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Brockway of the 102nd, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th, Watson of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to change the definition of transportation purposes regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to special districts and the imposition of such tax; to change certain provisions relating to notice, intergovernmental agreements, and resolutions regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the ballot question regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the commencement of imposition and the timing of cessation of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 134:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to change the definition of transportation purposes regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to special districts and the imposition of such tax; to change certain provisions relating to notice, intergovernmental agreements, and resolutions regarding such tax; to provide that a referendum on a regional transportation sales and use tax cannot be held at the same time as a referendum on a special district mass transportation sales and use tax; to change certain provisions relating to the commencement of imposition and the timing of cessation of such tax; to allow two taxes to be levied concurrently; to clarify the ability of counties and qualified municipalities to issue general obligation bonds as necessary; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, is amended in Code Section 48-8-260, relating to definitions regarding such tax, by revising paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as follows:

~~"(3) 'Mass transportation regional system participant' means any county within a special district created pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter in which mass transportation service is provided within such special district, to such special district, or from such special district by a multicounty regional transportation authority created by an Act of the General Assembly, including but not limited to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority or the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.~~

~~(4) 'Qualified municipality' means a qualified municipality as defined in paragraph (4) of Code Section 48-8-110 which is located wholly or partly within a special district.~~

~~(5)~~(4) 'Transportation purposes' means and includes:

~~(A) roads~~ Roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, seaports, including without limitation road, street, and bridge purposes pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-121, and all accompanying infrastructure and services necessary to provide access to these transportation facilities, including new general obligation debt and other multiyear obligations issued to finance such purposes;

~~(B) Such purposes shall also include the~~ The retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt with respect only to such purposes as identified in

subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, but only if an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into under this part;

(C) A capital outlay project or projects under subparagraph (a)(1)(M) of Code Section 48-8-111, with respect only to such purposes as identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or

(D) Any combination of two or more of the foregoing."

## SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 48-8-261, relating to special districts and imposition of such tax, by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

~~"(b) On or after July 1, 2016, any~~ Any county:

(1) That is not located within a special district levying a special sales and use tax pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter;

(2) That is not defined as a metropolitan county special district that is governed by the provisions of Part 2 of this article;

~~(3) That is a mass transportation regional system participant; and~~

~~(4)~~(3) In which a tax is currently being levied and collected pursuant to:

(A) Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter;

(B) A local constitutional amendment for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, and the laws enacted pursuant to such local constitutional amendment; or

(C) Code Section 48-8-96

may, by following the procedures required by this part, impose for a limited period of time within the special district under this part a transportation special purpose local option sales and use tax, the proceeds of which shall be used only for transportation purposes.

~~(c) On or after July 1, 2017, any~~ county:

~~(1) That is not located within a special district levying a special sales and use tax pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter;~~

~~(2) That is not defined as a metropolitan county special district that is governed by the provisions of Part 2 of this article; and~~

~~(3) In which a tax is currently being levied and collected pursuant to:~~

~~(A) Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter;~~

~~(B) A local constitutional amendment for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation set out at Ga. L. 1964, p. 1008, and the laws enacted pursuant to such local constitutional amendment; or~~

~~(C) Code Section 48-8-96~~

~~may, by following the procedures required by this part, impose for a limited period of time within the special district under this part a transportation special purpose local option sales and use tax, the proceeds of which shall be used only for transportation purposes~~ At any time, more than one tax under this part shall be authorized to be imposed concurrently within a special district as long as the combined rate of the taxes does not exceed 1 percent."



**SECTION 3.**

Said part is further amended in Code Section 48-8-262, relating to notice, intergovernmental agreements, and resolutions regarding such tax, by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(a) Prior to the issuance of the call for the referendum required by Code Section 48-8-263, any county that desires to levy a tax under this part shall:

(1) Determine whether the region has proposed a referendum on a tax under Article 5 of this chapter. This determination shall be based on whether, pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-245, a majority of the governing authorities of counties within the region containing the county proposing the tax have passed resolutions calling for the levy of a tax under Article 5 of this chapter. If a majority of the governing authorities of the counties in the region have passed such a resolution, the county proposing a tax under this part shall postpone the referendum under this part until the regional referendum has been decided. No ballot shall propose a tax under this part and under Article 5 of this chapter at the same election;

(2) After the determination under paragraph (1) of this subsection has been made, if a county is qualified to levy a tax under this part, deliver or mail a written notice to the mayor or chief elected official in each qualified municipality located within the special district. Such notice shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which the governing authorities of the county and of each qualified municipality are to meet to discuss possible projects for inclusion in the referendum and the rate of tax. The notice shall be delivered or mailed at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at least 30 days prior to the issuance of the call for the referendum.

(b)(1) Following the meeting required by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section and prior to any tax being imposed under this part, the county and all qualified municipalities therein may execute an intergovernmental agreement memorializing their agreement to the levy of a tax and the rate of such tax."

**SECTION 4.**

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 48-8-263, relating to the ballot question, expenses of election, and general obligation debt, as follows:

"48-8-263.

(a)(1) The ballot submitting the question of the imposition of the tax to the voters within the special district shall have written or printed thereon the following:

- ' ( ) YES Shall a special \_\_\_ percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ County for a period of time not to exceed  
( ) NO \_\_\_\_\_ and for the raising of not more than an estimated amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for transportation purposes?'

(2) If debt is to be issued, the ballot shall also have written or printed thereon, following the language specified by paragraph (1) of this subsection, the following:

'If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute

approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of \_\_\_\_\_ County in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the above purpose.'

(b) The election superintendent shall issue the call and conduct the election in the manner authorized by general law. The superintendent shall canvass the returns, declare the result of the election, and certify the result to the Secretary of State and to the commissioner. The expense of the election shall be paid from county funds. All persons desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax shall vote 'Yes,' and all persons opposed to imposing the tax shall vote 'No.' If more than one-half of the votes cast throughout the entire special district are in favor of imposing the tax, then the tax shall be imposed as provided in this part.

(c) Where such question is not approved by the voters, the county may resubmit such question from time to time upon compliance with the requirements of this part.

(d)(1) If the intergovernmental agreement, if applicable, and proposal include the authority to issue general obligation debt and if more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of the proposal, then the authority to issue such debt in accordance with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph I of the Constitution is given to the proper officers of the county or qualified municipality; otherwise, such debt shall not be issued. If the authority to issue such debt is so approved by the voters, then such debt may be issued without further approval by the voters.

(2) If the issuance of general obligation debt is included and approved as provided in this Code section, then the governing authority of the county or qualified municipality may incur such debt either through the issuance and validation of general obligation bonds or through the execution of a promissory note or notes or other instrument or instruments. If such debt is incurred through the issuance of general obligation bonds, such bonds and their issuance and validation shall be subject to Articles 1 and 2 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 except as specifically provided otherwise in this part. If such debt is incurred through the execution of a promissory note or notes or other instrument or instruments, no validation proceedings shall be necessary, and such debt shall be subject to Code Sections 36-80-10 through 36-80-14 except as specifically provided otherwise in this part. In either event, such general obligation debt shall be payable first from the separate account in which are placed the proceeds received by the county or qualified municipality from the tax. Such general obligation debt shall, however, constitute a pledge of the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the county or qualified municipality; and any liability on such debt which is not satisfied from the proceeds of the tax shall be satisfied from the general funds of the county or qualified municipality."

#### SECTION 5.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 48-8-264, relating to the commencement of imposition and the timing of cessation of such tax, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1)(A) At any time, ~~no~~ more than a single tax under this part ~~shall~~ may be imposed within a special district as long as the combined rate of such taxes does not exceed 1 percent.

(B) Any single tax imposed under this part may, subject to the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-262, be imposed at a rate of up to 1 percent but shall not exceed 1 percent.

(C) Any single tax imposed under this part at a rate of less than 1 percent shall be in an increment of ~~.05~~ 0.05 percent.

(2) In any special district in which a tax is in effect under this part, proceedings may be commenced, while the tax is in effect, calling for the reimposition of the tax upon the termination of the tax then in effect; and an election may be held at the next scheduled election for this purpose while the tax is in effect. Such proceedings for the reimposition of a tax under this part shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax, but the newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.

(3) Following the expiration of a tax under this part, proceedings for the reimposition of a tax under this part may be initiated in the same manner as provided in this part for initial imposition of such tax."

#### SECTION 6.

Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 48-8-269.2, relating to delivery outside of geographical area, as follows:

"48-8-269.2.

No tax shall be imposed upon the sale of tangible personal property which is ordered by and delivered to the purchaser at a point outside the geographical area of the ~~county~~ special district in which the tax is imposed regardless of the point at which title passes, if the delivery is made by the seller's vehicle, United States mail, or common carrier or by private or contract carrier."

#### SECTION 7.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 48-8-269.5, relating to accounting and record-keeping requirements, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) No general obligation debt shall be issued in conjunction with the imposition of the tax unless the county or qualified municipality governing authority determines that, and if the debt is to be validated it is demonstrated in the validation proceedings that, during each year in which any payment of principal or interest on the debt comes due, the county or qualified municipality will receive from the tax net proceeds sufficient to fully satisfy such liability. General obligation debt issued under this part shall be payable first from the separate account in which are placed the proceeds received by the county or qualified municipality from the tax. Such debt, however, shall constitute a pledge of the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the county or qualified municipality; and any liability on such debt which is not satisfied from the proceeds of the tax shall be satisfied from the general funds of the county or qualified municipality."

**SECTION 8.**

This section and Sections 1, 2, and 4 through 9 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. Section 3 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

**SECTION 9.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

HB 134, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 160. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to revise the jurisdiction, definition, and penalties for certain crimes and offenses; to add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault or aggravated battery upon a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to clarify the definition of a class A designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 268. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Rynders of the 152nd, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the time period for certification of election officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 238. By Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Abrams of the 89th, England of the 116th, LaRiccica of the 169th, Epps of the 144th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide an exception to

a breach of the covenants for use of the property for solar power generation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 4. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies' cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th asked unanimous consent to drop HB 234 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

The consent was granted, and HB 234 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

Senator Payne of the 54th asked unanimous consent to drop HB 253 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

The consent was granted, and HB 253 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

Senator Harper of the 7th asked unanimous consent to drop HB 257 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

The consent was granted, and HB 257 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent to drop HB 506 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

The consent was granted, and HB 506 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

Senator Unterman of the 45th asked unanimous consent to drop HB 154 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

The consent was granted, and HB 154 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent to drop HB 117 to the foot of today's Senate Rules Calendar.

The consent was granted, and HB 117 was placed at the foot of the Rules Calendar.

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 205:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to provide for a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, is amended by revising Part 2, relating to deep drilling for oil, gas, and other minerals, as follows:

"Part 2

12-4-40.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Oil and Gas and Deep Drilling Act of 1975.'

12-4-41.

The General Assembly finds and declares that its duty to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state requires that adequate protection of underground fresh water supplies be assured in any drilling operation which may penetrate through any stratum which contains fresh water. This duty further requires that adequate protection be assured in any drilling or the use of such drilled wells in certain other environmentally sensitive areas or in other circumstances where the result of such drilling and use may endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state. It is not the policy of the General Assembly to regulate the drilling of shallow exploration or engineering holes except in such environmentally sensitive areas as defined in this part. The General Assembly further finds and declares that, ~~with the current energy shortage which this state and nation face, it must encourage~~ oil and gas exploration to identify new sources of energy, ~~but not~~ should not occur at the expense of our important natural resources such as residential, municipal, and industrial supplies of fresh water. The General Assembly further finds and declares that it should continue to encourage oil and gas exploration. The General Assembly further finds and declares that with an increase in oil exploration, it must provide assurances to persons engaging in such exploration that adequate safeguards regarding results of exploration will remain privileged information for a specified time. The General Assembly further finds and declares that it is in the public interest to obtain, protect, and disseminate all possible geologic information associated with drilling operations in order to further the purposes of future energy related research.

12-4-42.

As used in this part, the term:

- (1) 'Board' means the Board of Natural Resources.
- (1.1) 'Director' means the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (2) 'Drilling' means the boring of a hole in the earth by remote mechanical means and all associated activities, including but not limited to casing, perforating, plugging,



cementing, and capping.

(3) 'Environmentally sensitive area of the coastal zone' means that area of the coastal zone where salt-water-bearing strata overlie the fresh-water aquifer system.

(4) 'Field' means the general area which is underlaid or appears to be underlaid by at least one pool. This term shall include the underground reservoir or reservoirs containing crude petroleum oil or natural gas, or both. The words 'field' and 'pool' mean the same thing when only one underground reservoir is involved; however, 'field,' unlike 'pool,' may relate to two or more pools.

(5) 'Gas' means all natural gas, including casing-head gas, and all other hydrocarbons not defined as oil in paragraph (10) of this Code section.

(5.1) 'Hydraulic fracturing' means those operations conducted in an individual well bore designed to increase the flow of hydrocarbons from the rock formation to such well bore through modification of the permeability of reservoir rock by fracturing it through application of fluids under pressure.

(6) 'Illegal mineral' means any mineral, including oil or gas, which has been produced within the State of Georgia in violation of this part, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to this part, or any order issued under this part.

(7) 'Illegal product' means any product of oil, gas, or other mineral, any part of which was processed or derived, in whole or in part, from an illegal mineral.

(8) 'Mineral' means any naturally occurring substance found in the earth which has commercial value. This term shall include oil and gas, as defined in this Code section, but shall not include fresh water.

(9) 'Mineral product' means any commodity made from any mineral.

(10) 'Oil' means crude petroleum oil and other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, which are produced at the well in liquid form by ordinary production methods and which are not the result of condensation of gas after it leaves the reservoir.

(11) 'Owner' means the person who has the right to drill into and produce from any pool and to appropriate the production either for himself or herself and another, or himself or herself and others.

(12) 'Person' means any natural person, corporation, joint venture, association, partnership, receiver, trustee, guardian, executor, administrator, fiduciary or representative of any kind, all agencies or instrumentalities of the state, and all county or municipal governments or any authority.

(13) 'Pool' means an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of crude petroleum oil or natural gas, or both. Each zone of a general structure which is completely separated from any other zone in the structure is covered by the term 'pool' as used in this part.

(14) 'Producer' means the owner of a well or wells capable of producing oil or gas, or both.

(15) 'Tender' means a permit or certificate of clearance for the transportation of minerals, including oil and gas, or mineral products produced under this part, approved and issued or registered under the authority of the board.

(16) 'Unitization agreement' means a voluntary agreement between operators to

create operation units.

(17) 'Waste,' in addition to its ordinary meaning, means 'physical waste' as that term is generally understood in the oil and gas industry. The term shall also include, but not be limited to:

(A) The inefficient, excessive, or improper use or dissipation of reservoir energy and the locating, spacing, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing of any oil or gas well or wells in a manner which results, or tends to result, in a reduction in the quantity of oil or gas ultimately to be recovered from any pool in this state;

(B) The inefficient storing of oil and the locating, spacing, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing of any oil or gas well or wells in a manner causing, or tending to cause, unnecessary or excessive surface loss or destruction of oil or gas;

(C) Abuse of the correlative rights and opportunities of each owner of gas or oil in a common reservoir due to nonuniform, disproportionate, and unratable withdrawals causing undue drainage between tracts of lands;

(D) The production of oil or gas in such a manner as to cause unnecessary water channeling or zoning;

(E) The operation of any oil well or wells with an inefficient gas-oil ratio;

(F) The drowning with water of any stratum or part thereof capable of producing gas or oil, except where approval for such a project has been granted by the department;

(G) Underground waste, however caused and whether or not defined, as the same relates to any activity regulated by this part;

(H) The creation of unnecessary fire hazards as the same relates to any activity regulated by this part;

(I) The escape into the open air, from a well producing both oil and gas, of gas in excess of the amount which is necessary in the efficient drilling or operation of the well; and

(J) Permitting gas produced from a gas well to escape into the air, except for testing purposes.

(18) 'Well' means any boring drilled in the search for or the production of oil, gas, or other minerals or water.

12-4-43.

For the purpose of this part:

(1) The board shall have the authority to make such inquiries as it may deem necessary into any matter over which it has jurisdiction;

(2) The board shall have the jurisdiction of and authority over the drilling of and subsequent use of any well for the exploration or production of oil and gas; any well for the exploration or production of any other mineral drilled to a depth greater than 1,800 feet; any well for the exploration or production of any mineral located in the environmentally sensitive area of the coastal zone and which is drilled to a depth sufficient to penetrate the fresh-water aquifer system; any underground storage well with the exception of those wells covered by Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 46; any

well for the underground disposal of waste materials; any well for the production of fresh water drilled to a depth greater than 1,800 feet; and any well for the exploration or production of brine or salt water;

(3) The board shall have the authority to regulate the spacing of wells and the production of all oil and gas and the production of any other minerals produced through a well or bore hole in liquid or slurry form to a depth greater than 1,800 feet or located in the environmentally sensitive area; provided, however, that this authority does not extend to the drilling of wells for the production of fresh water used for drinking, residential, industrial, or agricultural purposes, except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this Code section;

(4) The board shall have the power to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part;

(5) The board may delegate to the director the administrative duties and powers, including, without limitation, the power to consider and issue permits to drill wells and to establish drilling and operation units, created under the authority of this part; and

(6) Upon receipt of at least 12 applications during a calendar year for any permit to drill any well for the exploration or production of oil or gas, the board may delegate to the director the authority to create an Oil and Gas Board to review and issue permits and regulate drilling activity. Any such Oil and Gas Board shall consist of the state geologist and three other members appointed by the Governor.

12-4-44.

(a) The board shall have the authority to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations dealing with the control of matters over which it has jurisdiction under this part. Such rules and regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations for the following purposes:

(1) To require the drilling, casing, and plugging of wells regulated under this part to be done in such a manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas out of one stratum into another stratum; to prevent the pollution of ~~fresh water supplies~~ surface water and ground water supplies by oil, gas, salt water, or other contaminants; and to require reasonable bonds;

(2) To require the making of reports showing the location of all wells regulated under this part, including the filing of drill cutting samples, cores, and copies of all logs, and to further require that the operator submit the name classification used for each of the subsurface formations penetrated and the depth at which each such formation was penetrated;

(3) To prevent the drowning by water of any stratum or part thereof capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities and to prevent the premature and irregular encroachment of water which reduces the total ultimate recovery of oil or gas from any pool;

(4) To require the operation of wells regulated under this part with efficient gas-oil ratios and to fix such ratios;

- (5) To prevent 'blowouts,' 'caving,' and 'seepage' in the sense that conditions indicated by such terms are generally understood in the oil and gas business;
- (6) To prevent fires, waste, and spillage as same relates to any activity regulated by the provisions of this part;
- (7) To identify the ownership of all oil or gas wells, producing leases, refineries, tanks, plants, structures, and all storage and transportation equipment and facilities;
- (8) To regulate the 'shooting,' perforating, fracturing, hydraulic fracturing, and chemical treatment of wells;
- (9) To regulate secondary recovery methods, including, but not limited to, the introduction of gas, oil, water, or other substances into producing formations;
- (10) To limit and prorate the production of oil or gas, or both, from any pool or field for the prevention of waste as defined in Code Section 12-4-42;
- (11) To require, either generally or in or from particular areas, certificates of clearance or tenders in connection with the transportation of oil or gas produced in Georgia;
- (12) To regulate the spacing of wells and to establish drilling units;
- (13) To prevent, insofar as is practical, avoidable drainage from each developed unit which is not equalized by counterdrainage;
- (14) To establish procedures for the plugging and abandonment of wells regulated under this part and to establish procedures for the restoration and reclamation of well sites;
- (15) To require that accurate records be kept on forms to be prescribed by the director, which records shall be reported to the director within the time specified in such rules and regulations; reports shall include such information as the director may prescribe, including, but not limited to, information concerning cuttings, subsurface samples, and lithologic and geophysical logs;
- (16) To require that geologic and testing information obtained from a well regulated under this part be held in confidence by the director for a period of at least six months from the time of drilling to total depth, or, if the director approves, a longer period, if the operator makes a written request for the same stating the length of the extension desired and the reasons therefor; provided, however, that the guarantee of confidentiality provided for in this paragraph shall in no way impair the ability of the board or the director to enforce this part;
- (17) To regulate the issuance, denial, and revocation of permits and to regulate bonds required under this part, except as to persons provided for in paragraph (18) of this Code section;
- (18) To regulate the issuance of permits to persons who have been found to have violated any provision of this part, any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated pursuant to this part, or any order or permit issued under this part, and to establish the amount of bond for such persons;
- (19) To regulate the cooperative development or operation of all or part of an oil or gas pool as a unit;
- (20) To require that certain geophysical logging and other tests be conducted to

ensure that the requirements of paragraphs (1), (8), and (14) of this Code section are met; and

(21) To regulate the underground storage or disposal of substances other than those substances covered by the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 46.

(b) On or before July 1, 2018, the board shall adopt regulations governing hydraulic fracturing operations. Such regulations shall include, at a minimum:

(1) Provisions for public notice of any application for any permit for any hydraulic fracturing well, such notice to be given before any decision on the permit application.

The contents of such public notice shall include, at a minimum:

(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the division contact where further information can be obtained;

(B) The name and address of the applicant;

(C) The location of the well proposed to be fractured and the route of any directional borehole to the end point of such borehole;

(D) A brief description of the project, including information regarding the sources of water to be used as base fluid and estimated amounts and methods of wastewater disposal; and

(E) A brief description of the public comment period and procedures the director will follow to determine whether to issue the permit;

(2) Provisions for the identification of groundwater sources within one-half mile of any proposed wellhead and within one-half mile along the route of any directional borehole to the end point of such borehole, and for groundwater quality monitoring before, during, and after drilling operations;

(3) Provisions providing for the mandatory disclosure of the contents of fluids used in hydraulic fracturing projects to the director and to the commissioner of public health, and a fair process for the disclosure of fracturing fluids to facilitate transparency, while protecting valuable trade secrets and allowing well owners, operators, and service companies to protect their right to obtain an advantage over competitors;

(4) Provisions for the safe disposal of all hydraulic fracturing fluids; and

(5) Provisions for the restoration and reclamation of abandoned well sites, storage facility sites, pits, and access roads.

12-4-45.

(a) In regard to the establishment of drilling units and operation units, the allocation of production, the integration of separately owned tracts of land, and agreements in the interest of conservation, the board, in addition to the jurisdiction, authority, or powers granted elsewhere in this part, shall have the specific powers with respect to the exploration or production of oil or gas enumerated below.

(1) **Drilling units.** For the prevention of waste and to avoid the augmenting and accumulation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, the board shall, after due investigation and a hearing, have full power and authority to establish such drilling unit or units as may, in its discretion, seem most reasonable and practicable. The board shall have control of the allocation of production over such

units and shall, after investigation and hearing, set up, establish, and allocate to each unit its just and equitable share of production, and shall make such orders, rules, and regulations as will give to each producer the opportunity to use his or her just and equitable share of the reservoir energy of any pool. The board shall have power after notice and hearing to review and approve, or disapprove, agreements made among owners or operators, or among owners and operators in the interest of conservation of oil or gas or both or for the prevention of waste. When two or more separately owned tracts of land are embraced within an established drilling unit, the owners thereof may validly agree to integrate their interests and to develop their lands as a drilling unit. Where, however, such owners have not agreed to integrate their interests, the board may, for the prevention of waste or to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, after notice and hearing, require such owners to do so and to develop their lands as a drilling unit. Should the owners of separate tracts embraced within a drilling unit fail to agree upon the integration of the tracts and the drilling of a well on the unit, and should it be established that the board is without authority to require integration as provided for above, then subject to all other applicable provisions of this part, the owner of each tract embraced within the drilling unit may drill on his or her tract, but the allowable production from said tract shall be such proportion of the allowable production for the full drilling unit as the area of such separately owned tracts bears to the full drilling unit.

**(2) Operation units.**

(A) For the prevention of waste and to assure the ultimate recovery of gas or oil, the board may hold a hearing to consider the need for the operation as a unit of an entire field, or of any pool or any portion thereof, or combination of pools, within a field, for the production of oil or gas or both and other minerals which may be associated and produced therewith by additional recovery methods.

(B) At the conclusion of the hearing the board shall issue an order requiring unit operation if it finds that:

(i) Unit operation of the field, or of any pool or of any portion or combinations thereof within the field, is reasonably necessary to prevent waste as defined in Code Section 12-4-42 or to increase the ultimate recovery of oil or gas by additional recovery methods; and

(ii) The estimated additional cost incident to the conduct of such operation will not exceed the value of the estimated additional recovery of oil or gas; provided, however, that the board shall be authorized to prohibit the production of gas or oil by any recovery method if it has determined that such recovery method will result in waste or reduce the ultimate recovery of gas or oil from any field or pool or portion or combination thereof.

(C) The phrase 'additional recovery methods' as used in this Code section shall include, but shall not be limited to, the maintenance or partial maintenance of reservoir pressures by any method recognized by the industry and approved by the board; recycling; flooding a pool or pools, or parts thereof, with air, gas, water, liquid hydrocarbons or any other substance, or any combination or combinations

thereof; or any other secondary method of producing hydrocarbons recognized by the industry and approved by the board.

(D) The order provided for in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be fair and reasonable under all the circumstances, shall protect the rights of interested parties, and shall include:

- (i) A description of the area embraced, termed the unit area; and a description of the affected pool or pools, or portions thereof, which lie within the unit area;
- (ii) A statement of the nature of the operations contemplated;
- (iii) A method of allocation among the separately owned tracts in the unit area of all the oil or gas or both produced from the unit pool within the unit area and not required in the conduct of such operation or unavoidably lost, such method of allocation to be on a formula that is fair and equitable and will protect the correlative rights of all interested parties;
- (iv) A provision for adjustment among the owners of the unit area (not including royalty owners) of their respective investments in wells, tanks, pumps, machinery, materials, equipment, and other things and services of value attributable to the unit operations. The amount to be charged unit operations for any such item shall be determined by the owners of the unit area (not including royalty owners); provided, however, that if such owners of the unit area are unable to agree upon the amount of such charges, or to agree upon the correctness thereof, the board shall determine the amount after due notice and hearing thereon. The net amount charged against the owners of a separately owned tract shall be considered expense of unit operation chargeable against such tract. The adjustment provided for in this division may be treated separately and handled by agreements separate from the unitization agreement;
- (v) A provision that the costs and expenses of unit operations, including investment, past and prospective, be charged to the separately owned tracts in the same proportions that such tracts share in unit productions. The expenses chargeable to a tract shall be paid by the person or persons not entitled to share in production free of operating costs, and who, in the absence of unit operation, would be responsible for the expense of developing and operating such tracts, and such person's or persons' interest in the separately owned tract shall be primarily responsible therefor. The obligation or liability of such persons in the several, separately owned tracts for the payment of unit expense shall at all times be several and not joint or collective. The unit operator shall have a first and prior lien upon the leasehold estate exclusive of the royalty interest provided thereby and unleased oil and gas rights, exclusive of one-eighth interest therein, in and to each separately owned tract, and the interest of the owners thereof in and to the unit production and all equipment in possession of the unit, to secure the payment of the amount of the unit expense charged to and assessed against such separately owned tract;
- (vi) The designation of, or a provision for the selection of, a unit operator. The conduct of all unit operations by the unit operator and the selection of a successor

to the unit operator shall be governed by the terms and provisions of the unitization agreements;

(vii) A provision that when the full amount of any charge made against any interest in a separately owned tract is not paid when due by the person or persons primarily responsible therefor, then all of the oil and gas production allocated to the interest in default in such separately owned tract, upon which production the unit operator has a lien, may be appropriated by the unit operator and marketed and sold for the payment of such charge, together with interest at a fair and equitable rate as determined by the board thereon. The remaining portion of the unit production or the proceeds derived therefrom allocated to each separately owned tract shall in all events be regarded as royalty to be paid to the owners, free and clear of all unit expense and free and clear of any lien therefor. The owner of any overriding royalty, oil and gas payment, or other interest, who is not primarily responsible for the unpaid obligation, shall, to the extent of any payment or deduction from his or her share, be subrogated to all the rights of the unit operator with respect to the interest or interests primarily responsible for such payment. Any surplus received by the operator from any such sale of production shall be credited to the person or persons from whom it was deducted in the proportion of their respective interest; and

(viii) The time the unit operation shall become effective, and the manner in which, and the circumstances under which, the unit operation shall terminate.

(E) An order requiring unit operation shall not become effective unless and until a contract incorporating the unitization agreement has been signed or in writing ratified or approved by the owners of at least ~~75~~ 85 percent in interest as costs are shared under the terms of the order and by ~~75~~ 85 percent in interest, as production is to be allocated, of the royalty owners in the unit area, and unless and until a contract incorporating the required arrangements for operations has been signed or in writing ratified or approved by the owners of at least ~~75~~ 85 percent in interest as costs are shared, and unless and until the board has made a finding, either in the order or in a supplemental order, that those contracts have been signed, ratified, or approved. Both contracts may be encompassed in a single document. In the event the required percentage interests have not signed, ratified, or approved such agreements within six months from and after the date of such order, or within such extended period as the board may prescribe, the order shall be automatically revoked.

(F)(i) The board, by entry of new or amending orders, may from time to time add to unit operations portions of pools not theretofore included, and may add to unit operations new pools or portions thereof, and may extend the unit area as required. Any such order, in providing for allocation of production from a unitized zone of the unit area, shall first allocate to such pool or pools, or portion thereof so added, a portion of the total production of oil or gas, or both, from all pools affected within the unit area, as enlarged and not required in the conduct of unit operations or unavoidably lost. Such allocation shall be based on a formula for sharing that is



considered to treat each tract and each owner fairly and equitably during the remaining course of unit operations. The production so allocated to such added pool or pools or portions thereof shall be allocated to the separately owned tracts which participate in such production on a fair and equitable basis. The remaining portion of unit production shall be allocated among the separately owned tracts within the previously established unit area in the same proportions as those specified prior to the enlargement unless such proportions are shown to be erroneous by data developed subsequent to the former determination, in which event the errors shall be corrected. Orders promulgated under this Code section shall become operative at 7:00 A.M. on the first day of the month next following the day on which the order becomes effective.

(ii) An order promulgated by the board under this subparagraph shall not become effective unless and until:

(I) All of the terms and provisions of the unitization agreement relating to the extension or enlargement of the unit area or to the addition of pools or portions thereof to unit operations have been fulfilled and satisfied, and evidence thereof has been submitted to the board; and

(II) The extension or addition effected by such order has been agreed to in writing by the owners of at least ~~75~~ 85 percent in interest as costs are shared in the area or pools or portions thereof to be added to the unit operation by such order and by ~~75~~ 85 percent in interest, as production is to be allocated, of the royalty owners in the area or pools or portions thereof to be added to the unit operations by such order, and evidence thereof has been submitted to the board.

(iii) In the event both of the requirements specified in subdivisions (I) and (II) of division (ii) of this subparagraph are not fulfilled within six months from and after the date of such order or within such extended period as the board may prescribe, the order shall be automatically revoked.

(G) When the contribution of a separately owned tract with respect to any unit pool has been established, such contribution shall not be subsequently altered except to correct a mathematical or clerical error that caused the tract contribution to be erroneous, unless an enlargement of the unit is effected. No change or correction of the contribution of any separately owned tract shall be given retroactive effect, but appropriate adjustment shall be made for the investment charges as provided in this Code section.

(H) The portion of unit production allocated to a separately owned tract within the unit area shall be deemed, for all purposes, to have been actually produced from such tract, and operations with respect to any unit pool within the unit area shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be the conduct of operations for the production of oil or gas, or both, from each separately owned tract in the unit area.

(b) Owners, operators, and royalty owners who have separate holdings in the same oil or gas pool or in any area that appears from geological or other data to be underlaid by a common accumulation of oil or gas or both are authorized to make agreements among themselves for establishing and carrying out a plan for the cooperative development and

operation of the pool or area, provided that such agreements must be approved by the board; provided, further, that such agreements must be for the purpose of conserving gas or oil or both, or for the prevention of waste, or to assure the ultimate recovery of gas or oil or both. Such agreements shall not be held or construed to violate any of the laws of this state relating to trusts, monopolies, or contracts and combinations in restraint of trade.

12-4-46.

(a) Before any well covered by this part, other than wells for the production of fresh water, may be drilled, the person desiring to drill the well shall apply to the director for a drilling permit, using such forms as the director may prescribe, and shall pay a fee of ~~\$25.00~~ \$500.00 for each permit.

(b) The director shall, within 30 days after the receipt of a properly completed application from any person desiring to drill a well covered by this part, ~~either issue or deny a permit for the well~~ issue a public notice for the permit application by posting such notice to the division website and by sending such notice via mail or electronic mail to any persons who have requested notification of permit applications from the division. The director shall allow for a 30 day public comment period to begin running from the date the public notice is posted on the division website and as outlined in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(c) The permit applicant shall provide the director's public notice of the proposed well directly to property owners and residents who may be impacted by the issuance of the permit within ten days of the date of the public notice by, at a minimum:

(1) Posting the public notice along the road nearest to the proposed well;

(2) Providing the public notice to all persons owning real property within one-half mile of the proposed wellhead and within one-half mile along the route of any directional borehole and any residence that has any drinking water wells within one-half mile of the proposed wellhead and within one-half mile along the route of any directional borehole; and

(3) Publishing the public notice in at least one legal organ in the county where the well will be located.

(d) After considering the permit application, the director shall either issue or deny a permit for the well. The director shall notify the public of the final permit decision by posting the decision to the division website and by sending notice of the decision via mail or electronic mail to any persons who have requested notification of permit applications from the division.

~~(e)~~(e) In issuing or denying a permit for the drilling of a well covered by this part, the director shall consider the extent to which the proposed well complies with this part, all rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this part, or any order under this part.

~~(f)~~(f) In issuing a permit for the drilling of any well covered by this part, the director shall specify therein such terms and conditions as he or she deems necessary to receive the permit and to lawfully operate thereunder. Permits shall include the following

requirements:

(1) Requirements for testing the integrity of well casings;

(2) Requirements for maintenance and repair of roadways significantly impacted by drilling operations, including hydraulic fracturing activities; and

(3) Requirements for buffers around wells and property line setbacks that are sufficient to protect affected property owners from any noise, light, water, or air pollution resulting from any drilling operations.

(g) Any permit issued under this Code section shall become final unless ~~the~~ any person ~~or persons~~ named therein ~~request~~ requests in writing a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board no later than 30 days after the issuance of such permit.

~~(e)~~(h) The director shall have the power and the authority to revoke a permit for noncompliance with any of the provisions of this part, any rules and regulations promulgated under this part, or the special conditions contained in any permit.

~~(f)~~(i) The issuance of a permit under this part in no way indicates a determination by the director as to property or contractual rights of the applicant to drill such a well at the designated location.

12-4-47.

(a) Prior to the issuance of a permit to drill any well covered by this part, the owner, operator, contractor, driller, or other person responsible for the conduct of the drilling operation shall furnish the state a bond or undertaking in the form prescribed by the board and in an amount set by the board, executed by a bonding, surety, or insurance company authorized to do business in this state in the favor of the state. Alternatively, the board in its discretion may require a similar undertaking executed only by such person to ensure a faithful performance of the requirements of this part, of any rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, or of any condition of a permit. Such bond or undertaking is intended to protect the state or any citizen thereof from any injury which may result from improper drilling.

(b) Any bond required under this part shall be released two years from the date of receipt by the director of all geological information required under this part or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this part; provided, however, that the director shall have examined and approved the abandoned well for which the bond was furnished.

(c) No bond required under this part shall exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$100,000.00.

12-4-48.

(a) Whenever the director has reason to believe that any person is violating the provisions of this part or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this part, the director may issue an administrative order to that person. The order shall specify the provisions of this part alleged to have been violated and shall order that corrective action be taken within a reasonable period of time prescribed in the order. Any such order shall become final and enforceable unless the person or persons named therein request in writing a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board no later than 30 days after the issuance of the order.

(b) Whenever the director finds that an emergency exists requiring immediate action to protect the public interest, the director may issue a provisional order reciting the existence of such an emergency and requiring that such action be taken as is reasonably necessary to meet the emergency under the circumstances, provided that such an emergency order shall be issued only after an affidavit has been filed with the director showing specific facts of such an emergency condition. Such order shall be effective immediately. Any person against whom such order is directed shall upon appropriate notice comply therewith immediately but on application to the director shall be afforded a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board within ten days of receipt of such application by the director or, if the party applying so requests, within 48 hours of receipt of such application by the director. Prior to such hearing, the director shall be authorized to modify or revoke such order. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall be authorized to make such order as is just and reasonable, including an order continuing, revoking, or modifying such provisional order.

(c) Whenever the director has reason to believe that any person is violating any provision of this part or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this part, the director may bring an action against such person in the proper superior court to restrain such person or persons from continuing such violations. In such action, the director may seek injunctions, including temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions, without the necessity for showing lack of an adequate remedy at law.

(d) Any person who willfully or negligently violates any provision of this part, any rule or regulation adopted under this part, or any permit or final or emergency order of the director shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$50.00, but in any event not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each act of violation. Each day of continued violation shall subject such person to a separate civil penalty. An administrative law judge appointed by the board, after a hearing shall determine whether or not any person has violated any provision of this part or any rule or regulation adopted under this part or any permit or final or emergency order of the director, and shall upon proper finding issue an order imposing such civil penalties as provided in this Code section. Any person so penalized under this Code section is entitled to judicial review. In this connection, all hearings and proceedings for judicial review under this Code section shall be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' All civil penalties recovered by the director as provided by this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general fund.

(e) In addition to any other enforcement remedy available to the director under this part, all illegal minerals and illegal products are declared to be contraband and forfeited to the state in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 16 of Title 9, except that:

(1) Any seizure of contraband shall be delivered to the director or his or her duly authorized agent;

(2) Illegal minerals shall only be forfeited as provided for in Code Section 9-16-12; and

(3) Property seized pursuant to this subsection shall not be required to be stored in an area within the jurisdiction of the court if such storage is not possible.

(f) Nothing in this Code section shall deny or abridge any cause of action a royalty owner, lienholder, or other claimant may have against any persons whose acts result in the forfeiture of the illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product.

12-4-49.

In the administration and enforcement of this part, all hearings before an administrative law judge shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' Any party to said hearings (including the director) shall have the right of judicial review in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50.

12-4-50.

In any contested administrative hearing under this part, no person shall be excused from attending and testifying, or from producing books, papers, and records before the administrative law judge, or from obedience to the subpoena of the administrative law judge, on the ground or for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required by him or her may tend to incriminate him or her or subject him or her to a penalty or forfeiture, provided that nothing contained in this Code section shall be construed as requiring any person to produce any books, papers, or records, or to testify in response to any inquiry, not pertinent to a question lawfully before the administrative law judge for determination. No evidence given by or required of any natural person shall be used or admitted against such a person in any criminal prosecution for any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he or she may be required to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, before the administrative law judge in obedience to its subpoena; provided, however, that no person testifying shall be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

12-4-51.

Any provision of Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of this title which is inconsistent with this part shall not be repealed by this part and shall govern over this part.

12-4-52.

This part shall not be construed as limiting the authority or functions of any officer or agency of this state under any other law or regulation not inconsistent with this part.

12-4-52.1.

This part shall not be construed as limiting the authority of local governments to adopt local zoning or land use ordinances limiting the location or timing of activities defined herein for the purposes of protecting natural resources or human health and welfare.

12-4-53.

The following activities are prohibited:

- (1) The waste of oil or gas as defined in this part;
- (2) The sale, purchase, or acquisition or the transportation, refining, processing, or handling of illegal minerals or illegal products;
- (3) The sale, purchase, or acquisition or the transportation, refining, processing, or handling in any other way of any mineral, including oil and gas, or any mineral product without complying with this part or any rule or regulation of the board promulgated pursuant to this part;
- (4) Intentionally or negligently permitting any gas or oil well to get out of control;
- (5) The drilling of any well covered by the provisions of this part by any person without a permit for such drilling; and
- (6) Any other violation of any provision of this part or any rule or regulation promulgated under this part.

12-4-54.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'extractor' means any person removing oil or gas from the ground pursuant to this part.

(b)(1) A severance tax shall be levied on oil or gas removed from the ground in this state by an extractor as follows:

(A) Three cents per barrel of oil; and

(B) One cent per thousand cubic feet of gas.

(2) The Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this subsection and shall promulgate and make available forms for the use of extractors to assist in compliance with this subsection.

(c)(1) In addition to the tax provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, the governing authority of each county and each municipal corporation is authorized to provide by local ordinance or resolution for the levy, assessment, and collection of a severance tax on oil or gas removed from the ground by an extractor within the jurisdiction of such county or municipality as follows:

(A) An amount not to exceed nine cents per barrel of oil; and

(B) An amount not to exceed two cents per thousand cubic feet of gas.

(2) The severance tax provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be collected by the Department of Revenue in the same manner and under the same procedures as provided for pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section on behalf of each county and municipality electing to exercise the powers conferred herein and shall be remitted to each such county and municipality accordingly."

## **SECTION 2.**

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

Senator Huftstetler of the 52nd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the substitute (LC 36 3380ERS) to HB 205

By Line 233, strike the words "contents of" and insert "chemicals in the"

Line 435 at the end of the sentence add a new sentence that reads "The director shall review and consider the public comments received during the public comment period."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Hufstetler amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, McKoon of the 29th and others offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee substitute to HB 205 (LC 36 3380ERS) by striking line 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:* governments; to provide for a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to amend Code Section 12-8-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landfill cost reimbursement fees and surcharges, so as to increase the fee charged in certain circumstances; to provide for

*By inserting between lines 612 and 613 the following:*

Code Section 12-8-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landfill cost reimbursement fees and surcharges, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Effective ~~January 1, 1992~~, July 1, 2017, when a municipal solid waste disposal facility is operated by private enterprise, the host local government is authorized and required to impose a surcharge of ~~\$1.00~~ \$3.00 per ton or volume equivalent in addition to any other negotiated charges or fees which shall be imposed by and paid to the host local government for the facility and shall be used to offset the impact of the facility, public education efforts for solid waste management, the cost of solid waste management, and the administration of the local or regional solid waste management plan; provided, however, that such surcharges may be used for other governmental expenses to the extent not required to meet the above or other solid waste management needs."

### **SECTION 3.**

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Heath of the 31st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 40, nays 2, and the Jones of the 25th, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 205, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 453. By Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Willard of the 51st, Beskin of the 54th, Frye of the 118th and Boddie of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law library, so as to add the chief judge of the magistrate court to the board of trustees of the county law library in each county; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Parent of the 42nd.



The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

HB 453, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
Thirty-ninth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:17 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SR 537. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION providing for the closure of certain state property to unauthorized vehicular traffic; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Institutions and Property.

SR 539. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th, Shafer of the 48th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Jon Richards; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 615. By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Deffenbaugh of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 383	Do Pass	HB 443	Do Pass
HB 444	Do Pass	HB 445	Do Pass
HB 480	Do Pass	HB 532	Do Pass
HB 540	Do Pass	HB 555	Do Pass
HB 573	Do Pass	HB 576	Do Pass
HB 581	Do Pass	HB 582	Do Pass
HB 585	Do Pass	HB 587	Do Pass
HB 589	Do Pass	HB 590	Do Pass
HB 591	Do Pass	HB 595	Do Pass
HB 596	Do Pass	HB 597	Do Pass
HB 598	Do Pass	HB 611	Do Pass
SB 298	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Senator Henson of the 41st asked unanimous consent that the call of the roll be dispensed with. The consent was granted, and the roll call was dispensed with.

Senator Seay of the 34th introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Dwayne L. Watkins.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Stone of the 23rd introduced the chaplain of the day, Father Erwin Veale of Waynesboro, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 509. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Watson of the 1st, Black of the 8th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the career of George Edwin "Ed" McGill; and for other purposes.

SR 510. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Police Chief Gary Sparks; and for other purposes.

SR 511. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Jacquelyn Harrison Barrett Washington; and for other purposes.

SR 512. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Audraine Jackson; and for other purposes.

SR 513. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Retired Army Colonel Thomas G. Joiner; and for other purposes.

SR 514. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Motor Carrier Compliance Division Station 11 as the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) Station of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 515. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia State Patrol Troop D as the Georgia State Patrol Troop of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 516. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Dispatcher Renee Easterling, Dispatcher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 517. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Georgia State Patrol Post 1 as the Georgia State Patrol Post of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 518. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Steve Chambers, Weight Inspector of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 519. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Officer Luke Montgomery, Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) Officer of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 520. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Trooper First Class Glen Walters; and for other purposes.

- SR 521. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Officer Colin Powell, Capitol Police Officer of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 522. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones II of the 22nd, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Motor Carrier Compliance Division Region 9 as the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) Region of the Year; and for other purposes.

- SR 523. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and celebrating the 109th birthday of Mrs. Willie Mae Hardy; and for other purposes.

- SR 524. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Herman Cody on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 525. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March, 2017, as Endometriosis Awareness Month at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 526. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Clark Atlanta University Panthers Men's Basketball Team on their championship season and winning performance in the 2017 SIAC Men's Basketball Tournament; and for other purposes.

SR 528. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., for its disaster relief assistance; and for other purposes

SR 529. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Miller of the 49th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival; and for other purposes.

SR 530. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Parent of the 42nd, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Judge Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., on the occasion of his 25th year as a member of the State Bar of Georgia and commending his years of service to the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

SR 531. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Women's Missionary Society of Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church; and for other purposes.

SR 532. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Millar of the 40th and Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commemorating Oconee County Schools for its 2016-2017 school system awards; and for other purposes.

SR 533. By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Beach of the 21st and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing August 28, 2017, as Ben T. Epps and Zumpt A. Huff Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 534. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Millar of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Building Officials Association of Georgia and recognizing May, 2017 as Building Safety Month; and for other purposes.

SR 535. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Black of the 8th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Cecil P. Staton on his appointment as Chancellor of East Carolina University; and for other purposes.

SR 536. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Watson of the 1st, Black of the 8th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September 3-9, 2017, as Georgia Injured Workers Week; and for other purposes.

SR 538. By Senator Lucas of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Johnnie Lee Roper; and for other purposes.

SR 540. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Tift County High School Blue Devils basketball team for winning the 2017 GHSA Class 7A State Basketball Championship; and for other purposes.

SR 541. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Unterman of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Mary N. Long Scholarship; and for other purposes.

SR 542. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Millar of the 40th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marshal R. Steven Mann on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 543. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shaw Industries Group, Inc., on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

The following legislation, favorably reported by the committee, as listed on the Senate Rules Consent Calendar for Privileged Resolutions, was put upon its adoption:

SENATE RULES CONSENT CALENDAR FOR PRIVILEGED RESOLUTIONS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SR 167 Yates, Honorable Sally; recognize (RULES-42nd)
- SR 343 Bell, Sally; recognize (RULES-51st)
- SR 344 Independent Living Day; recognize March 1, 2017 (RULES-41st)
- SR 346 Stokes, Sergeant Lakeia Nicole; awarded Purple Heart Medal of Honor; recognize (RULES-43rd)
- SR 347 Men of Summer Hill; recognize (RULES-43rd)
- SR 348 Stokes, Sergeant Lakeia Nicole; recognize (RULES-17th)
- SR 350 Hilliard, Mayor Patsy Jo; recognize (RULES-35th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the legislation as reported, was agreed to.



On the adoption of the legislation on the Senate Rules Consent Calendar for Privileged Resolutions, there was no objection and the resolutions were adopted.

The following legislation, favorably reported by the committees, as listed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Senate Study Committees, was put upon its adoption:

SENATE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SENATE STUDY COMMITTEES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SR 188 Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare (Substitute)(H&HS-45th)
- SR 222 Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee; create (FIN-56th)
- SR 352 Senate Study Committee on Homelessness; create (H&HS-45th)
- SR 392 Senate Rural Georgia Study Committee; create (RULES-26th)
- SR 410 Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee; create (Substitute)(S&T-9th)
- SR 412 Senate Stroke Trauma Center Study Committee; create (RULES-18th)
- SR 414 Senate Study Committee on the Utilization and Modernization of the State Capitol and Other Buildings; create (RULES-53rd)
- SR 454 Senate Cyber Security Education Study Committee; create (RULES-14th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The substitute to the following resolution was put upon its adoption:

\*SR 188:

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to SR 188:

A RESOLUTION

Creating the Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia falls below national averages in rankings of state population health, with higher than average death rates from diabetes, heart disease, and HIV; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has the highest rate of pregnancy related maternal deaths in the nation, and higher than average infant death rates; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has a significant percent of primary health care needs and mental health care needs that are currently unmet; and

WHEREAS, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) have acquired, through graduate-level education, advanced clinical knowledge and skills to provide direct patient care; and

WHEREAS, Georgia laws and regulations have not kept pace with advanced practice nursing's evolution over the past 40 years, compromising Georgians' access to care; and

WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only 12 states with laws restricting the autonomy of APRNs; and

WHEREAS, 21 other states have adopted full practice authority for APRNs, and removed requirements for physician supervision, without any evidence of patient harm; and

WHEREAS, APRNs make up the fastest-growing segment of the primary care professional workforce in the United States and could significantly increase the primary care professional workforce that would be available to practice in underserved areas, lower-income areas, and districts with lower scores on the high school proficiency assessments; and

WHEREAS, licensed APRNs in Georgia are nationally certified to practice in family medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, mental health, women's health, and midwifery, with many new graduates every year and more than 11,300 APRNs licensed in Georgia as of September, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in Georgia there are 79 counties that have no OB/GYN physicians, 63 counties have no pediatricians, 31 counties have no internal medicine physicians, and six counties have no family physicians, and APRNs have many overlapping skills sets with the physician providers for which there is a shortage most pronounced in rural Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

- (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare.
- (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of nine members to be appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

- (A) Two members of the Senate, including the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee;
  - (B) The commissioner of the Department of Public Health, or his or her designee;
  - (C) The commissioner of the Department of Community Health, or his or her designee;
  - (D) One member of the Board of Nursing;
  - (E) One advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who works full time in Georgia;
  - (F) One dean, director, or professor from a school of nursing in Georgia;
  - (G) One physician who works full time in Georgia; and
  - (I) The president of the Georgia Nurses Association, or his or her designee.
- (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**
- (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
  - (B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.
  - (C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
  - (D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.
- (6) **Report.**
- (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to

subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The substitute to the following resolution was put upon its adoption:

\*SR 410:

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology offered the following substitute to SR 410:

#### A RESOLUTION

Creating the Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the state's economy would greatly benefit from further growth in the information technology space; and

WHEREAS, it is highly desirable to review current state incentives as well as opportunities for future incentives for technology growth; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the establishment of specific corridors in this state that would directly foster the growth of information technology; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of potential sites that could be enhanced by the state to further their development into information technology corridors, including, but not limited to, the route between Atlanta and Athens along Highway 316, the route between Atlanta and Macon along I-75, the route between Atlanta and Alpharetta along State Route 400, and the route between Atlanta and Augusta along I-20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

(1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee.

(2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the Senate which shall include the chairpersons of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Senate Science and Technology Committee to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall also appoint an additional three nonlegislative members of the committee as follows:

(A) An official or employee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia;

(B) An official or employee of the Department of Economic Development; and

(C) An individual from the Georgia business community who is knowledgeable concerning the economic development of the technology industry.

The President shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the legislation on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the legislation, the yeas were 47, nays 2.

The legislation on the Senate Consent Calendar for Study Committees, except SR 188 and SR 410, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were adopted.

SR 188 and SR 410, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were adopted by substitute.

The following legislation, favorably reported by the committees, as listed on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate, was put upon its adoption:

CONSENT CALENDAR EXPRESSING THE WILL OF THE SENATE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

- SR 227      US Department of Transportation; initiate or support whatever federal legislative action, prevent loss of aviation fuel tax revenue use in Clayton County; recommend Georgia congressional delegation to intercede (Substitute)(TRANS-21st)
- SR 381      State Department of Economic Development; cooperate with Queen Blessing Itua, Global Empowerment Movement (GEM); request (RULES-35th)
- SR 407      Georgia Congressional Delegation; enact legislation with sole purpose of reestablishing a Nuclear Waste Program per the Nuclear Waste Policy Act; encourage (RULES-48th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The substitute to the following resolution was put upon its adoption:

\*SR 227:

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SR 227:

A RESOLUTION

Recommending the Georgia congressional delegation to intercede with the United States Department of Transportation, and to initiate or support whatever federal legislative action may be necessary, to prevent loss of aviation fuel tax revenue use in Clayton County; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, municipalities and city and county public schools, pursuant to specific legislative and Georgia constitutional authority granted in 1975 and 1983, respectively, are authorized to levy a general sales tax on goods including aviation fuel; and

WHEREAS, this tax revenue is used for capital projects, including schools, and has been levied and used, as required by state law, for years without question or challenge; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax revenue from aviation fuel is used to offset increases in county property taxes and exemptions for some property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 2015 issued a clarification of its 1999 policy on airport revenue use that places this revenue at risk; and

WHEREAS, the FAA there stated that a 1996 federal law requires certain local governments that are not receiving federal airport grants to use aviation fuel tax revenue only for airport purposes; and

WHEREAS, if that FAA policy applies to local governments that have no ability to spend tax revenue for airport purposes, an application which the FAA has never before said is mandated by federal law, then the FAA asserts these local governments will no longer be able to use this revenue as of December 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, certain Georgia municipalities and city and county public schools cannot spend this tax revenue for airport purposes because they do not own or operate an airport and, moreover, the use of this revenue is legally constrained by statutory and constitutional authority; and

WHEREAS, the use of this revenue will be lost to these Georgia municipalities and city and county public schools and as a consequence essential local funding requirements, capital improvements, and technology upgrades will be unmet and residents will greatly suffer; and

WHEREAS, the FAA clarification, if applied to these Georgia municipalities and city and county public schools, and the resulting damage to the resources of state and local government entities, was not instigated by Congress or any federal oversight agency and would serve no identifiable public policy; and

WHEREAS, the FAA clarification threatens ruinous civil penalties for failure to comply with its clarification; and

WHEREAS, the FAA clarification would interfere with the spending authority of state and local governments without, in this case, a clear congressional mandate to do so; and



WHEREAS, the FAA has been unresponsive to date to requests to acknowledge that the purpose of the federal law on airport revenue use is not served by requiring that aviation fuel tax revenue use be terminated or indefinitely held in abeyance as would be the result of the application of its clarification in this case.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body recommend each member of the Georgia congressional delegation to intercede with the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to resolve this matter so that the use of these vital tax revenues is not lost to Georgia municipalities or city and county public schools for their currently mandated purposes, and recommend each member of the Georgia congressional delegation to introduce or support such legislative measures as will resolve this matter so that the use of these vital tax revenues is not lost to Georgia municipalities or city and county public schools for their currently mandated purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Governor's Office, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Attorney General, and each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the legislation on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman

Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the adoption of the legislation, the yeas were 43, nays 3.

The legislation on the Consent Calendar Expressing the Will of the Senate, except SR 227, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

SR 227, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

Senator Stone of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that the following bill be withdrawn from the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions and committed to the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

SB 86. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 7 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to foreclosure in general, so as to require confirmation and make it nonwaivable for real estate sold on foreclosure or levy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The consent was granted, and SB 86 was committed to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tuesday March 28, 2017  
Thirty-ninth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 298                      Watson of the 1st  
**SKIDAWAY ISLAND**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Skidaway Island; to provide for a charter for the City of Skidaway Island; to

provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for a transition period; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 383

Tillery of the 19th  
**TELFAIR COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Telfair County, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3539), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the compensation of members of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 443

Dugan of the 30th  
Heath of the 31st  
**CITY OF HIRAM**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$40,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 444

Dugan of the 30th  
Heath of the 31st  
**CITY OF HIRAM**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the full value of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 445

Dugan of the 30th  
Heath of the 31st  
**CITY OF HIRAM**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Hiram ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$55,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 480

Watson of the 1st  
Jackson of the 2nd  
**CHATHAM COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Chatham County Urban Development Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for findings and determinations; to define certain terms; to provide for a board of trustees, appointment of members, and meetings; to provide for powers and duties; to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority and to authorize the collection for the payment of such revenue bonds; to make the revenue bonds of the authority exempt from taxation; to fix and provide the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to the authority; to provide for the validation of bonds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 532

Harbin of the 16th  
Seay of the 34th  
**FAYETTE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Fayette County, approved March 9, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2431), so as to provide for the qualifications of members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 540 Hill of the 6th  
Thompson of the 14th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general of Cobb County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 555 Dugan of the 30th  
**CITY OF CARROLTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Carrollton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 573 Black of the 8th  
**COOK COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook County shall have jurisdiction to try misdemeanor cases arising in the county where the defendant waives a jury trial and pleads guilty to such misdemeanor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 576 Wilkinson of the 50th  
**HABERSHAM COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reconstitute the board of elections and registration for Habersham County; to provide for the composition, powers, duties, and responsibilities of said board; to repeal the Act creating a board of elections and registration for Habersham County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3678); to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 581

Anderson of the 24th  
**TALIAFERRO COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Taliaferro County, approved February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3643), so as to change the compensation of the members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 582

Kennedy of the 18th  
**MONROE COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Joint Board of Elections and Registration of Monroe County, which shall conduct primaries and elections for Monroe County, the City of Culloden, and the City of Forsyth; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 585

Harper of the 7th  
**OCILLA-IRWIN COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Ocilla-Irwin County Industrial Development Authority, approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4082); to provide for members of said authority, terms, vacancies, and a quorum; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 587

Seay of the 34th  
Davenport of the 44th  
**CITY OF JONESBORO**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of the City of Jonesboro desire the governing authority of the City of Jonesboro to seek to lower the homestead exemption from all City of Jonesboro ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes over a period of time to the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 589

Jones of the 25th  
Cowsert of the 46th  
**WALTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the compensation of the clerk of the superior court, the judge of the probate court, and the coroner of Walton County on a salary basis in lieu of a fee basis, approved February 11, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 2056), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 18, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3819), so as to change the compensation of the coroner; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 591

Stone of the 23rd  
**WARREN COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Education of Warren County, approved February 4, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 3651), as amended, so as to provide for compensation of the members of the Board of Education of Warren County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 595

Millar of the 40th  
**CITY OF DORAVILLE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3621), so as to change certain provisions relating to tax levies; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 596

Henson of the 41st  
Millar of the 40th  
**CITY OF TUCKER**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Tucker to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 597

Mullis of the 53rd  
**CITY OF TRENTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), as amended, so as to change the position of city clerk from elective to appointive; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 598

Mullis of the 53rd  
**CITY OF TRENTON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Trenton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 611

Sims of the 12th  
**ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority, approved March 30, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 4220), as amended, so as to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for the existence and membership of the authority; to provide for officers; to provide for conflicts of interest; to provide for powers of the authority; to provide for revenue bonds; to provide for rules, regulations, and other procedures; to provide for immunity; to provide for tax exemptions; to provide that authority property is not subject to levy and sale; to provide for the Act's effect on other governments; to provide for earnings and dissolution; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:



Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 49, nays 2.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Senate Supplemental Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Tuesday March 28, 2017  
Thirty-ninth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 590                      Cowsert of the 46th  
                                    Ginn of the 47th  
**CITY OF ATHENS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Downtown Athens Development Authority, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3533), as amended, which authority was created pursuant to an amendment to the Constitution as contained in

Ga. L. 1975, p. 1698, and amended by Ga. L. 1976, p. 1912, so as to define and create the Downtown Athens Area; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

The legislation on the Senate Supplemental Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the House and Senate:

HB 619. By Representative Carter of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pavo; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority, its qualifications, terms, and related matters; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 621. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hanson of the 80th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Chamblee to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 271. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Trenton to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 190. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to transfer intake services of the Juvenile Court of Newton County to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice pursuant to Code Section 15-11-69 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved to engross HB 73, HB 125, HB 155, HB 196, and HB 217, which were on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 13; the motion prevailed, and HB 73, HB 125, HB 155, HB 196, and HB 217, were engrossed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 237, HB 247, HB 329, and HB 342, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 13; the motion prevailed, and HB 237, HB 247, HB 329, and HB 342, was engrossed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 406, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, Senator Henson of the 41st called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 37, nays 14; the motion prevailed, and HB 406 was engrossed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 292, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, Senator Henson of the 41st called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 37, nays 16; the motion prevailed, and HB 292 was engrossed.

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved to engross HB 280, which was on today's Senate Rules Calendar.

Senator Jones II of the 22nd objected.

On the motion, Senator Fort of the 39th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate

N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and HB 280 was engrossed.

SENATE RULES CALENDAR  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017  
THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SR 403	State Election Board; Seth Harp, Jr.; appoint (RULES-48th)
HB 323	Code Revision Commission; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions of said Code (JUDY-23rd) Caldwell-131st
HB 506	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965; award certain contracts involving concessions; provide for vote by Board (Amendment 1) (TRANS-40th) Taylor-79th
HB 37	Education; private postsecondary institutions in Georgia shall not adopt sanctuary policies; provide (H ED-53rd) Ehrhart-36th
HB 138	Superior courts; fifth judge of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; provide (Substitute)(JUDY-49th) Hawkins-27th
HB 5	Courts; compensation of juvenile court judges; change provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-18th) Caldwell-131st
HB 155	Georgia Musical Investment Act; enact (Substitute)(FIN-53rd) Carter-175th
HB 406	Weapons; reciprocity of recognizing and giving effect to licenses to carry from other states; revise requirements (JUDY-7th) Powell-32nd
HB 292	Firearms; laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; revise and clarify (Substitute)(JUDY-7th) Jasperse-11th

- HB 280 Firearms; license holders; carrying and possession of certain weapons in certain buildings or real property owned or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; authorize (Substitute)(JUDY-31st) Ballinger-23rd
- HB 126 Courts; Judicial Qualifications Commission; change provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-18th) Willard-51st
- HB 196 Income tax; exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; provide (Substitute)(FIN-11th) Dollar-45th
- HB 247 Sales and use tax; machinery used to mix or transport concrete; exempt (FIN-7th) LaRiccia-169th
- HB 87 Corporations, partnerships, and associations; multiple-year registrations for certain types of business organizations; provide (Substitute)(ED&T-19th) Raffensperger-50th
- HB 329 Income tax; rate of tax imposed on the taxable net income of individuals; modify (Substitute)(FIN-52nd) Powell-171st
- HB 452 Georgia Bureau of Investigation; publicly post certain information to extent permitted by federal law; require (Substitute)(PUB SAF-6th) Petrea-166th  
**Passage of HB 452 was suspended pursuant to Rule 7-1.6(b).**
- HB 73 Income tax credit; incentives to promote the revitalization of rural Georgia downtowns; provide (Substitute)(FIN-11th) Houston-170th
- HB 139 Education; provide transparency of financial information of local school systems and schools; provisions (ED&Y-28th) Belton-112th
- HB 50 Livestock; liability protection for certain activities; provide (AG&CA-8th) Pirkle-155th
- HB 76 Superior courts; change certain requirements and certifications for certain maps, plats, and plans for filing with clerk; provisions (Substitute) (JUDY-23rd) Jasperse-11th
- HB 412 Motor vehicles; certain documents relating to registration and certificate of title of certain vehicles; provide for electronic submission (PUB SAF-56th) Barr-103rd
- HB 427 Physicians and Health Care Practitioners for Rural Areas Assistance Act; enact (H&HS-1st) Newton-123rd

- HB 279 Domestic relations; name change requested by victim of family violence; provide separate process (JUDY-22nd) Ballinger-23rd
- HB 370 Council of Municipal Court Judges of Georgia; create and administer savings and deferred compensation plans for members; authorize (RET-8th) Hilton-95th
- HB 208 Game and fish; boat registration fees and additional methods for reporting the sale of boats; revise (Substitute)(NR&E-9th) Rhodes-120th
- HB 231 Controlled substances; Schedules I, II, IV and V; change certain provisions (JUDY-52nd) Broadrick-4th
- HB 413 Public utilities; regulation of certain matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; provisions (Substitute)(RI&U-18th) Parsons-44th
- HB 165 Medical practice; maintenance of certification shall not be required; provide (H&HS-1st) Price-48th
- HB 434 Eminent domain; requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than public use for 20 years; provide exception (JUDY-3rd) Willard-51st
- HB 15 Courts; certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically; require (Substitute) (JUDY-19th) Willard-51st
- HB 253 Special license plates; dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program; increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale (Substitute)(Amendment 1)(Amendment 2)(PUB SAF-54th) Willard-51st
- HB 136 Drivers' licenses; demarcation of a valid driver's license, permit, or identification card; provide (Substitute)(Amendment 1)(PUB SAF-7th) Carter-175th
- HR 25 Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio Memorial Intersection; Camden County; dedicate (Substitute)(TRANS-21st) Spencer-180th
- HB 481 Aviation; unmanned aircraft systems; provide for preemption (TRANS-21st) Tanner-9th
- HB 64 Protection and Guarantee of Service for Health Insurance Consumers Act; enact (Substitute)(I&L-9th) Blackmon-146th



- HB 470 Economic Development, Department of; grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; create program (ED&T-30th) Blackmon-146th
- HB 197 Fair Business Practices Act; requirements for solicitations of services for obtaining a copy of an instrument conveying real estate; provide (JUDY-18th) Teasley-37th
- HB 343 Criminal procedure; certain outdated terminology; replace (Substitute) (JUDY-19th) Hilton-95th
- HB 217 Income tax credit; certain scholarship organizations; increase amount of the aggregate cap on contributions (Substitute)(FIN-27th) Carson-46th
- HB 251 Emergency management; personnel go on private property as necessary to perform duties during a state of emergency; authorize (PUB SAF-13th) Ealum-153rd
- HB 250 Foster homes; employee with satisfactory fingerprint records check in past 24 months exempt from additional background check; provide (Substitute) (SJUDY-49th) Ballinger-23rd
- HB 322 Military; war veterans; change definition (VM&HS-30th) Hitchens-161st
- HB 257 Local government authorities; register with Department of Community Affairs; require (SLGO(G)-7th) Tankersley-160th
- HB 430 Governor's Education Reform Commission; charter schools; implement recommendations (Substitute)(ED&Y-40th) Brockway-102nd
- HB 160 Mass transportation; create Georgia Commission on Transit Governance and Funding, provisions (Substitute)(TRANS-51st) Tanner-9th
- HB 234 Motor vehicles; drivers stop at crosswalks with user activated rectangular rapid-flash beacons; require (Amendment 1)(PUB SAF-50th) Frye-118th
- HB 472 Motor vehicles and traffic; following requirements for vehicles in a procession when speed is coordinated automatically; provide exception (Substitute)(TRANS-21st) Epps-144th
- HB 92 Insurance; automobile or motorcycle policies; expand definition of policy (Substitute)(I&L-9th) Carson-46th

- HB 117 Sales and use tax; certain voluntary contributions; exclude from definition of retail sales (FIN-56th) Watson-172nd  
**ENGROSSED**
- HB 125 Sales and use tax; certain tangible personal property sold or used to maintain a boat; create exemption (Substitute)(FIN-1st) Stephens-164th
- HB 237 Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation; receive private donations for grants to public schools; provisions (Substitute)(FIN-37th) Coleman-97th
- HB 405 Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; establish state-wide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency; require (PUB SAF-1st) Hitchens-161st
- HB 342 Enterprise zones; certain urban redevelopment zones; provide designation (FIN-49th) Efstoration-104th
- HB 486 Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act; training of proxy caregivers; provisions (H&HS-13th) Benton-31st
- HB 515 State house districts; revise boundaries of a certain district (Substitute) (R&R-1st) Caldwell-131st
- HB 149 Law enforcement; comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services; provisions (PUB SAF-56th) Powell-32nd
- HB 150 State Road and Tollway Authority; failure to pay tolls; place hold on motor vehicle registration (Substitute)(TRANS-30th) Powell-32nd
- HB 154 Dental hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize (Substitute)(H&HS-45th) Cooper-43rd
- HB 198 Elementary and secondary education; influenza vaccine; provide information (ED&Y-50th) Dempsey-13th
- HB 243 Minimum wage; require additional pay to employees based on schedule changes; preempt local government mandates (I&L-16th) Werkheiser-157th
- HB 312 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; Board of Trustees; include a qualified Roth contribution program in compensation plans (RET-8th) Maxwell-17th

- HB 344 Paternity; parties beyond movants in a child support case request a genetic test; allow (JUDY-13th) Dempsey-13th
- HB 474 Driver Services, Department of; drivers' manual include best practices during traffic stop by law enforcement; require (Substitute)(PUB SAF-7th) Hugley-136th
- HB 428 Downtown development authorities; authorize assessments (RI&U-51st) Martin-49th
- HB 469 Motor vehicle franchise practices; provide for definitions; provisions (Substitute)(RI&U-51st) Shaw-176th
- HB 419 Fireworks; certain counties further regulate use or ignition; enable authority (Substitute)(PUB SAF-7th) Silcox-52nd
- HB 118 Fantasy Contests Act; enact (Substitute)(RI&U-45th) Kelley-16th
- HB 485 Distilled spirits; referendum election be held prior to issuance of licenses to manufacture; remove requirement (RI&U-17th) Glanton-75th
- HB 273 Quality Basic Education Act; daily recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide (Substitute)(ED&Y-12th) Douglas-78th
- HB 67 Crimes and offenses; entering a motor vehicle with the intent to commit a theft or felony; provide for increased punishment (Substitute)(JUDY-30th) Boddie-62nd
- HB 206 The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights; certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; remove exception; provisions (Substitute)(H&HS-6th) Kelley-16th

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mullis of the 53rd, Chairman  
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

- SR 403. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION appointing Seth Harp, Jr., to the State Election Board; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SR 403, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

HB 323. By Representative Caldwell of the 131st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state supreme court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Stone of the 23rd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 323, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 506. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Glanton of the 75th, Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for a vote by the Board for an award of certain contracts involving concessions; to provide for a competitive process for the award of contracts for concessions and the sale, lease, or other disposition of real property owned by the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Millar of the 40th.

Senator Millar of the 40th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend HB 506 by inserting after "To" on line 1 "amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide restrictions with regard to certain sales and use taxes; to" and by inserting after line 23 the following:*

**SECTION 1A.**

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-8-109.3, relating to application of tax with regard to equalized homestead option sales taxes, by adding a new subsection to read as follows: "(d) While the sales and use tax authorized by this part is being levied, the amount of the levy of the sales tax for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, as authorized by the amendment to the Constitution set out at Ga. Laws, 1964, page 1008, shall not increase beyond the level at which such tax was being levied when the sales and use tax authorized by this part is approved in a referendum pursuant to this part."

Senator Henson of the 41st requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the Millar amendment #1 germane.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Parent of the 42nd objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 27, nays 16, and the Millar amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate

N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 39, nays 15.

HB 506, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 16. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 41. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the licensure of durable medical equipment suppliers; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure; to provide for discipline and revocation; to provide for inspections; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 106. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, so as to revise a provision relating to the health care professionals who must be on-site at a pain management clinic in order for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 125. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; to provide for a limitation; to provide for additional continuing education requirements regarding hydrocodone compound products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 183. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th and Miller of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for powers of the authority; to allow for the indefinite collection of tolls in certain instances; to provide for letting of contracts by competitive bids; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 37. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, England of the 116th, Morris of the 156th, Williams of the 119th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, so as to provide definitions; to provide that private postsecondary institutions in this state shall not adopt sanctuary policies; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Mullis of the 53rd.



Senator Fort of the 39th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend HB 37 (LC 28 8184) by:

inserting after "by" on line 33:

"the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. 70 U.S.C. § 1232g, or other"

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Heath of the 31st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 13, nays 34, and the Fort amendment #1 was lost.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 37, nays 16.

HB 37, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Jones of the 25th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 138. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, Dunahoo of the 30th, Dubnik of the 29th and Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fifth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Miller of the 49th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 138:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fifth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, is amended by revising paragraph (26) as follows:

"(26) Northeastern Circuit . . . . . 4 5"

**SECTION 2.**

One additional judge of the superior courts is added to the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, thereby increasing to five the number of judges of said circuit.

**SECTION 3.**

Said additional judge shall be appointed by the Governor for a term beginning January 1, 2018, and continuing through December 31, 2020, and until his or her successor is

elected and qualified. His or her successor shall be elected in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the superior courts of this state at the nonpartisan judicial election in 2020, for a term of four years beginning on January 1, 2021, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Future successors shall be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election each four years after such election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall take office on the first day of January following the date of the election.

#### **SECTION 4.**

The additional judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit shall have and may exercise all powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities of the present judges of the superior courts of this state. The new judge is authorized to employ court personnel on the same basis as other judges of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit.

#### **SECTION 5.**

Except as expressly stated, nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or repeal any provision of any local Act relating to the Northeastern Judicial Circuit. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit or restrict the inherent powers, duties, and responsibilities of superior court judges provided by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 6.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

#### **SECTION 7.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
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Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone

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Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 2.

HB 138, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 5. By Representatives Caldwell of the 131st, Powell of the 171st, Willard of the 51st and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, so as to change provisions relating to compensation of juvenile court judges; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 5:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change provisions relating to the compensation for certain judicial officials; to increase the number of days and reduce the distance of travel from the judicial building in Atlanta for which a Supreme Court Justice or Court of Appeals Judge can receive a daily expense allowance; to change provisions relating to compensation of juvenile court judges; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-2-3, relating to oath of Supreme Court Justices and compensation, as follows:

"(3) If a Justice resides ~~50~~ 45 miles or more from the judicial building in Atlanta, such Justice shall also receive the same daily expense allowance as members of the General Assembly receive, as set forth in Code Section 28-1-8, for not more than ~~30~~ 40 days during each term of court. Such days shall be utilized only when official court business is being conducted. All allowances provided for in this paragraph shall be paid upon the submission of proper vouchers."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-3-5, relating to oath of Court of Appeals Judges and compensation, as follows:

"(3) If a Judge resides ~~50~~ 45 miles or more from the judicial building in Atlanta, such Judge shall also receive the same daily expense allowance as members of the General Assembly receive, as set forth in Code Section 28-1-8, for not more than ~~30~~ 40 days during each term of court. Such days shall be utilized only when official court business is being conducted. All allowances provided for in this paragraph shall be paid upon the submission of proper vouchers."

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-11-52, relating to terms and compensation of judges, as follows:

"(c) Out of funds appropriated to the judicial branch of government, the state shall contribute toward the salary of the judges on a per circuit basis in the following amounts:

(1) Each circuit with one or more juvenile court judges who are not superior court judges assuming the duties of juvenile court judges shall receive a state ~~base~~ grant of ~~\$85,000.00~~ \$100,000.00;

(2) In addition to ~~this base amount~~ the amount set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, each circuit which has more than four superior court judges shall be eligible for additional state grants. ~~For each superior court judge who exceeds the base of four judges, the circuit shall be eligible for an additional grant in an amount equal to one fourth of the base amount of the state grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 per superior court judgeship exceeding four judges in such circuit;~~

(3) In circuits where the superior court judges elect to use the state grant for one or

more part-time judges, the amount of the state grant shall be as follows; provided, however, that such grant shall not exceed the amount the circuit is eligible to receive under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection:

(A) For each part-time judge who works one day weekly .....	<del>\$17,000.00</del>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
(B) For each part-time judge who works two days weekly .....	<del>34,000.00</del>	<u>40,000.00</u>
(C) For each part-time judge who works three days weekly .....	<del>51,000.00</del>	<u>60,000.00</u>
(D) For each part-time judge who works four days weekly .....	<del>68,000.00;</del>	<u>80,000.00; and</u>

~~provided, however, that a grant for one or more part time judges shall not exceed the amount the circuit is eligible for in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection; and~~

(4) All state grants provided by this subsection shall be spent solely on salaries for juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other purposes."

**SECTION 2-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 15-11-54, relating to the administration and expenses of juvenile courts, as follows:

"(c) Except for state ~~base~~ grants provided by Code Section 15-11-52, all expenditures of the court are declared to be an expense of the court and payable out of the county treasury with the approval of the governing authority or governing authorities of the county or counties for which the juvenile court judge is appointed."

**PART III  
SECTION 3-1.**

- (a) This part and Part I of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.
- (b) Part II of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, only if funds are appropriated for purposes of Part II of this Act in an appropriations Act enacted at the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly. If funds are not so appropriated, then Part II of this Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 3-2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
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Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HB 5, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 155. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Reeves of the 34th, Hatchett of the 150th, Frye of the 118th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Mullis of the 53rd.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



## DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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February 20, 2017

Honorable Amy Carter  
Chairman, Appropriations – General Government  
245 Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 155 (LC 43 0546S)

Dear Representative Carter:

The bill would create a nonrefundable tax credit for certain qualified expenditures related to the production of a musical or theatrical production, or a recorded musical performance. To qualify, musical and theatrical production expenses must exceed \$300,000 during a taxable year, and expenses related to recorded musical performances must exceed either \$150,000 in the case of music that is incorporated into a movie or television production or \$70,000 for other musical performances. The value of the credit equals 20 percent of qualified expenditures, with an additional 5 percent available if the production includes a qualified Georgia promotion. An additional 5 percent credit is available for activities produced in tier 1 or tier 2 counties. Unused credits may be taken against employees' quarterly or monthly withholding, or carried forward for a maximum of five years.

The legislation does not specify an effective date. The estimates below assume that productions beginning on or after January 1, 2018 would qualify for the credit.

### **Impact on State Revenue**

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would reduce state tax revenue by \$32.1 million to \$59.0 million in FY 2019, which is assumed



to be the first full fiscal year that the credit is applicable (Table 1). The loss would grow to between \$65.5 million and \$136.3 million in FY 2022. It should be noted that the legislation requires a production company to withhold income tax at the rate of 5 percent on all payments to loan-out companies. This is in contrast to the conditions under the current film tax credit which require withholding at the maximum state income tax rate of 6 percent. The assumptions used by FRC are included in the appendix.

**Table 1. Estimated Revenue Effect of HB 155 LC 43 0546S**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Musical and Theatrical Performances					
Upper Bound Estimate	(\$11.9)	(\$47.6)	(\$83.2)	(\$124.9)	(\$124.9)
Lower Bound Estimate	(\$5.1)	(\$20.6)	(\$36.0)	(\$54.0)	(\$54.0)
Recorded musical performances	(\$5.7)	(11.5)	(\$11.4)	(\$11.4)	(\$11.4)
Total – Upper Bound	(\$17.6)	(\$59.0)	(\$94.7)	(\$136.3)	(\$136.3)
Total – Lower Bound	(\$10.9)	(\$32.1)	(\$47.5)	(\$65.5)	(\$65.5)

### Impact on State Agency Costs

The bill would also result in increased costs for the Departments of Revenue (DOR) and Economic Development (DEcD).

- DOR estimated additional one-time costs of approximately \$164,000. The one-time costs include \$152,000 for IT system changes and \$12,000 for training, form updates, and taxpayer outreach.
- DEcD anticipates an additional two employees would be required, at a cost of approximately \$165,000 annually (\$60,000 and \$40,000 plus benefits).

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

### Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

- New York offers a similar credit known as the Musical and Theatrical Production credit. Annual awards for this credit are limited to \$4 million. Based on information from the NY Tax Expenditure Budget for 2015, awards for 2015 equaled \$4 million.
- Louisiana also offers a Musical and Theatrical Production credit; the maximum credit rate is equal to 18 percent with an additional 7.2 percent for resident payroll expenditures. The credit also seems to include qualified expenditures on infrastructure. The Louisiana credit has no annual limit to awards and is

refundable. Based on information from the Louisiana Tax Exemption Budget for 2015-2016, credit awards equaled \$9 million in FY2014 and \$13 million in FY2015, and are forecasted to equal \$12 million in FY 2016 and \$13 million in FY 2017.

- Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, employment in Georgia in the industry category of Performing Arts companies (NAICS code 7111) was 4.0 times that in Louisiana for 2014 and industry receipts were 9.3 times that in Louisiana in 2012.
- To produce the lower bound revenue estimate associated with the activities of musical and theatrical productions shown in Table 1, the value of the Louisiana tax exemption for 2017 is multiplied by 4.0. To produce the upper bound revenue estimate, the value of the Louisiana tax exemption is multiplied by 9.3. Growth assumptions based on industry forecasts from IBISWorld are used to produce the estimate of credits claimed in FY 2021. For earlier periods, the FY 2021 amount is reduced to allow time for adoption of the credit, based on the experience of Louisiana after introduction that state's credit and to allow for the partial fiscal year effect in FY 2018.
- Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, Georgia employment in the sound recording studio industry (NAIC 51224) accounted for 5 percent of the national total in 2014.
- The value of receipts for the sound recording industry in the US in 2012 equaled \$913 million based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns. The revenue effect attributable to activities of the recorded musical performances in Georgia was estimated by apportioning the national figure to Georgia based on the state's share of total employment in this industry in 2014. Lastly, the tax credit rate of 25 percent was applied to this figure.
- The growth rates and rates of credit adoption applied in the estimate for musical and theatrical productions are also applied to this estimate in the same manner.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 155:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production

company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions, procedures, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.32.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Musical Investment Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Musical or theatrical performance' means a live performance of a concert, musical tour, ballet, dance, opera, live variety entertainment, or a series of any such performances occurring over the course of a 12 month period or longer that originates, is developed, and has its initial public performance before a live audience within this state or that prepares and rehearses a minimum of 10 days within a 14 day period within this state and has its United States debut within this state. Such term excludes a single musical performance that is not intended for touring, a music or cultural festival that is not intended for touring, an industry seminar, a trade show, or a market.

(2) 'Production company' means a company primarily engaged in qualified production activities. Such term shall not mean or include any form of business owned, affiliated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by any company or person which is in default on any tax obligation of the state, or a loan made by the state or a loan guaranteed by the state.

(3) 'Qualified production activities' means activities related to the preparation, planning, recording, or staging of a state certified production.

(4) 'Qualified production expenditures' means expenditures incurred in this state on direct account of qualified production activities for which a tax credit has not been claimed pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40.26 and shall include, but are not limited to:

(A) Set construction and operation; wardrobe, make-up, accessories, and related services; costs associated with photography and sound synchronization, expenditures excluding license fees incurred with Georgia companies for sound recordings and musical compositions, lighting, and related services and materials; editing and related services; rental of facilities and equipment; leasing of vehicles; costs of food and lodging; total aggregate payroll; talent and producer fees; technical fees; crew fees; per diem costs paid to employees; airfare, if purchased

through a Georgia travel agency or travel company; insurance costs and bonding, if purchased through a Georgia insurance agency; and other direct costs of producing the project in accordance with generally accepted entertainment industry practices; and

(B) Payments to a loan-out company by a production company.

(5) 'Recorded musical performance' means a recording of a music composition affixed in a tangible medium, which includes but is not limited to the score and musical accompaniment of a motion picture, film, television, game, or interactive entertainment production.

(6) 'Resident' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (10) of Code Section 48-7-1.

(7) 'Spending threshold' means:

(A) For a musical or theatrical performance, \$500,000.00 during a taxable year; and

(B) For a recorded musical performance which is incorporated into or synchronized with a movie, television, or interactive entertainment production, \$250,000.00 during a taxable year, and for any other recorded musical performance, \$100,000.00 during a taxable year.

(8) 'State certified production' means a musical or theatrical performance or recorded musical performance that is approved by the Department of Economic Development in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Code section.

(9) 'Total aggregate payroll' means the total sum expended by a production company on salaries paid to employees working within this state in a state certified production or productions. For purposes of this paragraph:

(A) With respect to a single employee, the portion of any salary which exceeds \$500,000.00 for a single production shall not be included when calculating total aggregate payroll; and

(B) All payments to a single employee and any legal entity in which the employee has any direct or indirect ownership interest shall be considered as having been paid to the employee and shall be aggregated regardless of the means of payment or distribution.

(c) A production company that invests in a state certified production shall be allowed an income tax credit against the tax imposed under this article equal to 15 percent of such production company's qualified production expenditures if such production company's qualified production expenditures equal or exceed the spending threshold.

(d) The tax credits allowed under this Code section for all production companies shall be subject to the following aggregate annual caps:

(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before January 1, 2019, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed \$5 million;

(2) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed \$10 million;

(3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1,

2023, the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not exceed \$15 million per year; and

(4) The tax credits allowed under this Code section shall not be available for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

(e)(1) The maximum allowable tax credit under this Code section claimed by a single production company and its affiliates shall not exceed, in any single taxable year, 20 percent of the aggregate amount of tax credits available for such taxable year under subsection (d) of this Code section, including the amount of any aggregate annual caps rolled over from prior years.

(2) Production companies seeking to claim a tax credit under this Code section shall submit an application to the department for preapproval of such tax credit. The department shall preapprove the tax credits based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the department shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants.

(f)(1) Where the amount of such credit or credits exceeds the production company's liability for such taxes in a taxable year, the excess may be taken as a credit against such production company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103. Each employee whose employer receives credit against such production company's quarterly or monthly payment under Code Section 48-7-103 shall receive credit against his or her income tax liability under Code Section 48-7-20 for the corresponding taxable year for the full amount which would be credited against such liability prior to the application of the credit provided for in this subsection. Credits against quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103 and credits against liability under Code Section 48-7-20 established by this subsection shall not constitute income to the production company.

(2) If a production company claims the credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.17, or 48-7-40.18, then the production company will only be allowed to claim the credit authorized under this Code section to the extent that the Georgia resident employees included in the credit calculation authorized under this Code section and taken by the production company on such tax return under this Code section have been permanently excluded from the credit authorized under Code Section 48-7-40, 48-7-40.1, 48-7-40.17, or 48-7-40.18.

(g) The credit granted under this Code section shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The credit may be taken beginning with the taxable year in which the production company has met the investment requirement. For each year in which such production company claims the credit, the production company shall attach a schedule to the production company's Georgia income tax return which will set forth the following information, as a minimum:

(A) A description of the qualified production expenditures showing categorized spending that meets or exceeds the spending threshold, along with the certification

from the Department of Economic Development;

(B) A detailed listing of employees' names, social security numbers, and Georgia wages when salaries are included in the base investment;

(C) The amount of tax credit claimed for the taxable year;

(D) Any tax credit previously taken by the production company against Georgia income tax liabilities or the production company's quarterly or monthly payments under Code Section 48-7-103;

(E) The amount of tax credit carried over from prior years;

(F) The amount of tax credit utilized by the production company in the current taxable year; and

(G) The amount of tax credit to be carried over to subsequent tax years;

(2) In no event shall the amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the production company's income tax liability. Any unused credit amount shall be allowed to be carried forward for five years from the close of the taxable year in which the investment occurred. No such credit shall be allowed the production company against prior years' tax liability.

(3) Tax credits claimed under this Code section shall not be refundable, transferable, or saleable.

(h) Any production company claiming the tax credit provided for by this Code section shall be required to reimburse the department for any department initiated audits relating to the tax credit. This subsection shall not apply to routine tax audits of a taxpayer which may include a review of the credit provided in this Code section.

(i) The Department of Economic Development shall determine through the promulgation of rules and regulations which projects qualify for the tax credits authorized under this Code section. Certification shall be submitted to the state revenue commissioner.

(j) The state revenue commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement and administer this Code section."

## **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018, and shall stand repealed on January 1, 2023.

## **SECTION 3.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
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Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 7.

HB 155, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 406. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Clark of the 147th, Lumsden of the 12th and Collins of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-126 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to having or carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapons, license requirement, exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions, so as to revise the requirements for the reciprocity of recognizing and giving effect to licenses to carry from other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 3.

HB 406, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 292. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, Code Section 35-3-34, and Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and general provisions regarding torts, respectively, so as to provide for, revise, and clarify laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.



The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 292:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, and Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deceptive or unfair practices, carrying and possession of firearms, and general provisions regarding torts, respectively, so as to prohibit the discriminatory refusal to provide credit or financial services to those persons engaged in the lawful commerce of firearms or ammunition products; to provide for a short title; to provide definitions; to provide for civil causes of action; to provide for action by the Attorney General; to revise the definition of knife; to revise the requirements for the reciprocity of recognizing and giving effect to licenses to carry from other states; to require the Attorney General to maintain a certain public list; to provide for, revise, and clarify laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; to permit certain new residents to carry a weapon in this state for a limited time without a weapons carry license; to revise provisions relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school; to allow the judge of the probate court to provide for printed information on gun safety; to provide for the maintenance of gun safety information on the website of the Department of Natural Resources; to revise and clarify the determinations to be made and the procedures to be followed by law enforcement agencies and the judge of the probate court in the issuance of a weapons carry license; to provide for replacement weapons carry licenses for persons who have a legal name change or address change; to clarify that certain active and retired law enforcement officers shall be authorized to carry a handgun on or off duty anywhere within this state; to clarify the meaning of commercial service airport relative to the carrying of a weapon or long gun; to provide for civil immunity of firearm instructors; to provide for definitions; to provide for findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) The ownership of firearms is a clear and explicit right protected by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of this state;
- (2) Access to financial services provides for the functioning of a firearms industry and, thus, the constitutionally protected right of firearm ownership; and
- (3) The provisions of this Act are intended to implement the constitutional protections provided for under the law.

**SECTION 2.**

Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deceptive or unfair practices, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 7

10-1-439.

This part shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act.'

10-1-439.1.

As used in this part, the term:

(1) 'Financial services' means any service or product offered to the consumer or business market by a bank, trust company, building and loan association, credit union as defined by Code Section 7-1-4, any merchant acquirer limited purpose bank as defined in paragraph (7) of Code Section 7-9-2, or a federally chartered banking institution that accepts state deposits.

(2) 'Person' means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, limited liability companies, corporations, unincorporated organizations, mutual companies, joint stock companies, trusts, agents, legal representatives, trustees, trustees in bankruptcy, receivers, labor organizations, public bodies, and public corporations and the State of Georgia and all political subdivisions and agencies thereof. Such term shall include federally chartered banking institutions that accept state deposits.

(3) 'Trade association' means any corporation, unincorporated association, federation, business league, or professional or business organization not organized or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; that is an organization described in Section 501(c)(6) of Title 26 of the United States Code and exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of such title; and two or more members of which are manufacturers or sellers of a qualified product as defined by Section 7903(4) of Title 15 of the United States Code.

10-1-439.2.

Unless otherwise precluded by law, regulation, or membership eligibility, it shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any person to refuse to provide financial services of any kind to, to refrain from continuing to provide existing financial services to, to terminate existing financial services with, or to otherwise discriminate in the provision of financial services against a person or trade association solely because such person or trade association is engaged in the lawful commerce of firearms or ammunition products and is licensed pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 18 of the United States Code or is a trade association.

10-1-439.3.

Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that any person is engaging, has engaged, or is about to engage in any act or practice declared unlawful by this part, the Attorney General shall, upon written request or by his or her own initiative, investigate

and, upon finding a probable violation of this part, bring an action in the name of the state against such person to:

- (1) Obtain a declaratory judgment that the act or practice violates the provisions of this part;
- (2) Enjoin any act or practice that violates the provisions of this part by issuance of a temporary restraining order or preliminary or permanent injunction, without bond, upon the giving of appropriate notice; and
- (3) Recover civil penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per violation of this part or any injunction, judgment, or consent order issued or entered into under the provisions of this chapter and reasonable expenses, investigative costs, and attorney's fees.

10-1-439.4.

The provisions of this part shall not apply to any bank, trust company, credit union, or merchant acquirer limited purpose bank that is chartered under the laws of this state or any other state to the extent that federal law precludes or preempts or has been determined to preclude or preempt the application of the provisions of this part to any federally chartered bank, trust company, credit union, or merchant acquirer limited purpose bank."

### **SECTION 3.**

Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-11-125.1, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Knife' means a cutting instrument designed for the purpose of offense and defense consisting of a blade that is greater than ~~five~~ 12 inches in length which is fastened to a handle."

### **SECTION 4.**

Said part is further amended by revising subsections (e) and (f) of Code Section 16-11-126, relating to having or carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapons, license requirement, exceptions for homes, motor vehicles, private property, and other locations and conditions, as follows:

"(e)(1)(A) Any person licensed to carry a ~~handgun~~ or weapon in any other state whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state, but only while the licensee is not a resident of this state; provided, however, that ~~such licensee;~~

(i) Such licensee licensed to carry a weapon in any other state shall carry the weapon in compliance with the laws of this state; and

(ii) No other state shall be required to recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part that is held by a person who is younger than 21 years of age.

(B) The Attorney General shall create and maintain on the Department of Law's website a list of states whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part.

(2) Any person who is not a weapons carry license holder in this state and who is licensed to carry a weapon in any other state whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part shall be authorized to carry a weapon in this state for 90 days after he or she becomes a resident of this state; provided, however, that such person shall carry the weapon in compliance with the laws of this state, shall as soon as practicable submit a weapons carry license application as provided for under Code Section 16-11-129, and shall remain licensed in such other state for the duration of time that he or she is a resident of this state but not a weapons carry license holder in this state.

(f)(1) Any person with a valid hunting or fishing license on his or her person, or any person not required by law to have a hunting or fishing license, who is engaged in legal hunting, fishing, or sport shooting when the person has the permission of the owner of the land on which the activities are being conducted may have or carry on his or her person a ~~handgun~~ weapon or long gun without a valid weapons carry license while hunting, fishing, or engaging in sport shooting.

(2) Any person with a valid hunting or fishing license on his or her person, or any person not required by law to have a hunting or fishing license, who is otherwise engaged in legal hunting, fishing, or sport shooting on recreational or wildlife management areas owned by this state may have or carry on his or her person a knife without a valid weapons carry license while engaging in such hunting, fishing, or sport shooting."

#### SECTION 5.

Said part is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school, as follows:

"(5) The following persons, when acting in the performance of their official duties or when en route to or from their official duties:

(A) A peace officer as defined by Code Section 35-8-2;

(B) A law enforcement officer of the United States government;

(C) A prosecuting attorney of this state or of the United States;

(D) An employee of the Department of Corrections or a correctional facility operated by a political subdivision of this state or the United States who is authorized by the head of such department or correctional agency or facility to carry a firearm;

(E) An employee of the Department of Community Supervision who is authorized by the commissioner of community supervision to carry a firearm;

(F) A person employed as a campus police officer or school security officer who is authorized to carry a weapon in accordance with Chapter 8 of Title 20; and

(G) Medical examiners, coroners, and their investigators who are employed by the state or any political subdivision thereof;

provided, however, that this Code section shall not apply to any extent to persons who are provided for under Code Section 16-11-130;"

**SECTION 6.**

Said part is further amended by adding a new subsection to, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (d) and paragraph (2) of subsection (e), and by adding a new paragraph to subsection (e) of Code Section 16-11-129, relating to weapons carry license, temporary renewal permit, mandamus, and verification of license, to read as follows:

**"(a.1) Gun safety information.**

(1) Upon receipt of an application for a weapons carry license or renewal license, the judge of the probate court may provide applicants printed information on gun safety that is produced by any person or organization that, in the discretion of the judge of the probate court, offers practical advice for gun safety. The source of such printed information shall be prominently displayed on such printed information.

(2) The Department of Natural Resources shall maintain on its principal, public website information, or a hyperlink to information, which provides resources for information on hunter education and classes and courses in this state that render instruction in gun safety. No person shall be required to take such classes or courses for purposes of this Code section where such information shall be provided solely for the convenience of the citizens of this state.

(3) Neither the judge of the probate court nor the Department of Natural Resources shall be liable to any person for personal injuries or damage to property arising from conformance to this subsection."

"(4) The law enforcement agency shall report to the judge of the probate court within 30 20 days, by telephone and in writing, of any findings relating to the applicant which may bear on his or her eligibility for a weapons carry license or renewal license under the terms of this Code section. When no derogatory information is found on the applicant bearing on his or her eligibility to obtain a license or renewal license, a report shall not be required. The law enforcement agency shall return the application directly to the judge of the probate court within such time period. Not later than ten days after the judge of the probate court receives the report from the law enforcement agency concerning the suitability of the applicant for a license, the judge of the probate court shall issue such applicant a license or renewal license to carry any weapon unless facts establishing ineligibility have been reported or unless the judge determines such applicant has not met all the qualifications, is not of good moral character, or has failed to comply with any of the requirements contained in this Code section. The judge of the probate court shall date stamp the report from the law enforcement agency to show the date on which the report was received by the judge of the probate court. The judge of the probate court shall not suspend the processing of the application or extend, delay, or avoid any time requirements provided for under this paragraph."

"(2) If a person is convicted of any crime or ~~involved in any matter~~ otherwise adjudicated in a matter which would make the maintenance of a weapons carry license by such person unlawful pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the judge of the superior court or state court hearing such case or presiding over such matter shall inquire whether such person is the holder of a weapons carry license. If

such person is the holder of a weapons carry license, then the judge of the superior court or state court shall inquire of such person the county of the probate court which issued such weapons carry license, or if such person has ever had his or her weapons carry license renewed, then of the county of the probate court which most recently issued such person a renewal license. The judge of the superior court or state court shall notify the judge of the probate court of such county of the matter which makes the maintenance of a weapons carry license by such person to be unlawful pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section. The Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and The Council of State Court Judges of Georgia shall provide by rule for the procedures which judges of the superior court and the judges of the state courts, respectively, are to follow for the purposes of this paragraph."

"(4) Any person, upon petition to the judge of the probate court, who has a weapons carry license or renewal license with more than 90 days remaining before the expiration of such weapons carry license or renewal license and who has had a legal name change, including, but not limited to, on account of marriage or divorce, or an address change shall be issued a replacement weapons carry license for the same time period of the weapons carry license or renewal license being replaced. Upon issuance and receipt of such replacement weapons carry license, the license holder shall surrender the weapons carry license being replaced to the judge of the probate court and such judge shall take custody of and destroy the weapons carry license being replaced. The judge of the probate court shall provide for the updating of any records as necessary to account for the license holder's change of name or address. The judge of the probate court shall charge the fee specified in paragraph (13) of subsection (k) of Code Section 15-9-60 for services provided under this paragraph."

#### SECTION 7.

Said part is further amended in Code Section 16-11-130, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, by revising the introductory language of subsection (a), by revising subsections (b) and (c), and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) Except to the extent provided for in subsection (c.1) of this Code section, Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2 shall not apply to or affect any of the following persons if such persons are employed in the offices listed below or when authorized by federal or state law, regulations, or order:"

"(b) Except to the extent provided for in subsection (c.1) of this Code section, Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2 shall not apply to or affect persons who at the time of their retirement from service with the Department of Community Supervision were community supervision officers, when specifically designated and authorized in writing by the commissioner of community supervision.

(c)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'courthouse' means a building or annex occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held.

(2) Except to the extent provided for in subsection (c.1) of this Code section, Code

Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2 shall not apply to or affect any:

~~(1)~~(A) Sheriff, retired sheriff, deputy sheriff, or retired deputy sheriff if such retired sheriff or deputy sheriff is eligible to receive or is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided under Chapter 17 of Title 47, the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia provided under Chapter 16 of Title 47, or any other public retirement system established under the laws of this state for service as a law enforcement officer;

~~(2)~~(B) Member of the Georgia State Patrol, ~~or~~ agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, ~~or~~ retired member of the Georgia State Patrol, or retired agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation if such retired member or agent is receiving benefits under the Employees' Retirement System;

~~(3)~~(C) Full-time law enforcement chief executive engaging in the management of a county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university law enforcement chief executive ~~that~~ who is registered or certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; or retired law enforcement chief executive ~~that~~ who formerly managed a county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university law enforcement chief executive ~~that~~ who was registered or certified at the time of his or her retirement by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, if such retired law enforcement chief executive is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or is retired in good standing and receiving benefits from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state authority, or federal retirement system; ~~or~~

~~(4)~~(D) Police officer of any county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university police officer ~~that~~ who is registered or certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, or retired police officer of any county, municipal, state, state authority, or federal law enforcement agency in the State of Georgia, including any college or university police officer ~~that~~ who was registered or certified at the time of his or her retirement by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, if such retired ~~employee~~ police officer is receiving benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund provided under Chapter 17 of Title 47 or is retired in good standing and receiving benefits from a county, municipal, State of Georgia, state authority, or federal retirement system; or

(E) Person who is a citizen of this state and:

(i) Has retired with at least ten years of aggregate service as a law enforcement officer with powers of arrest under the laws of any state of the United States or of the United States;

(ii) Separated from service in good standing, as determined by criteria established by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, from employment with his or her most recent law enforcement agency; and

(iii) Possesses on his or her person an identification card for retired law

enforcement officers as issued by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; provided, however, that such person meets the standards for the issuance of such card as provided for by the council, including, but not limited to, maintenance of qualification in firearms training.

In addition, any such sheriff, retired sheriff, deputy sheriff, retired deputy sheriff, member or retired member of the Georgia State Patrol, agent or retired agent of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, officer or retired officer of the Department of Natural Resources, active or retired law enforcement chief executive, person who is a retired law enforcement officer as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, or other law enforcement officer referred to in this subsection shall be authorized to carry a handgun on or off duty anywhere within ~~the state~~ this state, including, but not limited to, in a courthouse except to the extent provided for in subsection (c.1) of this Code section, and ~~the provisions of~~ Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2 shall not apply to the carrying of such firearms.

(c.1)(1) As used in the subsection, the term:

(A) 'Active' means nonretired.

(B) 'Courthouse' means a building or annex occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held.

(C) 'Law enforcement agency' means sheriffs or any unit, organ, or department of this state, or a subdivision or municipality thereof, whose functions by law include the enforcement of criminal or traffic laws; the preservation of public order; the protection of life and property; the prevention, detection, or investigation of crime; or court security that is providing security for a courthouse.

(D) 'Law enforcement personnel' means sheriffs or deputy sheriffs or peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency.

(2)(A) Pursuant to a security plan implemented by law enforcement personnel, including as provided for under a comprehensive plan as provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-16-10, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over a courthouse may provide for facilities or the means for the holding of weapons carried by persons enumerated under this Code section, except as provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, provided that ingress to such courthouse is actively restricted or screened by law enforcement personnel and such facilities or means are located in the immediate proximity of the area which is restricted or screened by such law enforcement personnel.

(B) If the requirements of this paragraph are met, the persons enumerated under this Code section shall, except as provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, upon request of law enforcement personnel place his or her weapons in such holding with law enforcement personnel while such persons are within the restricted or screened area. Upon request of any person enumerated under this Code section, in preparation for his or her exit from the restricted or screened area, law enforcement personnel shall immediately provide for the return of the person's weapons which are in holding.

(3) Notwithstanding a security plan implemented by law enforcement personnel,



including as provided for under a comprehensive plan as provided for in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-16-10, active law enforcement officers referred to in subsection (c) of this Code section shall be authorized to carry their service handguns and weapons in any courthouse if they are wearing the assigned uniform of their law enforcement office or have the official badge and identification credentials issued to them by their law enforcement office displayed and plainly visible on their person while in the performance of their official duties."

#### **SECTION 8.**

Said part is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 16-11-130.2, relating to carrying a weapon or long gun at a commercial service airport, to read as follows:

"(a.1) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Commercial service airport' means an airport that receives scheduled passenger aircraft service from any major airline carrier.

(2) 'Major airline carrier' means an airline that has more than \$1 billion in annual operating revenue during a fiscal year."

#### **SECTION 9.**

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-1-55.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Dangerous weapon' shall have the same meaning as provided for under Code Section 16-11-121.

(2) 'Firearm' means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge and which is not a dangerous weapon.

(b) Any instructor who lawfully instructs, educates, or trains a person in the safe, proper, or technical use of a firearm shall be immune from civil liability for any injuries caused by the failure of such person to use such firearm properly or lawfully."

#### **SECTION 10.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

#### **SECTION 11.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 37, nays 16.

HB 292, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 292. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Ben Watson  
District 1

At 1:20 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.

At 2:25 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent to suspend the Senate Rules to first read legislation and assign to committee. The consent was granted.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 619. By Representative Carter of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Pavo; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority, its qualifications, terms, and related matters; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

HB 621. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hanson of the 80th and Holcomb of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Chamblee to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 14. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Sims of the 12th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to impositon, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 88. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Harbison of the 15th, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to

provide for regulation of narcotic treatment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 141. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carnival ride safety, so as to require the owner of a carnival ride to submit an engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 180. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 204. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Kyle Gilbert and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 221. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Willard of the 51st, England of the 116th, Cooper of the 43rd, Morris of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to agency, so as to update and conform provisions relating to powers of attorney to a uniform Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 338. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Coleman of the 97th, Jones of the 47th, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools identified as in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for an Education Turnaround Advisory Council; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; to revise provisions relating to contracts for strategic waivers school systems; to revise provisions relating to charters for charter systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 250. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd, Kirk of the 13th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, so as to require registration on the State Sexual Offender Registry when an individual is convicted in another country; to provide that the sentencing superior court judge shall make the risk assessment classification as part of sentencing for sexual offenders convicted in this state; to provide for recommendations by the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to such sentencing judge; to provide for appeals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax

on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Heath of the 31st.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 280:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school, by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (18), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of paragraph (19), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(20)(A) Any weapons carry license holder when he or she is in any building or on

real property owned by or leased to any public technical school, vocational school, college, or university, or other public institution of postsecondary education; provided, however, that such exception shall:

(i) Not apply to buildings or property used for athletic sporting events or student housing, including, but not limited to, fraternity and sorority houses;

(ii) Not apply to preschool space if at each entrance to the preschool space it is advertised that such preschool space is designated for operations licensed or regulated under Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20; provided, however, that this division shall not apply if such public institution of postsecondary education has more than three buildings on the campus housing preschool space;

(iii) Not apply to any specialized school for high school students as described in paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of Code Section 20-4-37;

(iv) Only apply to the carrying of handguns which a licensee is licensed to carry pursuant to subsection (h) of Code Section 16-11-126 and pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; and

(v) Only apply to the carrying of handguns which are concealed.

(B) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Concealed' means carried in such a fashion that does not actively solicit the attention of others and prominently, openly, and intentionally displayed only for purposes of defense of self or others. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, carrying on one's person while such handgun is substantially, but not necessarily completely, covered by an article of clothing which is worn by such person, carrying within a bag of a nondescript nature which is being carried about by such person, or carrying in any other fashion as to not be clearly discernible by the passive observation of others.

(i) 'Preschool space' means a room or a continuous collection of rooms in a building which are separated from other areas of the building by an electronic mechanism or human-staffed point of controlled access and designated for operations licensed or regulated under Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20."

## **SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

N Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	N Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 32, nays 22.

HB 280, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 28

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 280. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Jeff Mullis  
District 53

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 341. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Coomer of the 14th, Golick of the 40th, Kelley of the 16th, Strickland of the 111th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 and Code Section 17-10-6.2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses and punishment for sexual



offenders, respectively, so as to provide for mandatory terms of imprisonment for trafficking of individuals for sexual servitude; to change provisions relating to the model notice for the human trafficking hotline; to change provisions relating to punishment for other sexual offenses; to clarify provisions relating to the probation portion of a split sentence imposed for certain sexual offenses; to amend Code Section 42-1-12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, so as to provide a conforming cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes, as amended by the House, to the following Bills of the House:

HB 88. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Powell of the 171st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and Evans of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, so as to revise the qualifications for superior court judges; to provide for the vacation of such office under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 202. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th and Hatchett of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to change provisions relating to the salary for the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 249. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Newton of the 123rd, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances and death investigations, respectively, so as to collect more information regarding the dispensing and use of certain controlled substances; to change the frequency of reporting certain prescriptions in the electronic data base of prescription information; to clarify provisions relating to confidentiality; to change provisions relating to liability and duties; to change provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to provide for a coroner's inquest when an individual dies of a suspected drug overdose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Dugan of the 30th

Martin of the 9th

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 126. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Meadows of the 5th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kelley of the 16th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for courts, so as to change provisions relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; to expand the membership of the commission and provide for panels; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of members, filling of vacancies, and confirmation; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules; to provide for confidentiality and exceptions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 126:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for courts, so as to change provisions relating to the Judicial

Qualifications Commission; to expand the membership of the commission and provide for panels; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of members, filling of vacancies, and confirmation; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules; to provide for confidentiality and exceptions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Judicial Qualifications Commission Improvement Act of 2017."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-1-21, relating to the creation of the Judicial Qualifications Commission, powers, composition, appointment, term, removal of members, procedures, and confidentiality, as follows:

"15-1-21.

(a) Pursuant to Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph VI of Section VII of Article VI of the Constitution, there is hereby created the Judicial Qualifications Commission, which shall have the power to discipline, remove, and cause involuntary retirement of judges in accordance with such Paragraph. As used in this Code section, the term 'commission' means the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

(b) The ~~Judicial Qualifications Commission~~ commission shall consist of ~~seven~~ ten members who shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(c) From January 1, 2017, until June 30, 2017, the members of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) Two judges of any court of record, appointed by the Supreme Court;

(2) One member of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of at least ten nominees from the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia; provided, however, that if a nominee is not selected from such list, the board of governors shall submit another slate of ten nominees;

(3) One member of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of at least ten nominees from the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia; provided, however, that if a nominee is not selected from such list, the board of governors shall submit another slate of ten nominees;

(4) One citizen member, who shall be a registered voter of this state but shall not be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(5) One citizen member, who shall be a registered voter of this state but shall not be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(6) One member of the State Bar of Georgia, who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the Governor to serve as chairperson of the commission.

~~(d) From July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2020, the members of the commission shall be as follows:~~

~~(1) Two judges of any court of record, appointed by the Supreme Court;~~

~~(2) One member of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of at least ten nominees from the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia; provided, however, that if a nominee is not selected from such list, the board of governors shall submit another slate of ten nominees;~~

~~(3) One member of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of at least ten nominees from the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia; provided, however, that if a nominee is not selected from such list, the board of governors shall submit another slate of ten nominees;~~

~~(4) One citizen member, who shall be a registered voter of this state but shall not be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;~~

~~(5) One citizen member, who shall be a registered voter of this state but shall not be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, appointed by the President of the Senate; and~~

~~(6) One member of the State Bar of Georgia, who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the Governor to serve as chairperson of the commission.~~

~~(e) On and after January 1, 2021, the members of the commission shall serve for a term of three years and until their successors are appointed and shall be as follows:~~

~~(1) Two judges of any court of record, appointed by the Supreme Court;~~

~~(2) One member of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the President of the Senate from a list of at least ten nominees from the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia; provided, however, that if a nominee is not selected from such list, the board of governors shall submit another slate of ten nominees;~~

~~(3) One member of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of at least ten nominees from the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia;~~

~~provided, however, that if a nominee is not selected from such list, the board of governors shall submit another slate of ten nominees;~~

~~(4) One citizen member, who shall be a registered voter of this state but shall not be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;~~

~~(5) One citizen member, who shall be a registered voter of this state but shall not be a member of the State Bar of Georgia, appointed by the President of the Senate; and~~

~~(6) One member of the State Bar of Georgia, who shall have been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and shall be a registered voter of this state, appointed by the Governor to serve as chairperson of the commission.~~

(d) Effective July 1, 2017, the commission shall be reconstituted. The members serving on the commission immediately prior to July 1, 2017, shall cease to serve on that date, but such prior members shall be eligible for reappointment to succeed themselves or to fill another position on the commission as further set forth in subsection (f) of this Code section. The powers, functions, and duties of the former commission with regard to the investigation, discipline, removal, and involuntary retirement of judges are transferred to the commission created effective July 1, 2017; provided, however, that the formal advisory opinions, pending and former complaints and disciplinary actions, records, orders, contracts, agreements with judges, and rules of the former commission shall be retained by the commission created effective July 1, 2017. Appropriations to the former commission for functions transferred to the commission created effective July 1, 2017, shall be transferred to the commission created effective July 1, 2017, as provided for in Code Section 45-12-90. Personnel previously employed by the former commission and the equipment and facilities of the former commission for functions transferred to the commission created effective July 1, 2017, shall likewise be transferred to the commission created effective July 1, 2017.

(e)(1) Effective July 1, 2017, the commission shall be divided into a seven-member investigative panel and a three-member hearing panel.

(2) The investigative panel shall be responsible for:

(A) The investigative, prosecutorial, and administrative functions of the commission; (B) Promulgating rules of the commission as set forth in subsection (j) of this Code section;

(C) The selection of an individual to serve as the director of the commission who shall be an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia and who shall not engage in the practice of law, other than to represent the commission, or serve in a judicial capacity; and

(D) Authorization of employment of such additional staff as the commission deems necessary to carry out the powers assigned to the commission.

(3) The hearing panel shall be responsible for:

(A) Adjudicating formal charges filed by the investigative panel;

(B) Making recommendations to the Supreme Court as to disciplinary and incapacity orders; and

(C) Issuing formal advisory opinions on its own initiative or on the recommendation of the investigative panel, subject to review by the Supreme Court, regarding the Georgia Code of Judicial Conduct.

(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Attorney' means a lawyer who has been an active status member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least ten years and is a registered voter in this state.

(B) 'Citizen' means an individual who is neither an attorney nor a judge and who is a registered voter in this state.

(C) 'Judge' means an elected or appointed public official who presides over a court of record.

(2) The State Bar of Georgia may recommend to the respective appointing authorities a list of the names of individuals for consideration to serve as attorney commission members.

(3)(A) The seven members of the commission's investigative panel shall be appointed as follows:

(i) One attorney member shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve a term of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointment shall be for two years, and thereafter, successors to such member shall serve terms of four years;

(ii) Two judge members shall be appointed by the Supreme Court and each shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointments shall be for two and four years, respectively, as designated by the Supreme Court for each appointment, and thereafter, successors to such members shall serve terms of four years;

(iii) Two members, consisting of one attorney and one citizen, shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and each shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointment of the attorney member shall be for four years and the initial appointment of the citizen member shall be for one year, and thereafter, successors to such members shall serve terms of four years; and

(iv) Two members, consisting of one attorney and one citizen, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointment of the attorney member shall be for three years and the initial appointment of the citizen member shall be for two years, and thereafter, successors to such members shall serve terms of four years.

(B) The investigative panel members shall annually elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for such panel.

(4)(A) The three members of the commission's hearing panel shall be appointed as follows:

(i) One citizen member shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years and his or her successors shall serve terms of four years; and

(ii) One judge member and one attorney member shall be appointed by the Supreme Court and each shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointment of the judge member shall be for three years and the initial

appointment of the attorney member shall be for one year, and thereafter, successors to such members shall serve terms of four years.

(B) The judge member shall serve as the presiding officer of such panel.

(5) All members' initial terms shall begin on July 1, 2017, and their successors' terms shall begin on July 1 following their appointment.

(6) A commission member shall be eligible to serve so long as he or she retains his or her status as an attorney, citizen, or judge, but a vacancy shall be created by operation of law when he or she no longer has the designation for which he or she was appointed. Any vacancy for a member shall be filled by the appointing authority, and such appointee shall serve the balance of the vacating member's unexpired term; provided, however, that if the appointing authority fails to fill a vacancy within 60 days of being notified of such vacancy by the commission, the Governor shall appoint a replacement member from the same category of member. Any member of the commission may serve two full terms. Any member appointed pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, for an initial term as provided by this subsection, or to fill a vacancy may serve an additional two full terms.

(f)(g)(1) The names of the appointees ~~Any list of nominees~~ required by this Code section shall be submitted by the appointing authorities to the Senate no later than the third Monday in January. Any member appointed to the commission shall serve until the Senate confirms such ~~nominee~~ appointee, and if an individual's name is not submitted by such deadline, he or she shall not be eligible for ~~appointment~~ confirmation.

(2) If an appointee is not confirmed by the Senate, the appointing authority shall promptly submit another appointee's name, notwithstanding the deadline expressed in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) If the Senate is not in session at the time an appointee's term begins or a vacancy is created, an appointee for such term or to fill such vacancy shall be effective until his or her name can be submitted to the Senate and his or her appointment can be confirmed at the next regular session.

(h) Members and staff of the hearing panel shall not engage in any ex parte communications regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a judge, including with members and staff of the investigative panel.

(i)(1) Each member of the commission shall be entitled to vote on any matter coming before his or her respective panel unless otherwise provided by rules adopted by the commission concerning recusal. The chairperson of the investigative panel and the presiding officer of the hearing panel shall retain a vote on all matters except those in which such chairperson or presiding officer has been recused. No commission member present at a panel meeting shall abstain from voting unless he or she is recused. The rules of the commission shall establish grounds for recusal and the process for allowing a temporary replacement of a commission member in such circumstance.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'for cause' shall include indictment for or conviction of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude; misconduct,

malpractice, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, or incapacity; failure to attend three or more panel meetings or hearings in a one-year period without good and sufficient reason; or abstaining from voting, unless recused.

(B) Removal of a panel member for cause shall be by a unanimous vote of all of the appointing authorities for the members of that particular panel.

(3) A quorum of the investigative panel shall require at least four members to be present and shall consist of at least one judge, one attorney, and one citizen. A quorum of the hearing panel shall require all members to be present. A decision by a panel shall be by majority vote of the members present except for minor procedural or administrative matters assigned to the director, chairperson, or presiding officer, as applicable, for a decision as provided by the rules of the commission.

(4)(A) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall receive the same daily expense allowance as members of the General Assembly receive, as set forth in Code Section 28-1-8, for each day such member is in physical attendance at a panel meeting or hearing, plus either reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by public transportation or the same mileage allowance for use of a personal motor vehicle in connection with such attendance as members of the General Assembly receive.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, no member shall receive such expense allowance or travel reimbursement if he or she is entitled to receive an expense allowance, travel reimbursement, or salary for performance of duties as a state employee.

(C) Expense allowances and travel reimbursement shall be paid from moneys appropriated or otherwise available to the commission.

~~(g)(j) The investigative panel shall promulgate rules for the commission's The Judicial Qualifications Commission may adopt procedures for its own governance which comport with due process and are not otherwise provided by the Georgia Constitution or this Code section; provided, however, that such procedures shall not allow an individual member to initiate an investigation without presenting such proposal to the other members of the commission at a commission meeting rules shall be effective only upon review and adoption by the Supreme Court. Such rules shall allow for a full investigation of a judge only upon the approval of the investigative panel, not upon the request of an individual panel member or the director. When a commission member receives information relating to the conduct of a judge, such member shall provide such information to the commission's director for appropriate action.~~

~~(h) Members of the commission shall be subject to removal from the commission by an affirmative vote of six members of the commission, with the member who is subject to removal being disqualified from any such vote.~~

~~(i) No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as a member of the commission; provided, however, that any person appointed pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section may serve for three consecutive terms as a member of the commission.~~

~~(j) Notwithstanding Chapter 14 of Title 50, unless otherwise waived by the judge~~



~~involved, all papers filed with and proceedings before the commission, including any investigation that the commission may undertake, shall be confidential, and no person shall disclose information obtained from commission proceedings or papers filed with or by the commission, except as provided in this Code section. Such papers shall not be subject to disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.~~

(k)(1) All information regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a judge shall be kept confidential by the investigative panel and commission staff before formal charges are filed; provided, however, that if prior to filing formal charges such judge and investigative panel agree to a satisfactory disposition of a disciplinary matter other than by a private admonition or deferred discipline agreement, a report of such disposition shall be publicly filed in the Supreme Court.

(2) After the filing and service of formal charges:

(A) With respect to an incapacity matter of a judge, all pleadings, information, hearings, and proceedings shall remain confidential; and

(B) With respect to a disciplinary matter of a judge, all pleadings and information shall be subject to disclosure to the public and all hearings and proceedings shall be open and available to the public except to the extent that such pleadings and information or hearings and proceedings could be properly sealed or closed by a court as provided by law.

(3) With respect to administrative and other matters, all records and information shall be subject to disclosure to the public and all meetings, or portions thereof, shall be open and available to the public except to the extent such records, information, and meetings would:

(A) Disclose disciplinary matters of a judge protected in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(B) Disclose incapacity matters of a judge protected in paragraph (1) or subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(C) Be considered a matter subject to executive session, if the commission were considered to be an agency under Chapter 14 of Title 50; or

(D) Not be required under Code Section 50-18-72, if the commission were considered to be an agency.

(4) The work product of the commission and its staff and the deliberations of the commission shall remain confidential.

(l) Notwithstanding subsection (k) of this Code section, information regarding a disciplinary or incapacity matter of a judge may be disclosed or the confidentiality of such information may be removed, when:

(1) The privilege of confidentiality has been waived by the individual who was the subject of the commission's investigation; or

(2) The commission's rules provide for disclosure:

(A) In the interest of justice and to protect the public;

(B) When an emergency situation exists; or

(C) When a judge is under consideration for another state or federal position.

~~(k)(m)~~ Information submitted to the commission or its staff, and testimony given in

any proceeding before the commission or one of its panels, shall be absolutely privileged, and no civil action predicated upon such information or testimony shall be instituted against any complainant, witness, or his or her counsel.

~~(l) If, after an investigation is completed, the commission concludes that a letter of caution is appropriate, it shall issue a letter of caution to the judge in lieu of any further proceeding in the matter. The issuance of a letter of caution shall be confidential in accordance with subsection (j) of this Code section.~~

~~(m) If, after an investigation is completed, the commission concludes that disciplinary proceedings should be instituted, the notice and statement of charges filed by the commission, along with the answer and all other pleadings, shall remain confidential in accordance with subsection (j) of this Code section. Disciplinary hearings ordered by the commission shall be confidential, and recommendations of the commission to the Supreme Court, along with the record filed in support of such recommendations, shall be confidential in accordance with subsection (j) of this Code section. Testimony and other evidence presented to the commission shall be privileged in any action for defamation. At least four members of the commission shall concur in any recommendation to issue a public reprimand against or to censure, suspend, retire, or remove any judge.~~

(n) A respondent who is recommended for public reprimand, censure, limitation on the performance of judicial duties, suspension, retirement, or removal shall be entitled to a copy of the proposed record to be filed with the Supreme Court, and if the respondent has objections to it, to have the record settled by the hearing panel's presiding officer. The hearing panel's recommendation as to an order in a disciplinary or incapacity matter shall be reviewed by the Supreme Court in accordance with its rules and the rules of the commission. ~~commission's chairperson. The respondent shall also be entitled to present a brief and to argue the respondent's case, in person and through counsel, to the Supreme Court. A majority of the members of the Supreme Court voting shall concur in any order of public reprimand, censure, suspension, retirement, or removal. The Supreme Court may approve the recommendation, remand for further proceedings, or reject the recommendation. A member of the commission who is a judge shall be disqualified from acting in any case in which he or she is a respondent.~~

~~(n) Upon issuance of a public reprimand, censure, suspension, retirement, or removal by the Supreme Court, the notice and statement of charges filed by the commission along with the answer and all other pleadings, including the recommendation of the commission to the Supreme Court and the record filed in support of such recommendation, shall no longer be confidential.~~

(o) When a judge knows that he or she is under investigation by the commission and a commission member is representing a party before such judge, the judge shall be disqualified from presiding over such matter. The findings and records of the commission during an open meeting shall not be exempt from disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50."

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senator Stone of the 23rd offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 126 (LC 29 7600S) by adding after "exceptions;" on line 6 the following:*

to amend Code Section 15-9-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment, compensation, term, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate probate court judges, so as to change provisions relating to the practice of law outside of serving as an associate probate court judge;

*By replacing lines 9 and 10 with the following:*

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Part I of this Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Judicial Qualifications Commission

*By redesignating Section 2 as Section 2-2.*

*By replacing line 333 with the following:*

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Code Section 15-9-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment, compensation, term, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate probate court judges, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (e) as follows:

"(1) It shall be unlawful for any full-time associate judge of the probate court to engage in any practice of law outside his or her role as an associate judge of the probate court; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply when he or she is serving as a judge advocate general or in any other military role in a reserve component of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, United States Air Force, United States National Guard, Georgia National Guard, Georgia Air National Guard, Georgia Naval Militia, or the State Defense Force. It shall be unlawful for any part-time associate judge of the probate court to engage directly or indirectly in the practice of law in his or her own name or in the name of another as a partner in any manner in any case, proceeding, or matter of any kind in his or her own court or in any other court in any case, proceeding, or any other matters of which his or her own court has pending jurisdiction or has jurisdiction. It shall be unlawful for any associate judge of the probate court, full-time or part-time, to give advice or counsel to any person on any

matter of any kind whatsoever that has arisen directly or indirectly in his or her own court, except such advice or counsel as he or she is called upon to give while performing the duties of an associate judge of the probate court."

**PART III  
SECTION 3-1.**

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Stone amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators McKoon of the 29th, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Harbin of the 16th and Williams of the 27th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 126 (LC 29 7600S) by replacing lines 136 through 141 with the following:*

(2) The State Bar of Georgia may recommend to the respective appointing authorities a list of the names of at least 15 individuals for consideration to serve as attorney and citizen commission members, and may include the deans of this state's schools of law.

(3)(A) The seven members of the commission's investigative panel shall be appointed as follows:

(i) One citizen member shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve a term

*By replacing lines 148 through 158 with the following:*

years; and

(iii) Four members, consisting of three attorneys and one citizen, shall be appointed by the Supreme Court and each shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointment of the attorney members shall be for two, three, and four years, respectively, as designated by the Supreme Court for each appointment, and the initial appointment of the citizen member shall be for one year, and thereafter, successors to such members shall serve terms of four years.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator McKoon of the 29th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
N Black	N James	N Seay

N Brass	N Jeffares	N Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
E Dugan	N Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	E Martin	N Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
N Heath	N Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 20, nays 32, and the McKoon, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senators Harbin of the 16th, Ligon of the 3rd and Thompson of the 14th offered the following amendment #3:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 126 (LC 29 7600S) by replacing lines 136 through 141 with the following:*

(2) The State Bar of Georgia may recommend to the respective appointing authorities a list of the names of at least 15 individuals for consideration to serve as attorney and citizen commission members, and may include the deans of this state's schools of law.

(3)(A) The seven members of the commission's investigative panel shall be appointed as follows:

(i) One citizen member shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve a term

*By replacing lines 148 through 158 with the following:*

years; and

(iii) Four members, consisting of three attorneys and one citizen, shall be appointed by the Supreme Court and each shall serve terms of four years; provided, however, that the initial appointment of the attorney members shall be for two, three, and four years, respectively, as designated by the Supreme Court for each appointment, and the initial appointment of the citizen member shall be for one year, and thereafter, successors to such members shall serve terms of four years.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Kennedy of the 18th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 16, nays 26, and the Harbin, et al. amendment #3 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
E Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 45, nays 8.

HB 126, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 126. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

Senator Martin of the 9th asked unanimous consent to suspend the Senate Rules to read a committee report. There was no objection and consent was granted.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 594 Do Pass by substitute  
HB 608 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burke of the 11th.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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January 25, 2017

Honorable Jay Powell  
 Chairman, House Ways and Means  
 133 Capitol  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
 House Bill 196 (LC 34 5004)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill would establish an income tax exemption for royalties paid to music artists for licensing or other authorized use or reproduction of their musical compositions. The law would be effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

### Impact on State Revenue

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would decrease state revenue by \$2.3 million to \$7.2 million in FY 2018, the first year of the bill's full impact. The revenue decrease would be between \$2.6 million and \$8.6 million in FY 2021. Details of FRC's analysis are included in the appendix.

**Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Decrease from LC 34 5004**

(\$ millions)	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
High	\$3.4	\$7.2	\$7.6	\$8.1	\$8.6
Low	\$1.1	\$2.3	\$2.4	\$2.5	\$2.6

### Impact on State Agency Costs

The Georgia Department of Revenue estimated one-time expenditures of approximately \$12,300 as a result of the bill. The costs include \$4,800 for internal and external training, \$4,000 for IT updates to the income tax return, approximately \$2,500 for form updates, and \$1,000 for taxpayer outreach.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
 State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
 Office of Planning and Budget



### **Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center**

The four most common ways for U.S. based musicians and songwriters to earn royalties are listed below:

- Mechanical Royalties are royalties generated through physical or digital reproduction of their music. The sale of a CD or the purchase of a song through iTunes are examples.
- Streaming Mechanical Royalties are royalties generated by their music being played by on demand subscription streaming music services like Rhapsody and Spotify.
- Public Performance Royalties are royalties generated when a musician's songs are played in clubs or restaurants, played over broadcast radio, or used in television or movies.
- Digital Performance Royalties are royalties generated when their music is played on internet radio like Sirius XM or Pandora.

Royalties may be earned by songwriters who create the musical compositions and lyrics, if any, as well as performing artists who record the music. Copyrights may also be sold, in which case the subsequent owner(s) would be entitled to any royalties. In general, artists enter into agreements with an intermediary (performance rights organizations or PROs, music publishers, etc.) to negotiate royalty rates, monitor the use of their music, collect royalties, and distribute the royalties to the artist.

As the bill language specifically exempts only "royalties paid to a musical artist in this state", it is assumed that this includes only royalties paid to the musical artist who wrote or performed the music, and excludes the share of royalties paid to, or retained by, any intermediary collecting the royalty on behalf of the artist. It also appears based on the plain language of the bill that subsequent owners of a copyright, other than the artist originally receiving the copyright, would not be eligible for the exemption. However, no data are available from which to estimate the share of royalties paid to such subsequent owners of copyrighted music, so for purposes of this note, all royalties paid out by PROs or publishers are assumed to be paid to the artists.

Revenue loss estimates also assume the following:

- Based on royalties distributed by the major PROs and music publishers in the U.S., the aggregate amount of annual music royalties paid to U.S. residents is estimated to be \$2.8 billion dollars in 2015. Based on the same industry data, growth in royalties paid is assumed to range from 4 to 6 percent over the period of the estimated revenue effects of the bill.
- Based on the share of singers, songwriters, composers, and other music professionals that live in Georgia compared to the rest of the U.S., as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the share of these royalties that are paid to Georgia

residents is assumed to be between a high of 4 percent and a low of 1.5 percent.

- The effective tax rate for these taxpayers is assumed to be between 5 and 5.5 percent.
- Georgia taxpayers receiving music royalties will reduce their quarterly estimated tax payments following the passage of LC 34 5004, thus reducing income tax revenues beginning with the April 15, 2017 and June 15, 2017 estimated tax payments.

High revenue loss estimates, as presented in Table 1, assume the higher Georgia share of artists, higher growth rate, and higher effective tax rate while the low loss estimates are based on the alternate, low case of each. Estimated music royalty income earned by Georgia artists is presented in Table 2. To the degree that royalties are paid to subsequent copyright owners other than the artists, revenue losses may be lower.

**Table 2. High and Low Georgia Music Royalty Income Estimates**

(\$ millions)	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
High Case	\$61.7	\$130.9	\$138.7	\$147.1	\$155.9
Low Case	\$22.5	\$46.8	\$48.7	\$50.6	\$52.6

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 196:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the rural hospital income tax credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so as to provide that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to tax credits for donations to certain rural hospitals, as follows:

"(c)(1) A rural hospital organization that receives donations pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 shall:

- (A) Utilize such donations for the provision of health ~~care-related~~ care related services for residents of a rural county or for residents of the area served by a

critical access hospital; and

(B) Report on a form provided by the department:

(i) ~~all~~ All contributions received from individual and corporate donors pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 ~~and show~~ detailing the manner ~~or purpose~~ in which the contributions received were expended by the rural hospital organization; and

(ii) Any payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received by the rural hospital organization pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 48-7-29.20.

(2) The department shall annually prepare a report compiling the information received pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection for the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee."

## SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, is amended by revising subsections (b), (c), and (e) of Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, as follows:

"(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, ~~70~~ 80 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$2,500.00~~ \$5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; ~~or~~

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~70~~ 80 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(3) Anything to the contrary contained in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection notwithstanding, in the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, 80 percent of the actual amount expended or \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership.

(c) A corporation or other entity shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses in an amount not to exceed ~~70~~ 80 percent of the actual amount expended or 75 percent of the corporation's income tax liability, whichever is less."

"(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~\$50~~ \$60 million in 2017, \$60 million in 2018, and ~~\$70~~ \$60 million in 2019.

(2)(A) No more than \$4 million of the aggregate limit established by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be contributed to any individual rural hospital organization in any taxable year. From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, the commissioner shall only preapprove contributions submitted by individual taxpayers in an amount

not to exceed \$2 million, and from corporate donors in an amount not to exceed \$2 million. From July 1 to December 31 each taxable year, subject to the aggregate limit in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit in this paragraph, the commissioner shall approve contributions submitted by individual taxpayers and corporations or other entities.

(B) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that has received the maximum amount of contributions for that taxable year, the Department of Community Health shall provide the individual or corporate donor with a list, ranked in order of financial need, as determined by the Department of Community Health, of rural hospital organizations still eligible to receive contributions for the taxable year.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural hospital organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a rural hospital organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contribution that the taxpayer intends to make to the rural hospital organization. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount ~~with~~ within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide written notice to the taxpayer and rural hospital organization of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limits prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4)(A) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to this subsection shall retain their approval in the event the credit percentage in subsection (b) of this Code section is modified for the year in which the taxpayer was preapproved.

(C) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to this subsection shall receive the full benefit of the income tax credit established by this Code section even though the rural hospital organization to which the taxpayer made a donation does not properly comply with the reports or filings required by this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to rural hospital organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the rural hospital organization is removed from the Department of Community Health list pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection."

**SECTION 3.**

Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, is amended in subsection (a) by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (49), by deleting the period and adding "; or" at the end of paragraph (50), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(51) Records related to Code Section 31-8-9.1 containing the identity of any individual or corporate donor that made or applied to make a contribution to a rural hospital organization pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20, unless the identity of such individual or corporate donor is redacted prior to public disclosure."

**SECTION 4.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

**SECTION 5.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
E Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 N Henson

Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 47, nays 3.

HB 196, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 247. By Representatives LaRicca of the 169th, Kelley of the 16th, Carter of the 175th, Reeves of the 34th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state sales and use tax, so as to exempt machinery used to mix or transport concrete from such tax; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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February 23, 2017

Honorable Jay Powell  
 Chairman, House Ways and Means  
 133 Capitol  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
 House Bill 247 (LC 34 5116S)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill would amend the sales tax exemption for tangible personal property and services (including machinery, equipment, and materials) to include, for a limited period of time, maintenance and replacement parts for machinery or equipment used to mix, agitate, and transport freshly-mixed concrete.

The bill does not specify an effective date, so the estimates below assume the exemption takes effect beginning July 1, 2017. The proposed exemption expires as of July 1, 2020.

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would reduce state sales tax revenue by \$1 million to \$1.4 million in FY 2019 and FY 2020 (Table 1). FRC also estimated reductions in local sales tax revenue of approximately \$1 million in FY 2019 and FY 2020. The assumptions used by FRC are included in the appendix.

**Table 1. Estimated State and Local Revenue Effects from HB 247**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
State Revenue Effects:			
High	(\$1.3)	(\$1.4)	(\$1.4)
Low	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)
Local Revenue Effects*:			
High	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)	(\$1.1)
Low	(\$0.7)	(\$0.8)	(\$0.8)

\* Assumes a 3% average local rate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

### Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

The proposed bill would add a new sub-paragraph (12) to O.C.G.A. §48-8-3.2(e) specifying that, until July 1, 2020, maintenance and replacement parts for equipment used to mix, agitate, and transport freshly-mixed concrete in a plastic or unhardened form would be eligible for the sales and use tax exemption under that code section for tangible personal property that is necessary and integral to the manufacturing process. Such equipment is understood to consist primarily of concrete mixing trucks, and components and equipment thereof.

According to the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) 2014 Fleet Benchmarking survey, there were an estimated 65,000 concrete mixing trucks in the U.S. in 2014. Based on Census County Business Patterns data on industry establishments and employment for 2014, and Economic Census data from 2007 and 2012 on the value of shipments, Georgia's share of the national ready mixed concrete fleet is assumed to be between 3.0 and 3.5 percent.

The same survey reported that maintenance costs for the industry's truck fleet in Southeastern U.S. states were estimated to be \$4.00 per cubic yard in total and \$2.55 per cubic yard for parts and components the purchase of which would be taxable in Georgia under current law. This latter figure is assumed, for purposes of this fiscal note, to represent taxable maintenance costs per cubic yard delivered in Georgia as of calendar 2014. Growth in maintenance costs over the period of the estimates is assumed to match the recent national historical rate of 4.5 percent annually, the average rate of growth in cost per cubic yard since 2010, according to NRMCA.

NRMCA also reports that, in the Southeast, the average annual volume of concrete delivered per truck was 4,334 cubic yards in 2014. This figure is assumed to be constant (that is, any volume growth would be reflected in fleet growth over the longer term) and is multiplied by the taxable maintenance cost per cubic yard estimate to estimate the annual cost per truck.

Expected fleet growth through 2020 is uncertain. On the low side, IBISWorld forecasts industry revenue growth of 2.6 percent annually, on average, and price growth of 3.8 percent annually, which together would imply that industry shipments in quantity terms are expected to decline at a rate of about 1.2 percent annually from 2015 to 2020. On the other hand, Moody's Economy.com forecasts nominal growth in nonresidential construction activity nationally for 2017 and 2018 of 5.7 and 6.4 percent, respectively, suggesting growth in quantity terms of better than 2 percent annually, on average. Thus for purposes of the estimates herein, fleet growth of between -1 and 2 percent is assumed. Table 2 summarizes the fleet and maintenance cost estimates.

**Table 2. Georgia Ready Mixed Truck Fleet and Taxable Maintenance Costs**

<i>(Totals in millions)</i>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
GA Mixing Truck Fleet – High	2,474	2,523	2,574
GA Mixing Truck Fleet – Low	1,882	1,863	1,844
Taxable Maintenance Cost/Truck	\$12,896	\$13,476	\$14,082
Total Taxable Maintenance Costs:			
High	\$31.9	\$34.0	\$36.2
Low	\$24.3	\$25.1	\$26.0

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.



On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
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Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 4.

HB 247, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Jones of the 25th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 87. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Williamson of the 115th, Welch of the 110th, Golick of the 40th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide for multiple-year registrations for certain types of business organizations; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Secretary of State as necessary to implement such a multiple-year registration process; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism offered the following substitute to HB 87:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide for multiple-year registrations and changes in jurisdiction of organization for certain types of business organizations; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Secretary of State as necessary to implement a multiple-year registration process; to allow for a nonprofit corporation organized in a foreign jurisdiction to change its jurisdiction of organization to this state; to allow for a nonprofit corporation organized in this state to change its jurisdiction of organization to a foreign jurisdiction; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-2-121.1.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under this chapter to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-3-120.1.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under this chapter to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**SECTION 1-3.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-4-180.1

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under Code Section 14-4-180 to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**SECTION 1-4.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-5-11.1.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under Code Section 14-5-11 to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**SECTION 1-5.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-8-56.1.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under this chapter to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**SECTION 1-6.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-9-206.9.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under this chapter to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**SECTION 1-7.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"14-11-1103.1.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Secretary of State may provide for the annual registration required under this chapter to be valid for a period up to and including three years. The Secretary of State is authorized to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to implement such a registration process."

**PART II****SECTION 2-1.**

Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonprofit corporations, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE 11A**

14-3-1120.

(a) By complying with this Code section, a foreign corporation may become a corporation if the law of the foreign jurisdiction authorizes domestication,

redomestication, reincorporation, conversion, or a similar statutory procedure to become a corporation.

(b) To become a corporation, a foreign corporation shall elect to become a corporation. Such election shall require such approval as may be sufficient under applicable law or the governing documents of the electing foreign corporation to authorize such election.

(c) The election provided for under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be made by delivering to the Secretary of State for filing a certificate of conversion and accompanying articles of incorporation that comply with Code Section 14-3-202. Such certificate shall set forth:

(1) The name and jurisdiction of the converting foreign corporation; provided, however, that the name of the converting foreign corporation shall meet the requirements of Code Section 14-3-401, including, but not limited to, situations when the name of the converting foreign corporation is unavailable for use in Georgia or the converting foreign corporation desires to change its name in connection with the conversion;

(2) A statement that the converting foreign corporation elects to become a corporation;

(3) If later than the date and time the certificate of conversion is filed, the effective date, or the effective date and time, of the conversion;

(4) A statement that the election has been approved as required by subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(5) A statement that the articles of incorporation accompanying the certificate:

(A) Are in the form required by Code Section 14-3-202;

(B) Set forth the name of the corporation that satisfies the requirements of Code Section 14-3-401; and

(C) Are the articles of incorporation of the corporation formed pursuant to such election unless and until modified in accordance with this chapter.

(d) Upon the conversion provided for in this Code section becoming effective:

(1) The converting foreign corporation shall become a corporation formed under this chapter, provided that the existence of the corporation so formed shall be deemed to have commenced on the date the converting foreign corporation commenced its existence in the jurisdiction in which such foreign corporation was first created, formed, or incorporated or otherwise came into being;

(2) The articles of incorporation filed with the certificate of conversion shall be the articles of incorporation of the corporation formed pursuant to such conversion unless and until amended in accordance with this chapter;

(3) The governing documents of the converting foreign corporation shall be of no further force or effect;

(4) The resulting corporation formed by such conversion shall retain all of the rights, privileges, immunities, franchises, and powers of the converting foreign corporation; all property, real, personal, and mixed; all contract rights; and all debts due to such converting foreign corporation, as well as all other choses in action; and each and every other interest of or belonging to or due to the converting foreign corporation

shall be taken and deemed to be vested in the resulting corporation without further act or deed. The title to any real estate, or any interest therein, vested in the converting foreign corporation shall not revert or be in any way impaired, and none of such items shall be deemed to have been conveyed, transferred, or assigned for any purpose; and (5) The resulting corporation shall thereupon and thereafter be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of the converting foreign corporation. Any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against such converting foreign corporation may be prosecuted as if such conversion had not become effective, and neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of the converting foreign corporation shall be impaired.

(e) A conversion pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed to constitute a dissolution of the converting foreign corporation and shall constitute a continuation of the existence of the converting foreign corporation in the form of a corporation. A corporation formed by a conversion pursuant to this Code section shall for all purposes be deemed to be the same entity as the converting foreign corporation.

(f) A corporation formed pursuant to this Code section shall file a copy of its certificate of conversion, certified by the Secretary of State, in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county where any real property owned by such corporation is located and record such certified copy of the certificate of conversion in the books kept by such clerk for recordation of deeds in such county with the converting foreign corporation indexed as the grantor and the resulting corporation indexed as the grantee. No real estate transfer tax under Code Section 48-6-1 shall be due with respect to the recordation of such certificate of conversion.

14-3-1121.

(a) By complying with this Code section, a corporation may become a foreign corporation if the law of the foreign jurisdiction authorizes domestication, redomestication, reincorporation, conversion, or a similar statutory procedure to become a foreign corporation.

(b) To become a foreign corporation, a corporation shall convert to a foreign corporation, and to effect such conversion, the corporation shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State a certificate of conversion as required by subsection (n) of this Code section.

(c) To be adopted by a corporation, the certificate of conversion provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section must be approved:

(1) By the board;

(2) By the members, if any, but only if and to the extent that members are entitled to vote on the conversion under the corporation's articles or bylaws, except as provided for under subsection (h) of this Code section; and

(3) In writing by any person or persons whose approval is required by a provision of the articles authorized by Code Section 14-3-1030 for an amendment to the articles or bylaws.

(d) If the corporation does not have members or if the members are not entitled to vote

on the conversion, then, unless otherwise provided for in the corporation's articles or bylaws, the certificate of conversion shall be approved by a majority of the directors in office at the time the certificate of conversion is adopted. The corporation shall provide notice as provided for in subsection (b) of Code Section 14-3-822 of any directors' meeting at which adoption of the certificate of conversion will be considered. Such notice shall also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of such meeting is for consideration of the adoption of the certificate of conversion.

(e) The board may condition its adoption of the certificate of conversion, and the members may condition their approval of the adoption of the certificate of conversion, on the receipt of a higher percentage of affirmative votes or on any other basis.

(f) If the corporation is required or seeks to have adoption of the certificate of conversion approved by the members at a membership meeting, the corporation shall give notice to its members of the membership meeting in accordance with Code Section 14-3-705. Such notice shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the adoption of the certificate of conversion pursuant to which the corporation will convert into a foreign corporation and shall contain or be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of conversion. Such notice shall conspicuously identify any adverse change to the rights of members that would result from the conversion, including, but not limited to, any adverse change to the rights of members under the law of the foreign jurisdiction applicable to the proposed foreign corporation. Such notice shall also include a copy or summary of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, and any other similar governing documents of the proposed foreign corporation that will become effective upon the conversion.

(g) If the certificate of conversion may be approved by the members by written consent or written ballot, including consent or ballot by electronic transmission, any material soliciting such approval shall contain or be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of conversion. Such material shall conspicuously identify any adverse change to the rights of members that would result from the conversion, including, but not limited to, any adverse change to the rights of members under the law of the foreign jurisdiction applicable to the proposed foreign corporation. Such material shall also include a copy or summary of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, and any other similar governing documents of the proposed foreign corporation that will become effective upon the conversion.

(h) Voting by members or classes of members is required to approve the adoption of a certificate of conversion if the conversion will implement any provision that, if contained in a proposed amendment to the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the corporation, would entitle the members or classes of members to vote on such proposed amendment under Code Sections 14-3-1003, 14-3-1004, 14-3-1021, or 14-3-1022. In such circumstances, the corporation shall comply with subsection (f) or (g) of this Code section, as applicable, with respect to the members or classes of members entitled to vote. Furthermore, the certificate of conversion may be adopted if it is approved by the members or classes of members entitled to vote in the same manner as would be required to approve such proposed amendment or, if the articles or bylaws do not

specify how the members or classes of members vote to approve such proposed amendment, by two-thirds of the votes cast or a majority of the voting power, whichever is less.

(i) A corporation described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 14-3-1302 must give written notice to the Attorney General, including a copy of the proposed certificate of conversion and a copy or summary of the articles of incorporation and bylaws, or similar governing documents, of the proposed foreign corporation that will become effective upon the conversion at least 30 days before the certificate of conversion is filed in accordance with subsection (n) of this Code section.

(j) Any of the terms of the certificate of conversion may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside of the certificate of conversion, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the terms of the conversion is clearly and expressly set forth in the certificate of conversion. As used in this subsection, the term 'facts' includes, but is not limited to, the occurrence of any event, including a determination or action by any person or body, including the corporation.

(k) After a certificate of conversion has been adopted, unless the certificate of conversion provides otherwise, and at any time before the conversion has become effective, the conversion may be abandoned, subject to any contractual rights, in accordance with the procedure set forth in the certificate of conversion or, if none is set forth, in the manner determined by the board of directors.

(l) The conversion shall be effected as provided in, and shall have the effects provided by, the law of the state or jurisdiction under whose law the resulting foreign corporation is formed and, to the extent not inconsistent with such law, by the terms of the certificate of conversion.

(m) If the resulting foreign corporation is required to obtain a certificate of authority to transact business in this state by the provisions of this title governing foreign corporations, such resulting foreign corporation shall do so pursuant to Code Section 14-3-1501.

(n) After a certificate of conversion is adopted in accordance with this Code section, unless the conversion subsequently is abandoned, the corporation shall deliver to the Secretary of State for filing the certificate of conversion which shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation;

(2) The name and jurisdiction of the proposed foreign corporation to which the corporation shall be converted;

(3) A statement that the certificate of conversion has been adopted as required by subsection (c) of this Code section;

(4) A statement that the authority of the corporation's registered agent to accept service on its behalf is revoked as of the effective date of such conversion and that the Secretary of State is irrevocably appointed as the agent for service of process on the resulting foreign corporation in any proceeding to enforce an obligation of the resulting foreign corporation arising prior to the effective date of such conversion;

(5) A mailing address to which a copy of any process served on the Secretary of State under paragraph (4) of this subsection may be mailed as provided in subsection (o) of

this Code section; and

(6) A statement that the Secretary of State shall be notified of any change in the resulting foreign corporation's mailing address.

(o) Upon the conversion becoming effective, the resulting foreign corporation is deemed to appoint the Secretary of State as its agent for service of process in any proceeding to enforce any of its obligations arising prior to the effective date of such conversion. Any party that serves process upon the Secretary of State in accordance with this subsection shall also mail a copy of the process to the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or secretary of the resulting foreign corporation, or a person holding a comparable position, at the mailing address provided pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (n) of this Code section.

(p) A converting corporation provided for in this Code section shall file a copy of its certificate of conversion, certified by the Secretary of State, in the office of the clerk of the superior court of the county where any real property owned by such converting corporation is located and record such certified copy of the certificate of conversion in the books kept by such clerk for recordation of deeds in such county with the converting corporation indexed as the grantor and the resulting foreign corporation indexed as the grantee. No real estate transfer tax otherwise required by Code Section 48-6-1 shall be due with respect to the recordation of such certificate of conversion.

(q) Upon the conversion provided for in this Code section becoming effective:

(1) The resulting foreign corporation shall retain all of the rights, privileges, immunities, franchises, and powers of the converting corporation;

(2) All property, real, personal, and mixed, all contract rights, and all debts due to such converting corporation, as well as all other choses in action, and each and every other interest of or belonging to or due to the converting corporation shall be taken and deemed to be vested in the resulting foreign corporation without further act or deed;

(3) Title to any real estate, or any interest therein, vested in the converting corporation shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the conversion;

(4) None of the items described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection shall be deemed to have been conveyed, transferred, or assigned by reason of the conversion for any purpose; and

(5) The resulting foreign corporation shall thereupon and thereafter be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of the converting corporation. Any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against such converting corporation may be prosecuted as if such conversion had not become effective, and neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of the converting corporation shall be impaired by such conversion."

### PART III

#### SECTION 3-1.

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



On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 87, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to

provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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Honorable Jay Powell  
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 329 (LC 43 0512)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill would modify the state personal income tax by replacing the graduated tax rate structure with a flat rate of 5.4 percent and by eliminating the itemized deduction for Georgia income taxes paid. The bill would also create a non-refundable income tax credit equal to 10 percent of any Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) allowed on a taxpayer's federal return for the same year. The changes would be effective beginning on January 1, 2018.

Georgia State University's Fiscal Research Center (FRC) estimated that the bill would result in a state revenue reduction of \$18 million in FY 2019, the first year of the bill's full effect. The state reduction increases slightly in subsequent years. The 5.4 percent flat rate provision increases state revenue, while the EITC provision reduces revenue by a greater amount, resulting in a net reduction. Details of FRC's analysis are contained in the appendix.

**Table 1. Estimated State Revenue Effects of LC 43 0512**

<i>(\$ millions)</i>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Flat tax, no state tax deduction	\$39	\$90	\$94	\$98	\$102
State EITC	-	(\$108)	(\$113)	(\$118)	(\$123)
Total Change	\$39	(\$18)	(\$19)	(\$20)	(\$21)

The Department of Revenue estimated that the tax exemption will result in approximately \$18,000 in additional agency costs. These include approximately \$14,000 for training and outreach and \$4,000 to update tax returns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

### **Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center**

To estimate the state revenue effects of the bill, the proposed changes to the tax rate structure and itemized deductions were simulated using tax year 2014 personal income tax data from the Department of Revenue. Because these data do not include details of itemized deductions, the reported itemized deductions for filers who itemized are reduced by the taxpayers reported Georgia tax liability as a proxy for the taxes paid deduction. The net effect of both proposed changes on TY 2014 aggregate tax liabilities was an increase of approximately 0.75 percent.

This 0.75 percent estimate revenue gain is applied to projected personal income tax revenues as shown in Table 2, which are assumed to grow from budgeted FY 2018 levels by the rates shown, to estimate the effects of these two changes over these periods. The estimate for FY 2018 is adjusted to reflect a partial fiscal year effect, given the effective date of the bill, assuming collections are effected primarily through changes in withholding and estimate tax payments due by the end of the fiscal year.

**Table 2. Baseline Personal Income Tax Revenue Projections**

<i>(\$ millions)</i>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Baseline PIT Revenues	\$11,455	\$12,015	\$12,572	\$13,124	\$13,667
<i>Change from prior year</i>	<i>5.14%</i>	<i>4.89%</i>	<i>4.64%</i>	<i>4.39%</i>	<i>4.14%</i>

The DOR data also do not include information on EITCs claimed by Georgia taxpayers. Based on IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) data for Georgia, state taxpayers received approximately \$3.06 billion of EITC for tax year 2014 (the latest year available), up from \$2.64 billion in TY 2013. This would imply total Georgia EITC for TY 2014, had the law

been in effect then, of about \$306 million. However, the non-refundability and no carryforwards provisions of the bill's state EITC would tend to reduce the credits available in Georgia below 10 percent of the federal credit.

Oklahoma and Delaware have similar provisions in their tax codes for a non-refundable state EITC, Oklahoma's at 5 percent of the federal credit and Delaware's at 20 percent. Based on data from SOI and from tax expenditure reports from both states, the tax expenditure cost of the state's EITCs are estimated to run at about 29.4 percent and 24.4 percent, respectively, of the amount of state credit calculated at the state percentages of the federal credit. That is, Oklahoma's 5 percent of federal EITC nets an effective credit of only about 1.47 percent of the federal credit because of non-refundability. For Delaware, 20 percent of the federal credit becomes about 4.88 percent because of non-refundability. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed based on these estimate from these other states that the effective amount of a non-refundable 10 percent of federal EITC gross credit would be about 2.64 percent of the federal EITC.

This effective credit rate would reduce the TY 2014 proforma credit total to about \$80.8 million, which if in effect at the time would have impacted FY 2015 revenues, reducing personal income tax revenues by about 0.9 percent. This -0.9 percent impact is assumed going forward and applied to projected personal income tax revenues to estimate future revenue losses. As a credit, the effect on collections is assumed to occur at the time of filing of returns, in the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the given tax year, thus given the effective date, the fiscal impact would first be felt in FY 2019.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 329:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to provide for an inflationary index rate and to adjust the amounts of the personal exemptions and standard deductions based on such inflationary index rate; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use tax, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for certain legal actions, injunctions, and appeals under certain circumstances; to require certain retailers to either collect and remit sales and use taxes or provide certain notifications to certain purchasers and the state; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I  
SECTION 1-1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, is amended by revising Code Section 48-7-20, relating to individual tax rates and tables, as follows:

"48-7-20.

(a) A tax is imposed upon every resident of this state with respect to the Georgia taxable net income of the taxpayer as defined in Code Section 48-7-27. A tax is imposed upon every nonresident with respect to such nonresident's Georgia taxable net income not otherwise exempted which is received by the taxpayer from services performed, property owned, proceeds of any lottery prize awarded by the Georgia Lottery Corporation, or from business carried on in this state. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the tax imposed by this subsection shall be levied, collected, and paid annually.

(b)(1) The tax imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be computed in accordance with the following tables:

**SINGLE PERSON**

If Georgia Taxable Net Income Is:	The Tax Is:
Not over \$750.00 . . . . .	1%
Over \$750.00 but not over \$2,250.00 . . . . .	\$7.50 plus 2% of amount over \$750.00
Over \$2,250.00 but not over \$3,750.00 . . . . .	\$37.50 plus 3% of amount over \$2,250.00
Over \$3,750.00 but not over \$5,250.00 . . . . .	\$82.50 plus 4% of amount over \$3,750.00
Over \$5,250.00 but not over \$7,000.00 . . . . .	\$142.50 plus 5% of amount over \$5,250.00
Over \$7,000.00 . . . . .	\$230.00 plus <del>6%</del> <u>5.65%</u> of amount over \$7,000.00

**MARRIED PERSON FILING A SEPARATE RETURN**

If Georgia Taxable Net Income Is:	The Tax Is:
Not over \$500.00 . . . . .	1%
Over \$500.00 but not over \$1,500.00 . . . . .	\$5.00 plus 2% of amount over \$500.00
Over \$1,500.00 but not over \$2,500.00 . . . . .	\$25.00 plus 3% of amount over \$1,500.00
Over \$2,500.00 but not over \$3,500.00 . . . . .	\$55.00 plus 4% of amount over \$2,500.00

Over \$3,500.00 but not over \$5,000.00 . . . \$95.00 plus 5% of amount over \$3,500.00  
 Over \$5,000.00 . . . . . \$170.00 plus ~~6%~~ 5.65% of amount over  
 \$5,000.00

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD AND MARRIED PERSONS  
 FILING A JOINT RETURN

If Georgia Taxable Net Income Is: The Tax Is:

Not over \$1,000.00 . . . . . 1%  
 Over \$1,000.00 but not over \$3,000.00 . . . \$10.00 plus 2% of amount over \$1,000.00  
 Over \$3,000.00 but not over \$5,000.00 . . . \$50.00 plus 3% of amount over \$3,000.00  
 Over \$5,000.00 but not over \$7,000.00 . . . \$110.00 plus 4% of amount over \$5,000.00  
 Over \$7,000.00 but not over \$10,000.00 . . \$190.00 plus 5% of amount over \$7,000.00  
 Over \$10,000.00 . . . . . \$340.00 plus ~~6%~~ 5.65% of amount over  
 \$10,000.00

(2) To facilitate the computation of the tax by those taxpayers whose federal adjusted gross income together with the adjustments set out in Code Section 48-7-27 for use in arriving at Georgia taxable net income is less than \$10,000.00, the commissioner may construct tax tables which may be used by the taxpayers at their option. The tax shown to be due by the tables shall be computed on the bases of the standard deduction and the tax rates specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Insofar as practicable, the tables shall produce a tax approximately equivalent to the tax imposed by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) The amount deducted and withheld by an employer from the wages of an employee pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter, relating to current income tax payments, shall be allowed the employee as a credit against the tax imposed by this Code section. Amounts paid by an individual as estimated tax under Article 5 of this chapter shall constitute payments on account of the tax imposed by this Code section. The amount withheld or paid during any calendar year shall be allowed as a credit or payment for the taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which the amount is withheld or paid.

(d) The tax imposed by this Code section applies to the Georgia taxable net income of estates and trusts, which shall be computed in the same manner as in the case of a single individual. The tax shall be computed on the Georgia taxable net income and shall be paid by the fiduciary.

(e) The monetary values set forth in this Code section shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes, if any, due to the inflationary index rate published by the department in accordance with Code Section 48-7-26.1."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) of and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 48-7-26, relating to personal exemptions, to read as follows:

"(b)(1) An exemption of ~~\$7,400.00~~ \$8,000.00 shall be allowed as a deduction in computing Georgia taxable income of a taxpayer and spouse, but only if a joint return is filed. If a taxpayer and spouse file separate returns, ~~\$3,700.00~~ \$4,000.00 shall be allowed to each person as a deduction in computing Georgia taxable income.

(2) An exemption of ~~\$2,700.00~~ \$3,000.00 shall be allowed as a deduction in computing Georgia taxable income for all taxpayers other than taxpayers who qualify for the exemption provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Commencing with the taxable year beginning January 1, 2003, an exemption of \$3,000.00 for each dependent of a taxpayer shall be allowed as a deduction in computing Georgia taxable income of the taxpayer."

"(d) A deduction in lieu of a personal exemption deduction shall be allowed an estate or a trust as follows:

(1) An estate - ~~\$2,700.00~~ \$3,000.00; and

(2) A trust - ~~\$1,350.00~~ \$1,500.00.

(e) The monetary values set forth in this Code section shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes, if any, due to the inflationary index rate published by the department in accordance with Code Section 48-7-26.1."

**SECTION 1-3.**

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-26.1.

(a)(1) The department shall prescribe and maintain rules establishing and governing an annual inflationary index rate which reflects the effects of the rate of inflation and deflation on the cost-of-living for residents of this state.

(2)(A) Such rules shall provide for the determination and use of an appropriate cost-of-living index which fairly reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on residents of this state.

(B) Such rules shall utilize the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government.

(b) On or before January 15 of each year, the department shall publish such inflationary index rate based upon the prior calendar year."

**SECTION 1-4.**

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, as follows:

"(1) Either the sum of all itemized nonbusiness deductions used in computing federal taxable income if the taxpayer used itemized nonbusiness deductions in computing federal taxable income or, if the taxpayer could not or did not itemize nonbusiness

deductions, then a standard deduction as provided for in the following subparagraphs:

- (A) In the case of a single taxpayer or a head of household, \$2,300.00;
- (B) In the case of a married taxpayer filing a separate return, \$1,500.00;
- (C) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, \$3,000.00;
- (D) An additional deduction of \$1,300.00 for the taxpayer if the taxpayer has attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxpayer's taxable year. An additional deduction of \$1,300.00 for the spouse of the taxpayer shall be allowed if a joint return is made by the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse and the spouse has attained the age of 65 before the close of the taxable year; ~~and~~
- (E) An additional deduction of \$1,300.00 for the taxpayer if the taxpayer is blind at the close of the taxable year. An additional deduction of \$1,300.00 for the spouse of the taxpayer shall be allowed if a joint return is made by the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse and the spouse is blind at the close of the taxable year. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the determination of whether the taxpayer or the spouse is blind shall be made at the close of the taxable year except that, if either the taxpayer or the spouse dies during the taxable year, the determination shall be made as of the time of the death; and
- (F) The monetary values set forth in this paragraph shall be adjusted annually to reflect changes, if any, due to the inflationary index rate published by the department in accordance with Code Section 48-7-26.1."

"(3) There shall be added to taxable income any income taxes imposed by any tax jurisdiction ~~except the State of Georgia~~ to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income."

## PART II SECTION 2-1.

Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use tax, is amended in paragraph (8) of Code Section 48-8-2, relating to definitions, by adding two new subparagraphs to read as follows:

- "(M.1) Obtained gross revenue, in an amount exceeding \$250,000.00 in the previous calendar year, from retail sales of tangible personal property delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state to be used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state;
- (M.2) Conducted 200 or more separate retail sales of tangible personal property in the previous calendar year delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state to be used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state;"

## SECTION 2-2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 48-8-30, relating to imposition of tax, rates, and collection, by revising subsection (c.1) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:



"(c.1)(1)(A) ~~Every purchaser of tangible personal property at retail outside this state from a dealer, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, when such property is to be used, consumed, distributed, or stored within~~ for use or consumption in this state, shall be liable for a tax on the purchase at the rate of 4 percent of the sales price of the purchase. It shall be prima facie evidence that such property is to be used, consumed, distributed, or stored within this state if that property is delivered in this state to the purchaser or agent thereof. The tax shall be paid by the purchaser to the retailer making the sale, as provided in this article. The retailer shall remit the tax to the commissioner as provided in this article, and, when received by the commissioner, the tax shall be a credit against the tax imposed on the retailer.

~~(B) Every dealer that makes a retail~~ Every person who is a dealer, as defined in Code Section 48-8-2, and who makes any sale of tangible personal property at retail outside this state which property is to be delivered in electronically or physically to a location within this state to a purchaser or purchaser's agent shall be a retailer and a dealer for purposes of this article and shall be liable for a tax on the sale at the rate of 4 percent of such sales price or the amount of tax as collected by that person such dealer from purchasers having their purchases delivered in this state, whichever is greater.

~~(C) It shall be prima-facie evidence that such property is to be used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state if that property is delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state to the purchaser or agent thereof.~~

~~(2)(D)~~ No retail sale shall be taxable to the retailer or dealer which is not taxable to the purchaser at retail. The tax imposed by this subsection shall be subject to the credit otherwise granted by this article for like taxes previously paid in another state. This subsection paragraph shall not be construed to require a duplication in the payment of the tax.

(2) The department may bring an action for a declaratory judgment in any superior court against any person the department believes meets the definition of dealer provided in subparagraph (M.1) or (M.2) of paragraph (8) of Code Section 48-8-2 in order to establish that the collection obligation created by this subsection is applicable and valid under state and federal law with respect to such a dealer. If such action presents a question for judicial determination related to the constitutionality of the imposition of taxes upon such a dealer, the court shall, upon motion, enjoin the state from enforcing the collection obligation against such a dealer. The superior court shall act on such declaratory judgment action and issue a final decision in an expeditious manner.

(c.2)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Delivery retailer' means a retailer that is not a dealer, does not collect and remit the tax imposed by this Code section, and in the previous calendar year:

(i) Obtained gross revenue, in an amount exceeding \$250,000.00 from retail sales of tangible personal property delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state or used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption

in this state; or

(ii) Conducted 200 or more retail sales of tangible personal property delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state or used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state.

(B) 'Existing delivery retailer' means a retailer that is not a dealer, and who was a delivery retailer that collected and remitted the tax imposed by this Code section during the prior calendar year.

(C) 'Purchaser' means a person or agent thereof that gives consideration to a delivery retailer in exchange for tangible personal property to be delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state or used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state.

(2) Each delivery retailer and existing delivery retailer shall collect and remit the tax imposed by this Code section or shall:

(A) Notify each potential purchaser immediately prior to the completion of each retail sale transaction with the following statement: 'Sales or use tax may be due to the State of Georgia on this purchase. Georgia law requires certain consumers to file a sales and use tax return remitting any unpaid taxes due to the State of Georgia.';

(B) On or before January 31 of each year, send a sales and use tax statement to each purchaser that completed one or more retail sales with such delivery retailer or existing delivery retailer that totaled \$500.00 or more in aggregate during the prior calendar year in an envelope containing the words 'IMPORTANT TAX DOCUMENT ENCLOSED' on the exterior of the mailing by first class mail and separate from any other shipment; and

(C) On or before January 31 of each year, file a copy of each sales and use tax statement required under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph with the department in a manner to be prescribed by the department.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection, a sales and use tax statement shall:

(A) Be on a form to be prescribed by the department;

(B) Contain the total amount paid by the purchaser for retail sales from the delivery retailer or existing delivery retailer during the previous calendar year, as well as, if available, the dates of purchases, the amounts of each purchase, and the category of each purchase, including, if known by the delivery retailer or existing delivery retailer, whether the purchase is exempt from taxation under this article; and

(C) Include the following statement: 'Sales or use taxes may be due to the State of Georgia on the purchase(s) identified in this statement as Georgia taxes were not collected at the time of purchase. Georgia law requires certain consumers to file a sales and use tax return remitting any unpaid taxes due to the State of Georgia.'

(4) Unless determined by the commissioner upon a showing of reasonable cause:

(A) Failure to provide the notice required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall subject a delivery retailer or existing delivery retailer to a penalty of \$5.00 for each failure;

(B) Failure to send a sales and use statement as required by subparagraph (B) of

paragraph (2) of this subsection shall subject a delivery retailer or existing delivery retailer to a penalty of \$10.00 for each failure; and  
(C) Failure to file a copy of a sales and use tax statement with the department as required by subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall subject a delivery retailer or existing delivery retailer to a penalty of \$10.00 for each failure.  
(5) It shall be prima-facie evidence that such property is to be used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in this state if that property is delivered electronically or physically to a location within this state to the purchaser or agent thereof."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

- (a) This section and Sections 1-1 and 3-2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.
- (b) Sections 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4 of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2019.
- (c) Part II of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018, and shall apply to all sales made on or after January 1, 2018.

**SECTION 3-2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins

Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 16.

HB 329, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 452. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Reeves of the 34th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, instead of the Georgia Sheriffs Association, to prepare and issue guidelines and procedures regarding compliance with Code Section 42-4-14; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

Adoption of the Senate Committee on Public Safety is substitute to HB 452 as amended was suspended on March 24, 2017, pursuant to Senate Rule 7-1.6(b). The perfected committee substitute was put on its adoption:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as require the bureau to publicly post and share certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to create the Board of Homeland Security, the Department of Homeland Security, and the position of commissioner of homeland security; to provide for definitions; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the board, department, and commissioner; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to amend various

provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide for conforming nomenclature and cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-3-14.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the bureau shall post on its public website the information of persons who are aliens and who have been released from federal custody within the boundaries of this state after having committed a felony, as such information is presented within the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System as received by the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the bureau or any replacement agency. Within 12 hours of receiving such information, the bureau shall post such information as required by this Code section and electronically send a copy of such information to the Georgia Sheriffs' Association. The bureau shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Code section."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 35-3-203, relating to the duties and responsibilities of the director, as follows:

"35-3-203.

(a) The director through the center shall share and provide homeland security activity information to the director of emergency management and the commissioner of homeland security, including, but not limited to, threats, warnings, and developing situations, when an investigation reveals conduct of a terroristic nature or in material support of terroristic activities, recruitment of terrorists, or information on the activities of known terrorist organizations.

(b) The center shall liaise with the bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Terrorism Task Force, United States Department of Homeland Security, and other local, state, and federal intelligence and law enforcement officials for purposes of carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this article.

(c) The center shall allow unrestricted access to secure communications equipment to ~~the director of emergency management and commissioner of~~ commissioner of homeland security and his or her representatives who possess the appropriate federally approved security clearances for the dissemination of homeland security activity information by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(d) ~~The director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security shall serve as this state's security manager for the purpose of identifying and processing state personnel for security clearances through the United States Department of Homeland Security."

### SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 35-3-204, relating to the membership and availability of analysts, as follows:

"35-3-204.

(a) Membership in the center shall consist of the director, the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security,~~ the commissioner of homeland security, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of corrections, the chief information officer for the State of Georgia, the state fire marshal, the Attorney General, the adjutant general, and state and local fire service, law enforcement, homeland security, emergency management, corrections, and other appropriate agencies and disciplines as determined by the ~~director of emergency management and commissioner of homeland security~~ in consultation with the director. Such members shall assign or make available their analysts or other personnel to the center as such need is determined by the ~~director of emergency management and commissioner of~~ homeland security.

(b) The ~~director of emergency management and commissioner of~~ homeland security shall maintain ~~Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency~~ analysts in the center as needed as determined by the ~~director of emergency management and~~ commissioner of homeland security."

### SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

#### "CHAPTER 11

35-11-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Board of Homeland Security.

(2) 'Center' means the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

(3) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of homeland security.

(4) 'Critical infrastructure' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.

(5) 'Department' means the Georgia Department of Homeland Security.

(6) 'Domestic terrorism' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.

(7) 'Homeland security activity' means any activity related to the prevention or discovery of, response to, or recovery from:

(A) Domestic terrorism;

(B) A hostile military or paramilitary action; or

(C) An extraordinary law enforcement emergency.

(8) 'Public transportation system' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.

(9) 'Serious bodily harm' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.

(10) 'State or government facility' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-220.

35-11-2.

(a) There is created a Board of Homeland Security.

(b) The board shall consist of 17 members who shall be as follows:

(1) The Governor, ex officio, who shall be chairperson of the board;

(2) The commissioner of homeland security;

(3) The director of emergency management;

(4) The commissioner of public safety;

(5) The director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

(6) The adjutant general;

(7) The commissioner of natural resources;

(8) The commissioner of public health;

(9) The Attorney General or his or her designee who shall be the deputy attorney general or an assistant attorney general;

(10) The commissioner of transportation;

(11) The Commissioner of Agriculture;

(12) The executive director of the Georgia Technology Authority; and

(13) Five appointees of the Governor who shall be individuals from the public or private sector who are directly involved in policy, program, security, or funding activities relevant to homeland security or infrastructure protection; provided, however, that one such appointment shall be a sheriff and one such appointment shall be a chief executive of a law enforcement agency of a county or a municipality. Such appointees under this paragraph shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c)(1) Any legislative members of the board who may be appointed pursuant to paragraph (13) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8.

(2) Members of the board who are state or local government officials, other than legislative members, or state or local government employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the board, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the board in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state or local government officials or state or local government employees.

(3) Members of the board who are not legislators, state or local government officials, or state or local government employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(4) Funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state or local government officials, other than legislative members, and state or local government employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective governments, departments, authorities, or agencies.

35-11-3.

(a) The board shall:

(1) Establish the general policy to be followed by the department; and

(2) Advise the Governor and commissioner on:

(A) The implementation of the homeland security strategy by state and local agencies and provide specific guidance and counsel for helping those agencies implement the strategy; and

(B) All matters related to the planning, development, coordination, and implementation of initiatives to promote the homeland security strategy of the state.

(b) The board shall develop a state-wide homeland security strategy that improves the state's ability to:

(1) Protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic terrorism and other homeland security threats and hazards; and

(2) Mitigate loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future homeland security threats and hazards.

(c) The board's homeland security strategy shall coordinate homeland security activities among and between local, state, and federal agencies and the private sector and shall include specific plans for:

(1) Intelligence gathering, analysis, and sharing;

(2) Reducing the state's vulnerability to domestic terrorism and other homeland security threats and hazards;

(3) Protecting critical infrastructure, public transportation systems, and state or government facilities;

(4) Protecting the state's ports and airports;

(5) Detecting, deterring, and defending against domestic terrorism and cyber, biological, chemical, and nuclear terrorism;

(6) Positioning equipment, technology, and personnel to improve the state's ability to respond to a homeland security threats and hazards;

(7) Providing the center certain forms of authority to implement the homeland security strategy of this state; and

(8) Using technological resources to:

(A) Facilitate the interoperability of governmental technology resources, including data, networks, and applications;

(B) Coordinate the warning and alert systems of state and local agencies;

(C) Incorporate multidisciplinary approaches to homeland security; and

(D) Improve the security of governmental and private sector information technology and information resources.

(d) The homeland security strategy shall complement and operate in coordination with



federal strategic guidance on homeland security.

(e) The board shall adopt rules and regulations which shall be adopted, established, promulgated, amended, repealed, filed, and published in accordance with the applicable provisions and procedures set forth in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The courts shall take judicial notice of any such rules or regulations. As used in this subsection, the term 'rules and regulations' shall have the same meaning as the word 'rule' as defined in paragraph (6) of Code Section 50-13-2.

35-11-4.

(a) There is established the Department of Homeland Security with a commissioner of homeland security who shall be the head thereof. The department shall be assigned to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The department shall direct and implement the board's homeland security strategy.

35-11-5.

(a) The Governor shall appoint the commissioner of homeland security. He or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, who shall fix his or her compensation. The commissioner of homeland security shall hold no other state office.

(b) The commissioner may employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, may fix their compensation, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available for purposes of homeland security, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(c) The commissioner, with the approval of the board, may establish units within the department as he or she deems proper for its administration and shall designate persons to be assistant commissioners of each unit and to exercise authority as he or she may delegate to them in writing.

(d) The commissioner and other personnel of the department shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state departments and agencies.

(e) The commissioner shall:

(1) Be the executive head of the department and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for homeland security in this state;

(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;

(3) Have command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within this state;

(4) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for homeland security within the state;

(5) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with homeland security agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government;

(6) Oversee all risk and threat assessments and coordinate all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations,

including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;

(7) Be responsible for measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of domestic terrorism;

(8) Coordinate and review all activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, oversight of homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Technology Authority, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;

(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of domestic terrorism; and

(10) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by law.

#### 35-11-6.

Appropriations to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for functions transferred to the department pursuant to this chapter shall be transferred to the department as provided for in Code Section 45-12-90. Personnel, equipment, and facilities previously employed by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for functions transferred to the department pursuant to this chapter shall likewise be transferred to the department. Any disagreement as to any of such transfers shall be resolved by the Governor.

#### 35-11-7.

A state or local agency that performs a homeland security activity shall cooperate with and assist the commissioner and the center in the performance of their duties under this chapter and other state or federal law."

## **PART II SECTION 2-1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water resources, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 12-5-30.4, relating to establishment of water emergency response procedures, as follows:

"(c) If the division determines that there is a threat to the health or property of downstream users of the waters of this state, the division shall as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours after such determination, notify and consult with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the appropriate local emergency management agency, the appropriate local county health department, and other appropriate divisions within the department as necessary to determine if it is necessary to prepare and distribute a public notice concerning such threat. Upon notification by the division, the local emergency management agency or the local county health department shall prepare and post such public notice through electronic

media and print. Such public notice shall be located at places where the public regularly uses the waters of this state or seeks information about such waters."

#### **SECTION 2-2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 12-5-204, relating to completion and submission of emergency plan and costs, as follows:

"(a) The authority shall ensure the completion of the emergency plan not later than September 1, 2011, and shall submit the emergency plan to the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairpersons of the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and Environment and of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations not later than September 15, 2011."

#### **SECTION 2-3.**

Code Section 20-2-1185 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school safety plans, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (d) as follows:

"(b) A public school may request funding assistance from the state for the installation of safety equipment, including, but not limited to, video surveillance cameras, metal detectors, and other similar security devices. Funding may be provided to a public school in accordance with a school safety plan prepared by the school and approved by the local board of education, the Department of Education, and the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency."

"(d) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall provide training and technical assistance to public school systems, and may provide this same training and technical assistance to private school systems, and independent private schools throughout this state in the area of emergency management and safe school operations. This training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model school safety plans."

#### **SECTION 2-4.**

Code Section 31-12-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigation of potential bioterrorism activity and regulations and planning for public health emergencies, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations appropriate for management of any public health emergency declared pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 38-3-51, with particular regard to coordination of the public health emergency response of the state pursuant to subsection (i) of said Code section. Such rules and regulations shall be applicable to the activities of all entities created pursuant to Chapter 3 of this title in such circumstances, notwithstanding any other provisions of

law. In developing such rules and regulations, the department shall consult and coordinate as appropriate with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The department is authorized, in the course of management of a declared public health emergency, to adopt and implement emergency rules and regulations pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-13-4. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' but shall be automatically referred by the Office of Legislative Counsel to the House of Representatives and Senate Committees on Judiciary.

(c) The department shall promulgate, prepare, and maintain a public health emergency plan and draft executive order for the declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51 and Chapter 13 of Title 50. In preparation of such public health emergency plan and draft executive order, the department shall consult and coordinate as appropriate with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

#### **SECTION 2-5.**

Code Section 35-6A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, vacancies, and membership not bar to holding public office, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(1) The chairperson of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the ~~director~~ commissioner of homeland security, the chairperson of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the chairperson of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, the chairperson of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia, the commissioner of corrections, the chairperson of the Board of Corrections, the commissioner of community supervision, the chairperson of the Board of Community Supervision, the vice chairperson of the Board of Public Safety, the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, the State School Superintendent, the commissioner of community affairs, the president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges, the chairperson of the Georgia Public Defender Council, the chairperson of the Governor's Office for Children and Families, and the commissioner of juvenile justice or their designees shall be ex officio members of the council, as full voting members of the council by reason of their office; and"

#### **SECTION 2-6.**

Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, is amended by revising Code Section 38-3-20, relating to Georgia Emergency Management Agency created, director, staff, offices, director's duties, and

disaster coordinator, as follows:

"38-3-20.

(a) There is established the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency with a director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ who shall be the head thereof. The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be assigned to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as provided in Code Section 50-4-3.

(b) The Governor shall appoint the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~. He or she shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor, who shall fix his or her compensation. The director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ shall hold no other state office.

(c) The director may employ such professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, may fix their compensation, and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available for purposes of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of ~~Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35~~, Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter, and the duties of the agency and the director described in Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended.

(d) The director and other personnel of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies.

(e) The director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall:

(1) Be the executive head of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ in this state;

~~(2) Serve as the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security;~~

~~(3) Have command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within this state, including, but not limited to, the Homeland Security Task Force and the Homeland Security Central Command when activated by the Governor;~~

~~(4)~~(2) Coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management ~~and~~2 ~~homeland security~~ within the state;

~~(5)~~(3) Maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government; and

~~(6) Oversee all risk and threat assessments and coordinate all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including, but not limited to, the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information;~~

~~(7) Be responsible for crisis and consequence management planning, including, but not limited to, measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, or resolve a threat or act of terrorism;~~

~~(8) Coordinate and review all activities involving homeland security within any agency, authority, or entity of this state, including, but not limited to, oversight of homeland security activities found within the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia National Guard, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Public Health;~~

~~(9) Evaluate information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of terrorism; and~~

~~(10)~~(4) Have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter as may be prescribed by the Governor and such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities as described in ~~Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, the 'Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977,' as amended.~~

(f) The director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ shall also be the disaster coordinator and shall act for the Governor when requested to do so."

#### **SECTION 2-7.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-22, relating to Governor's emergency management powers and duties, as follows:

"(a) The Governor shall have general direction and control of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of Article 1, this article, and Article 3 of this chapter and, in the event of disaster or emergency beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the emergency management functions within this state."

#### **SECTION 2-8.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) and paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-22.1, relating to safety plan addressing threat of terrorism required of state agencies or authorities, exemptions, training and technical assistance, and confidentiality of plans and related documentation, as follows:

"(c) Subject to the availability of funds for such purpose, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall provide training and technical assistance to agencies and authorities and may provide such training and technical assistance to local units of government and to critical facilities operated by the private sector. Such training and technical assistance shall include, but not be limited to, crisis response team development, site surveys and safety audits, crisis management planning, exercise design, safe school planning, emergency operations planning, search and seizure, bomb threat management, and model safety plans."

"(2) Any other record produced pursuant to this Code section the disclosure of which would, in the determination of the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, endanger the life or physical safety of any person or persons or the physical safety of any public property."

**SECTION 2-9.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(3)(F) and paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 38-3-27, relating to local organizations for emergency management, creation, structure, powers, directors, appointment, qualifications, and compensation, state to provide financial assistance, and entitlement for funding, as follows:

"(F) Except as provided in this subparagraph, any director or deputy director of a local emergency management organization appointed after July 1, 1999, shall be a certified emergency manager under the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency's Certified Emergency Manager Program. The curriculum of the Certified Emergency Manager Program and requirements for certification shall be determined by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~ and shall include, but not be limited to, professional development series training, independent study courses, emergency preparedness courses, and field-delivered courses. Certification may be obtained by an appointed director or deputy director within six months of his or her appointment. Certification shall expire biennially. As a condition of certification renewal, such emergency management personnel shall be required to satisfactorily complete continuing education requirements provided for in subparagraph (G) of this paragraph."

"(6) A local director whose salary is reimbursed in part or in full by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall also meet all requirements which may be imposed by the federal emergency management agency or its successor."

**SECTION 2-10.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-50, relating to emergency interim successors to various officials and necessity of declared emergency, as follows:

"(d) Designations of emergency interim successors to state officers shall become official upon the officer filing a list of the successors with the Secretary of State, who shall inform the Governor, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, all emergency interim successors to the officer involved, and the judge of the probate court of the county of legal residence of the successors of all such designations and any changes therein. Any designation of an emergency interim successor may be changed or altered by the officer concerned filing a notice of the change or alteration with the Secretary of State."

**SECTION 2-11.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-57, relating to establishment of standardized, verifiable, performance based unified incident command system, utilization, training, implementation, funding, and first informer broadcasters, as follows:

"38-3-57.

(a) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency shall establish and maintain, in collaboration with all appropriate state agencies and volunteer organizations with emergency support function roles and professional organizations that represent local public safety agencies, including the Emergency Management Association of Georgia, the Georgia Association of Police Chiefs, the Georgia Fire Chiefs' Association, and the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, a standardized, verifiable, performance based unified incident command system.

(b) Such system shall be consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan and shall be utilized in response to emergencies and disasters referenced in the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, including presidentially declared disasters and states of emergency issued by the Governor.

(c) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, in cooperation with the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the State Forestry Commission, shall develop or adopt a course of instruction for use in training and certifying emergency response personnel in unified incident command.

(d) All local public safety and emergency response organizations, including emergency management agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services, shall implement the standardized unified incident command system provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section by October 1, 2004.

(e) Local agencies that have not established such system by October 1, 2004, shall not be eligible for state reimbursement for any response or recovery related expenses.

(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is primarily engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, cable, direct or indirect satellite transmission, or any other similar means of communication.

(B) 'Emergency' means the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster as provided in Code Section 38-3-51 or as presidentially declared.

(C) 'First informer broadcaster' means a broadcaster in Georgia who makes application to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency for designation as a first informer broadcaster and who is granted such designation as a first informer broadcaster pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~.

(2) The unified incident command system and the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan shall, by July 1, 2016, establish planning for first informer broadcasters such that first informer broadcasters, to any extent practicable, may during an emergency:

(A) Have access to areas affected by an emergency for the purpose of restoring, repairing, or resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability of a broadcaster to acquire, produce, or transmit emergency related programming, including but not limited to repairing and maintaining transmitters and generators and transporting fuel for generators;

(B) Have access to the distribution of fuel, food, water, supplies, equipment, and



any other materials necessary for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal; and

(C) Not have vehicles, fuel, food, water, and any other materials seized or condemned that are essential for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal.

(3) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency may develop or adopt courses of instruction for use in training personnel of first informer broadcasters on personal safety and navigation in an area affected by an emergency. The requirements of any such training shall be established pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency management ~~and homeland security~~. The costs of any such training shall be paid by the first informer broadcasters participating in the training."

#### **SECTION 2-12.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-140, relating to short title, as follows:

"38-3-140.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency Nomenclature Act of 2008.'"

#### **SECTION 2-13.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-141, relating to definitions, as follows:

"38-3-141.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Badge' means any official badge, identification card, or security pass used by members of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, either in the past or currently.

(2) 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency.

(3) 'Emblem' means any official patch or other emblem worn currently or formerly or used by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to identify the agency, a division of the agency, or employees of the agency.

(4) 'Person' means any person, corporation, organization, or political subdivision of the State of Georgia.

(5) 'Seal' means any official symbol, mark, or abbreviation which represents and is used, currently or in the past, by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency or any other division or operation under the command of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to identify the agency, a division of the agency, or employees of the agency.

(6) 'Willful violator' means any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this article. Any person who violates this article after being advised in writing by the director that such person's activity is in violation of this article shall be considered a

willful violator and shall be considered in willful violation of this article. Any person whose agent or representative is a willful violator and who has knowledge of the violation by the agent or representative shall also be considered a willful violator and in willful violation of this article unless, upon learning of the violation, he or she immediately terminates the agency or other relationship with such violator."

#### **SECTION 2-14.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-142, relating to use of agency name without written permission prohibited in certain circumstances, as follows:

"38-3-142.

Whoever, except with the written permission of the director, knowingly uses the words 'Georgia Emergency Management Agency,' '~~Georgia Homeland Security Agency,~~' 'Emergency Management Agency,' '~~Homeland Security Agency,~~' 'GEMA,' 'GEMHSA,' or '~~GEMA/HS~~' or 'GEMA' in referring to Georgia's Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency in connection with any advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production in a manner reasonably calculated to convey the impression that such advertisement, circular, book, pamphlet, or other publication, play, motion picture, broadcast, telecast, or other production is approved, endorsed, or authorized by or associated with the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency shall be in violation of this article."

#### **SECTION 2-15.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-143, relating to use or display of agency symbols without written permission prohibited, as follows:

"38-3-143.

Any person who uses or displays any symbol, including any emblem, seal, or badge, current or historical, used by the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency without written permission from the director shall be in violation of this article."

#### **SECTION 2-16.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-144, relating to requests for permission and grants of permission at director's discretion, as follows:

"38-3-144.

Any person seeking permission to use or display the nomenclature or symbols of the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency may request such permission in writing to the director. The director shall serve notice on the requesting party within 15 calendar days after receipt of the request of his or her decision on whether the person may use the nomenclature or the symbol. If the director does not respond within the 15 day time period, then the request is presumed to have been denied. The grant of permission under this article shall be at the discretion of the director and under such conditions as the director may impose."

**SECTION 2-17.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-151, relating to definitions, as follows:

"38-3-151.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency established by Code Section 38-3-20.
- (2) 'Building mapping information system' means a state-wide informational system containing maps of designated public buildings.
- (3) 'Director' means the director of the agency."

**SECTION 2-18.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 38-3-161, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(2) 'Disaster relief organization' means an entity that provides emergency or disaster relief services that include health services or veterinary services provided by volunteer health practitioners and that:

- (A) Is designated or recognized as a provider of those services pursuant to a disaster response and recovery plan adopted by an agency of the federal government or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency; or
- (B) Regularly plans and conducts its activities in coordination with an agency of the federal government, the Department of Public Health, a local emergency management agency, a local public health district, or the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency."

**SECTION 2-19.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of Code Section 38-3-163, relating to regulation of volunteer health practitioners during an emergency, as follows:

"(1) Consult and coordinate its activities with the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, to provide for the efficient and effective use of volunteer health practitioners; and"

**SECTION 2-20.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(4)(D) and subsection (b) of Code Section 38-3-164, relating to registration systems, as follows:

- (D) Be designated by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency as a registration system for purposes of this article.
- (b) While an emergency declaration is in effect, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan; a person authorized to act on behalf of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency; or a host entity may confirm whether volunteer health practitioners utilized in this state are registered with a registration system that complies

with subsection (a) of this Code section. Confirmation shall be limited to obtaining the identities of the volunteer health practitioners from the system and determining whether the system indicates that the volunteer health practitioners are licensed and in good standing."

#### **SECTION 2-21.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 38-3-168, relating to construction with other provisions and inclusion, as follows:

"(b) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, may incorporate into the emergency forces of this state volunteer health practitioners who are not officers or employees of this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a municipality or other local government within this state."

#### **SECTION 2-22.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 38-3-169, relating to regulatory authority, as follows:

"38-3-169.

The Department of Public Health may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this article. In doing so, the Department of Public Health shall consult with and consider the recommendations of the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, and shall also consult with and consider rules and regulations promulgated by similarly empowered agencies in other states to promote uniformity of application of this article and make the emergency response systems in the various states reasonably compatible."

#### **SECTION 2-23.**

Code Section 40-1-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulatory compliance inspections, notifications, contacts with state, permit required for transporting hazardous materials, escorts or inspections, exceptions, recovery for damage or discharge, civil monetary penalties, routing agencies, and adoption of regulations, is amended by revising subsection (q) as follows:

"(q) The department is designated as the routing agency as defined in Title 49 C.F.R. Part 397, Subpart E. Routing determinations for hazardous materials shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Hazardous Materials Law, 49 U.S.C. Section 5112. The commissioner or his or her designee shall consult with Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, Georgia Department of Homeland Security, or other agencies as necessary to carry out these responsibilities."

#### **SECTION 2-24.**

Code Section 46-5-122 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

"(2) 'Agency' means the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency established pursuant to Code Section 38-3-20 unless the context clearly requires otherwise."

#### **SECTION 2-25.**

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by revising subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 48-2-100, relating to short title, definitions, legislative findings, certain exemptions for out-of-state businesses and employees conducting operations related to declared state of emergency, and post-emergency application of state laws and requirements, as follows:

"(g)(1) Any out-of-state business that enters this state to perform qualified work during a disaster or emergency period shall provide to the department and to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency a statement that it is in this state for purposes of responding to the disaster or emergency, which statement shall include the ~~business'~~ business's name, state of domicile, principal business address, federal tax identification number, date of entry, and contact information.

(2) A registered business in this state shall provide the information required in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the department and to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency for any affiliate that enters this state that is an out-of-state business. The notification shall also include contact information for the registered business in this state.

(h) The Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and the department shall promulgate regulations as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Code section."

#### **SECTION 2-26.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-29.4, relating to tax credit for disaster assistance funds received and rules and regulations, as follows:

"(a) A taxpayer who receives disaster assistance during a taxable year from the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency or the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 in an amount equal to \$500.00 or the actual amount of such disaster assistance, whichever is less. The commissioner may require adequate supporting documentation showing that the taxpayer received such assistance."

#### **SECTION 2-27.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 48-8-13, relating to taxing jurisdiction for mobile telecommunications services, as follows:

"(f) A home service provider shall identify each customer's place of primary use and shall provide at least quarterly a complete listing of the total number of customers to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency. The home service

provider shall indicate in such report whether it is employing an enhanced ZIP Code to assign each street address to a specific taxing jurisdiction so as to qualify for the safe harbor provisions of 4 U.S.C. Section 120. Further, each home service provider shall, upon request, provide information showing the total number of billings and the amount of fees collected to any taxing jurisdiction as to the customers whose place of primary use is within the jurisdiction of such taxing jurisdiction; provided, however, that in no event shall customer identification be required to be released. Such information shall initially be made available not later than July 1, 2006."

### SECTION 2-28.

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding torts, is amended by revising Code Section 51-1-50, relating to immunity of broadcasters from liability for Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program, as follows:

"51-1-50.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Broadcast' means the transmission of video or audio programming by an electronic or other signal conducted by radiowaves or microwaves, by wires, lines, coaxial cables, wave guides or fiber optics, by satellite transmissions directly or indirectly to viewers or listeners, or by any other means of communication.

(2) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other entity that is engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio programming, whether through the public airwaves, by cable, by direct or indirect satellite transmission, or by any other means of communication.

(3) 'Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program' means the voluntary program entered into by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and certain broadcasters licensed to serve in the State of Georgia, which program provides that if the Georgia Bureau of Investigation verifies that a child has been abducted and is in danger, an alert containing known details of the abduction is transmitted to the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency, which is then transmitted by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency to broadcasters in Georgia; and those broadcasters participating in the program then broadcast or otherwise disseminate the alert to listeners, viewers, or subscribers.

(b) Any broadcaster participating in Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program shall not be liable for any civil damages arising from the broadcast or other dissemination of any alert generated pursuant to the Levi's Call: Georgia's Amber Alert Program. The immunity provided for in this Code section shall apply to any broadcast or dissemination of information that is substantially consistent with the information transmitted by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and that takes place during an alert requested by the Georgia Emergency Management ~~and Homeland Security~~ Agency and for a period of two hours after such alert has ended

or the Georgia Emergency Management and ~~Homeland Security~~ Agency informs the participating broadcasters that the alert has changed in content.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit or restrict in any way any legal protection a broadcaster may have under any other law for broadcasting or otherwise disseminating any information."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the perfected committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 36, nays 18.

HB 452, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 73. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 171st, Meadows of the 5th, Shaw of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts; to provide for definitions; to delineate procedures, conditions, eligibility, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of economic development, and the revenue commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Burke of the 11th.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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Honorable Chuck Hufstetler  
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 73 (LC 34 5090S)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

The University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) provided the following narrative on revenue impact of the bill:



This legislation provides an income tax credit for certain investments and activities related to revitalization zones. Revitalization zones are defined as specific geographic areas designated by the Commissioners of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Department of Economic Development to be in need of economic revitalization. The Department of Community Affairs estimates it will approve seven revitalization zones per year. The legislation creates three new income tax credits: certified entity, certified investor, and qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

#### Certified Entity

The certified entity income tax credit provides a \$2,000 per job per year tax credit up to \$40,000 for five years for new businesses that locate in a revitalization zone or existing businesses in a revitalization zone that expand their operations. The certified entity credit is targeted toward, but not limited to, businesses in North American Industry Classification (NAICS) groups 31, 44, 45, and 72. NAICS 31 is food and beverage manufacturing, textile and apparel manufacturing, and leather products manufacturing; 44 and 45 are retail trade; and 72 includes accommodations and food service businesses. Certified entities must create and maintain at least two full-time equivalent jobs in a taxable year and must maintain the jobs to continue claiming the tax credit in the following years. It is estimated that four businesses would qualify for the certified entity tax credit per revitalization zone and employ an average of seven FTE.

#### Certified Investor

The certified investor tax credit provides a credit equal to 25% of the purchase price or \$125,000, whichever is less, for acquiring and developing real estate in a revitalization zone. The income tax credit is pro-rated over a five year period. The real estate must have ongoing commercial benefit defined as either having an eligible certified entity business located in the property or other businesses (NAICS 31, 44, 45, 72) to continue to receive the tax credit. It is estimated that three certified investor tax credits would be issued per revitalization zone and that the average purchase price would be \$250,000.

#### Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditure

The qualified rehabilitation expenditure tax credit provides a credit equal to 50% of the qualified expenses associated with the rehabilitation of a certified investor property, not to exceed \$75,000. It is estimated that three certified investors per revitalization zone will claim the credit and they will spend \$150,000 or more in qualified rehabilitation expenses. The credit is pro-rated over a five-year period.

#### Fiscal Impacts

The proposed legislation would become effective on January 1, 2018 and taxpayers would begin to take the prorated credit beginning with their 2018 income tax return,

affecting state revenues in FY2019. Tax credits earned but not taken in any tax year may be carried forward up to ten years. The legislation includes a provision that automatically repeals the Code section on December 31, 2027 unless reauthorized by the General Assembly, meaning that tax credits could be issued through tax year 2027 with a portion utilized through FY2037. The following tables show the legislation's estimated revenue loss for the five-year period beginning FY2019 through FY2023:

**Table 1: Loss of State Income Tax Revenue, LC 34 5090S**

	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>Total</b>
Certified Entity	\$392,000	\$784,000	\$1,176,000	\$1,568,000	\$1,960,000	\$5,880,000
Certified Investor	\$262,500	\$525,000	\$787,500	\$1,050,000	\$1,312,500	\$3,937,500
<u>Qualified Rehab</u>	<u>\$315,000</u>	<u>\$630,000</u>	<u>\$945,000</u>	<u>\$1,260,000</u>	<u>\$1,575,000</u>	<u>\$4,725,000</u>
Total	\$969,500	\$1,939,000	\$2,908,500	\$3,878,000	\$4,847,500	\$14,542,500

### **Department of Revenue Costs**

The Department of Revenue (DOR) would incur one-time and ongoing costs associated with implementing the tax credits. DOR estimated one-time costs of \$15,180 for adding the credits to the information system, developing an interface with DCA, creating and updating forms, and developing and delivering training. It also estimated the need for two employees in the Taxpayer Services Division responsible for the credits. These employees would have a total annual cost of \$82,020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 73:

### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts; to provide for definitions; to delineate procedures, conditions, eligibility, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of economic development, and the revenue commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date, applicability, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-40.32.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Certified entity' means any eligible business which establishes a new location within a revitalization zone on or after January 1, 2018, or any existing eligible business located within a revitalization zone that expands its operations, and which:

(A) Has created at least two new full-time equivalent jobs in a taxable year; and

(B) Has been certified by the commissioner of community affairs as eligible to receive the revitalization zone tax credit based on established criteria in this Code section and promulgated in regulations by the commissioner of community affairs. Such certification shall be attached to the income tax return when the credit is claimed.

(2) 'Certified investor' means an investor or investors who:

(A) Acquire and develop real estate within a designated revitalization zone; and

(B) Have been certified by the commissioner of community affairs as eligible to receive the revitalization zone tax credit based on criteria established in this Code section and promulgated in regulations by the commissioner of community affairs. Such certification shall be attached to the income tax return when the credit is claimed.

(3) 'Eligible business' means any establishment that is primarily engaged in providing professional services or in retailing merchandise and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise, including but not limited to the North American Industry Classification System Codes 31, 44-45, 54, and 72.

(4) 'Full-time equivalent' means an aggregate of employee hours worked totaling 40 hours per week, the equivalent of one full-time job.

(5) 'Local government' means a county, municipality, or consolidated local government created pursuant to Article IX, Sections I, II, or III of the Constitution; applicable general state statutes; a local Act of the General Assembly; or such other method as was valid at the time of its creation.

(6) 'Qualified rehabilitation expenditure' means labor and material costs associated with the rehabilitation of a certified investor property which:

(A) Complies with the state minimum standard codes and any applicable local codes; and

(B) Has been certified by the commissioner of community affairs as eligible to receive the revitalization zone tax credit based on established criteria in this Code section and promulgated in regulations by the commissioner of community affairs. Such certification shall be attached to the income tax return when the credit is

claimed.

(7) 'Revitalization zone' means a specified geographic region that meets all criteria provided by this Code section and has been designated by the commissioner of community affairs and the commissioner of economic development to be in need of economic revitalization.

(b) The commissioner of community affairs and the commissioner of economic development are authorized to designate a specified area as a revitalization zone, enabling new and established businesses and new business investments in the zone to qualify for revitalization zone tax credits. The commissioner of community affairs and the commissioner of economic development may designate up to ten revitalization zones in any given year; provided, however, that there shall not be more than 50 revitalization zones in existence at the same time. This designation shall last for five consecutive years upon approval of the commissioners. To be eligible to apply for revitalization zone status, local governments must have a population of fewer than 15,000 residents. In addition, local governments must prove economic distress based on poverty rate, vacancy of the downtown area, or blight and shall meet the three following characteristics:

(1) A concentration of historic commercial structures at least 50 years old within the targeted area;

(2) A feasibility study or market analysis identifying the business activities which can be supported in the targeted area; and

(3) A master plan or strategic plan designed to assist private and public investment.

(c)(1) Certified entities shall receive the revitalization zone tax credit for five years beginning with the first taxable year in which new full-time equivalent jobs are created in a revitalization zone and for years two, three, four, and five of the taxable years immediately following, provided the new full-time equivalent jobs are maintained for each year the tax credit is claimed.

(2) Each new full-time equivalent job created will be eligible for a \$2,000.00 annual income tax credit. The amount of credit claimed by each certified entity shall not exceed \$40,000.00 per taxable year.

(3) The number of new full-time equivalent jobs shall be determined by comparing the monthly average of full-time equivalent jobs subject to Georgia income tax withholding for a given taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year; provided, however, a certified entity which begins operations during the taxable year may be certified by the commissioner of community affairs to base initial eligibility on a period of less than 12 months.

(4) This income tax credit shall not be allowed during a year if the net employment increase falls below the number required by subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section.

(5) Any credit generated and utilized in years prior to the year in which the net employment increase falls below the number required by subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section shall not be affected.

(d) Certified investors who acquire and develop property in a revitalization zone on or

after January 1, 2018, shall receive the revitalization zone tax credit, subject to the following:

(1) Certified investors shall demonstrate a property's ongoing commercial benefit as follows:

(A) An eligible business is located in the investment property and qualifies to receive the tax credit pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section; or

(B) An eligible business is located in the investment property and maintains a minimum of two full-time equivalent jobs for each year the tax credit is claimed;

(2) The amount of the tax credit per project shall be 25 percent of the purchase price and shall not exceed \$125,000.00; provided, however, that the entire credit shall not be taken in the year in which the property is placed in commercial service but shall be prorated equally in five installments over five taxable years, beginning with the taxable year in which the property is placed in service; and

(3) A certified investor shall be allowed to preserve the revitalization zone tax credit for up to seven years from the date of initial eligibility in the event the commercial requirement in paragraph (1) of this subsection is not satisfied in consecutive years.

(e)(1) A certified investor or certified entity with qualified rehabilitation expenditures on or after January 1, 2018, shall receive the revitalization zone tax credit for three years beginning with the year the property is placed in service. The amount of the tax credit per project shall be 30 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures and shall not exceed \$150,000.00; provided, however, the entire credit shall not be taken in the year in which the property is placed in commercial service but shall be prorated equally in three installments over three taxable years, beginning with the taxable year in which the property is placed in service. The business shall maintain a minimum of two full-time equivalent jobs for each year the tax credit is claimed.

(2) A certified investor or certified entity shall meet minimum historic preservation standards in order to be qualified to receive the revitalization zone tax credit. The standards shall be identified with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources' Historic Preservation Division.

(3) A taxpayer who is entitled to and takes credits provided by this Code section for a project shall not be allowed to utilize the same qualified rehabilitation expenditures to generate any additional state income tax credits, including, but not limited to, the state income tax credit for rehabilitated historic property administered by the Department of Natural Resources' Historic Preservation Division. Jobs created by, arising from, or connected in any way with the same project are not eligible to be used toward other job related tax credits.

(f) In no event shall the amount of the tax credits allowed by this Code section for a taxable year exceed a certified entity's or certified investor's state income tax liability. Any credit claimed under this Code section by a certified entity or certified investor but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for ten years from the close of the taxable year in which the credit is claimed. No such credit shall be allowed by the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(g) Any tax credits earned under this Code section are nontransferable.

(h) A certified entity shall report to the revenue commissioner the qualifying net job increases or decreases each year. A certified investor shall report to the revenue commissioner the investment amount in the initial qualifying year. The revenue commissioner and the commissioner of community affairs shall have the authority to require reports and promulgate regulations as needed in order to perform their duties under this Code section.

(i) This Code section shall stand automatically repealed on December 31, 2027, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly prior to such date."

### SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

### SECTION 3.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 4.

HB 73, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 133. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 6th, Heath of the 31st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the corporate net worth tax, so as to make such tax inapplicable to corporations worth less than a certain amount; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 137. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Hill of the 4th, Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Child Support Recovery Act, so as to require the obligor to pay the full fee required by the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 273. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Millar of the 40th, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), so as to change the jurisdiction and manner of appointment of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; to revise definitions; to revise proscribed conduct; to revise conflict of interest provisions; to revise complaint procedures; to increase sanctions for violations; to provide for a

referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the House:

HB 562. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Jasperse of the 11th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Eton Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 139. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Powell of the 171st, Beskin of the 54th, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to provide transparency of financial information of local school systems and schools to the greatest extent practicable; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for accessibility to certain financial data of a local board of education; to provide for school level budget and expenditure data; to require local school systems and schools to provide certain information on their websites; to provide for certain data and reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Brass of the 28th.

Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Rhett of the 33rd, Hill of the 4th and Hill of the 6th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend HB 139 (LC 33 6865S) by inserting after "reports;" on line 7 the following:*

to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for unique identifiers for students who are children of military personnel; to provide a short title;

*By inserting between lines 91 and 92 the following:*

**SECTION 2.**

Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:



"20-2-324.3.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Educating Children of Military Families Act.'

(b) The Department of Education is authorized to establish a unique identifier for each student:

(1) Whose parent or guardian is an active duty military service member in the armed forces of the United States; and

(2) Whose parent is a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard

in a manner that will allow for disaggregation of data for each category."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Anderson of the 43rd, et al. amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 139, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

HB 50. By Representatives Pirkle of the 155th, McCall of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, England of the 116th and LaRiccica of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, so as to provide for liability protection for certain activities related to livestock; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Black of the 8th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
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Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 50, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 76. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change certain requirements and certifications for certain

maps, plats, and plans presented for filing with the clerk of superior court; to provide for definitions; to change certain provisions relating to the information and certifications to be provided by land surveyors on certain documents; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Stone of the 23rd.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 76:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change certain requirements and certifications for certain maps, plats, and plans presented for filing with the clerk of superior court; to provide for definitions; to change certain provisions relating to the information and certifications to be provided by land surveyors on certain documents; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Plat and Condominium Plan Recording Act of 2017."

**SECTION 2.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-67, relating to recordation of maps and plats and specifications, as follows:

"15-6-67.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Condominium plan' means a drawing that is required to be recorded prior to the first conveyance of a condominium unit pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 44-3-83, including, but not limited to, a condominium floor plan, condominium plot plan, or condominium site plan.

(2) 'Plat' means a drawing prepared by a land surveyor that describes and depicts real property boundaries, including, but not limited to, a map, condominium plat, subdivision plat, as-built survey, easement survey, or retracement survey.

(b) All plats and condominium plans submitted for filing with the clerk of superior court shall be submitted electronically. The clerk of superior court shall file and record maps,

~~plats, and subdivision plats, and condominium plats, condominium site plans, condominium plot plans, and condominium floor plans, and condominium plans instruments presented in accordance with Code Section 44-3-83 relating to real estate in the county when submitted for filing as provided in this Code section and accompanied with any required filing fees or costs.~~

~~(b)(c)~~ Each ~~map, plat, or~~ and condominium plan referred to in subsection (a) of this Code section to be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of superior court shall be in conformance with the following requirements:

(1) **Format for plats and condominium plans.** All images of a plat or condominium plan submitted for filing shall be at full size of the drawing scale stated thereon and shall:

(A) Be an electronic image of a plat or condominium plan presented to the clerk electronically in conformance with all specifications set forth in any rules and regulations promulgated by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority; and

(B) Provide a box of not less than three inches square, if at full size, in the upper left-hand corner which shall be reserved for the clerk to append filing information;

~~(4) **Caption.**~~ (2) **Required data for plats.** Each ~~map, plat, or plan page image~~ shall have a caption which shall comply with the minimum standards and specifications adopted in the rules and regulations of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and provide the following information:

(A) The county where the property lies;

(B) Any ~~city, town,~~ municipality, ~~or village~~ wherein the property lies;

(C) The ~~names~~ name of all ~~owners~~ of the property owner or owners of the subject property as stated on the most current or applicable title instrument;

(D) ~~If such plat is a subdivision plat, condominium plat, condominium site plan, condominium plot plan, or condominium floor plan~~ The type of plat;

(E) The name of any subdivision if ~~for~~ the property lies within a named subdivision ~~clearly identified as such or if the plat is creating a new subdivision;~~

(F) The name of any condominium if ~~for a condominium plat, condominium site plan, condominium plot plan, or condominium floor plan~~ the property is within a condominium development;

(G) The applicable units, pods, blocks, lots, or other subdesignations of any named subdivision or condominium;

(H) The name or names of the developer or developers of any ~~named~~ new subdivision or condominium;

(I) All applicable ~~land districts and land lots reflected on such map, plat, or plan~~ land lots, land districts, sections, reserves, or militia districts wherein the platted property lies;

(J) The date of initial preparation and issuance, ~~or~~ and any revision ~~date~~ dates, including a brief explanation of each revision;

(K) The name, address, and telephone number, ~~and license or registration number~~ of the land surveyor; ~~and~~ who prepared and sealed the plat and, if working for or

through a firm, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, or other entity, then also the certificate of authorization number of that entity, in which case the address and telephone number of such entity are acceptable in lieu of the individual surveyor's address and telephone number;

(L) The registration number of the land surveyor or a statement that he or she is the county surveyor and is not required by law to be a registered surveyor;

(M) The seal of the land surveyor who has prepared the plat and is signing the surveyor certification, which shall be placed within or next to the surveyor certification box;

(L)(N) If the ~~map~~, plat, ~~or plan~~ has multiple pages, the page number for each applicable page; and the total number of sheets in the set shall be placed on each sheet in the same or similar location. The information required by this paragraph may be placed on all sheets or on different sheets within the set submitted for filing; and

(O) The scale of the plat stated and shown graphically; and

**(2)(3) Land surveyor certifications required for plats.**

(A) Surveyor certification box for plats. Each ~~map~~, plat, ~~or plan~~ shall provide have depicted thereon a box which contains one of the following language and the applicable certifications of the registered land surveyor required pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section:

(i)	As required by subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67, this plat has been prepared by a land surveyor and approved by all applicable local jurisdictions for recording as evidenced by approval certificates, signatures, stamps, or statements hereon. Such approvals or affirmations should be confirmed with the appropriate governmental bodies by any purchaser or user of this plat as to intended use of any parcel. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.
(ii)	As required by subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67, this plat has been prepared by a land surveyor. This plat has been approved by all applicable local jurisdictions that require prior approval for recording this type of plat or one or more of the applicable local jurisdictions do not require approval of this type of plat. For any applicable local jurisdiction that requires approval of this type of plat, the names of the individuals signing or approving this plat, the agency or office of that individual, and the date of approval are listed in the approval table shown hereon. For any applicable local jurisdiction that does not require approval of this type of plat, the name of such local jurisdiction and the number of the applicable ordinance or resolution providing that no such approval is required are listed in the approval table shown hereon. Such

<p><u>approvals, affirmations, or ordinance or resolution numbers should be confirmed with the appropriate governmental bodies by any purchaser or user of this plat as to intended use of any parcel. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.</u></p>	
<p>(iii)</p>	<p><u>This plat is a retracement of an existing parcel or parcels of land and does not subdivide or create a new parcel or make any changes to any real property boundaries. The recording information of the documents, maps, plats, or other instruments which created the parcel or parcels are stated hereon. RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION, AVAILABILITY OF PERMITS, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS, OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY USE OR PURPOSE OF THE LAND. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.</u></p>
<p>(iv)</p>	<p><u>The property hereon lies completely within a jurisdiction which does not review or approve any plats or this type of plat prior to recording. RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION, AVAILABILITY OF PERMITS, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS, OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY USE OR PURPOSE OF THE LAND. Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that this plat complies with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia as set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67.</u></p>

**SURVEYOR CERTIFICATIONS**

~~As required by subsection (c) of O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-67, the Registered Land Surveyor hereby certifies that this map, plat, or plan has been approved for filing in writing by any and all applicable municipal, county, or municipal county planning commissions or municipal or county governing authorities or that such governmental bodies have affirmed in writing that approval is not required.~~

~~The following governmental bodies have approved this map, plat, or plan for filing:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Name and date (mm/dd/yyyy)~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Name and date (mm/dd/yyyy)~~

~~The following governmental bodies have affirmed that approval is not required:~~

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Such approvals or affirmations should be confirmed with the appropriate governmental bodies by any purchaser as to intended use of any parcel.

The Registered Land Surveyor further certifies that this map, plat, or plan complies with the minimum standards and specifications of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile Signature

**(B) Other certification information required for plats.**

(i) The land surveyor shall sign on a line immediately beneath the certification on the plat. At the discretion of the land surveyor and in conformity with local regulations, the surveyor may electronically sign the certification using a facsimile signature. The facsimile signature may be a reproduction of an original signature or an electronically created signature. If the land surveyor elects to use a facsimile signature, the surveyor must maintain full control over the application and use of such signature.

(ii) Additional dates, certifications, and signatures, which may be electronically created signatures, may be placed on plats. Such certifications may include, but are not limited to, those that may be required by local jurisdictions or agencies, the United States Small Business Administration, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the American Land Title Association.

(iii) The approval table required by division (c)(3)(A)(ii) of this Code section shall be data in a tabular format which shall include the name of each governmental body or agency that has approved the plat, the name of each individual who issued such approval, and the date that each approval was granted.

(iv) Plats that meet the requirements of a municipal or county governing authority ordinance or resolution specifying that no approval of such plat is necessary prior to recording may be recorded using the certification set forth in division (c)(3)(A)(ii) or (c)(3)(A)(iv) of this Code section, as applicable.

(v) In the case of a plat that is a retracement survey, the land surveyor shall state clearly the recording information of any document, map, plat, or other instrument which created any of the parcels depicted. The depiction of gores, overlaps, or other parcel delineation as may be necessary to remedy or address title issues or deficiencies shall be allowed as part of the retracement function. Plats that depict existing or proposed easements for utilities or for conservation purposes may be recorded using the certification set forth in division (c)(3)(A)(iii) of this Code section, provided that there are no changes to any real property boundaries.

(vi) Plats bearing the certification provided for in division (c)(3)(A)(iii) of this Code section shall be entitled to recordation without further review or local approval.

~~(3) **Filing information box.** Each image of a map, plat, or plan shall provide a box of not less than three inches square, if at full size, in the upper left hand corner which shall be reserved for the clerk to append filing information; and~~

~~(4) **Format.** All images of maps, plats, or plans submitted for filing shall:~~

~~(A) Comply with the minimum standards and specifications adopted in the rules and regulations of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; and~~

~~(B) Be an electronic image of a single page certified and presented to the clerk electronically in conformance with all specifications set forth in any rules and regulations promulgated by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority.~~

~~(e)(1)(d) Whenever the municipal planning commission, the county planning commission, the municipal-county planning commission, or, if no such planning commission exists, the appropriate municipal or county governing authority prepares and adopts subdivision regulations, and upon receiving approval thereon by the appropriate governing authority, or land use regulations, or both, then no map, plat, or plan of a subdivision of land within the municipality or the county shall be ~~filed or recorded in~~ presented for filing with the office of the clerk of superior court of a county:~~

~~(A) Without without the approval of the municipal planning commission, county planning commission, municipal-county planning commission, or appropriate municipal or county governing authority; and~~

~~(B) Unless the registered land surveyor who prepares any such map, plat, or plan for filing certifies thereon that such map, plat, or plan has been approved for filing by all applicable governmental bodies. Such certification shall specifically state by name the governmental bodies that approved the filings and the dates such actions were taken.~~

~~(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection to the contrary, no approval of the municipal planning commission, county planning commission, municipal-county planning commission, or, if no such planning commission exists, the appropriate municipal or county governing authority shall be required if no new streets or roads are created or no new utility improvements are required or no new sanitary sewer or approval of a septic tank is required. Any map, plat, or plan of survey containing thereon a certification from a registered land surveyor that the municipal, county, or municipal-county planning commission or appropriate municipal or county governing authority has affirmed in writing that approval is not required shall entitle said map, plat, or plan to be recorded, provided that such certification includes the name of the governmental bodies that affirmed that such approval is not necessary and the dates of such actions.~~

~~(d)(e) Any land surveyor who fraudulently makes any certification required under this Code section shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

~~(e)(f) The clerk of superior court shall make available a public computer terminal which provides a filer access to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority's electronic filing portal.~~



~~(f)~~(g) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority shall have the power and authority to promulgate such rules and regulations deemed necessary or convenient for implementation of the provisions of this Code section.

~~(g)~~(h) The clerk of superior court shall be held harmless for the filing of any ~~map~~, plat, or condominium plan that fails to meet any requirement of this Code section.

(i) Any plats or condominium plans prepared prior to the effective date of this Code section in compliance with previous statutory requirements may be recorded pursuant to this Code section so long as such documents are submitted as electronic images and presented to the clerk of superior court electronically."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 4.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
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Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HB 76, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 412. By Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Epps of the 144th, Powell of the 32nd, Ridley of the 6th and Taylor of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the electronic submission of certain documents relating to registration and certificate of title of certain vehicles to the Department of Revenue; to provide for the denial of applications for commercial vehicle registration under the International Registration Plan in certain instances; to reserve a duplicate Code section cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 412, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 193. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Burke of the 11th, Thompson of the 14th and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, so as to revise the program mission and practice; to remove certain references to medically indigent women; to revise the definition of contract management agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 211. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Stone of the 23rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student assessments, so as to provide for consideration of local reading programs when establishing a research based formative assessment with a summative component for grades one and two; to provide for a review and recommended solution for ongoing assessments in kindergarten through grade five in reading and mathematics and for the assessments in grades three through eight; to provide for a comparability study to determine and establish the concordance of nationally recognized academic assessments with content standards and assessments in grades nine through 12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 427. By Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th and Spencer of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians for rural areas assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians in underserved areas to other health care practitioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 427, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 279. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Houston of the 170th, Smith of the 134th, Dempsey of the 13th and Frye of the 118th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to change of name, so as to provide for a

separate process when a name change is requested by an individual alleging to be the victim of family violence; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Jones II of the 22nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
N Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HB 279, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 370. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Hatchett of the 150th, Powell of the 171st and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council of Municipal Court Judges of Georgia, so as to authorize the council to create and administer savings plans and deferred compensation plans for its members; to provide for

the manner of funding; to provide for limitations on funding and liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Black of the 8th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 370, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 370. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Lee Anderson

District 24

The President resumed the Chair.

HB 208. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Knight of the 130th, Efstration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to revise definitions, license fees, and license requirements; to amend Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, so as to revise boat registration fees and allow additional methods for reporting the sale of boats; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Martin of the 9th.

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment offered the following substitute to HB 208:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to revise definitions, license fees, and license requirements; to amend Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, so as to revise boat registration fees and allow additional methods for reporting the sale of boats; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended in Code Section 27-1-2, relating to definitions relative to game and fish, by revising paragraph (60) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(60) 'Resident' means any citizen of the United States who has been domiciled within the State of Georgia for a period of at least three months. For purposes of issuing or procuring the noncommercial hunting and fishing licenses required by this title, the term 'resident' shall include full-time military personnel on active duty and the dependents of such military personnel; provided, however, that requirements for residency as defined in ~~paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of subparagraph (c)(4)(A) of~~ Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall apply to such military personnel and their dependents for

all lifetime license types listed in Code Section 27-2-3.1 that are only available to residents. Requirements for residency as defined in ~~paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of subparagraph (c)(4)(A) of~~ Code Section 27-2-3.1 shall also apply to such military personnel and their dependents for all honorary or discounted license types listed in Code Section 27-2-4 and to the landowner exemption in subsection (b) of Code Section 27-2-1, provided that the domicile requirement shall be a period of at least three months."

"(63.1) 'Seafood dealer' means any person other than the consumer who purchases, ships, consigns, transfers, barter, accepts, maintains, or packs any marine fishery products received from commercial seafood harvesters or marine aquaculturists for the first time."

### SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 27-2-1, relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing without a license or permit, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any resident of this state who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt, fish in the waters of this state, or trap without a valid hunting license, fishing license, or trapping license, respectively, as provided in Code Section 27-2-23, except on premises owned by him or her or his or her immediate family; provided, however, that the resident owner of any vessel with a valid registration in accordance with Code Section 52-7-5 shall have, as part of the registration fee for such vessel, a paid ~~three-day~~ one-day resident hunting and fishing license ~~that begins on~~ valid only on the anniversary of such owner's date of birth ~~and extends two consecutive days thereafter~~ in accordance with the requirements of this title and as otherwise specified by the department. It shall be unlawful for any resident of this state to hunt, fish, or trap in this state without carrying such license upon his or her person, except on premises owned by him or her or his or her immediate family and except when otherwise specifically directed by authorized personnel of the department."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-3, relating to effective periods of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, as follows:

"27-2-3.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided, all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, including without limitation commercial fishing and commercial fishing boat licenses issued pursuant to Code Section 27-2-8, shall be effective from April 1 to March 31 of the following year; except that all annual, two-year, or other multiyear hunting, fishing, and hunting and fishing combination licenses issued pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) of Code Section 27-2-23 shall be effective through the applicable one-year, two-year, or multiyear anniversary of the date of issuance. If a person possesses a valid annual, two-year, or other multiyear hunting, fishing, or hunting and fishing combination license at the time of sale of one or more annual, two-year, or other multiyear licenses with identical privileges to the valid license, the new



license or licenses shall become effective when the original license expires and shall remain valid through the full applicable period. The department may specify the effective dates and term of the following licenses or permits:

(1) The Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp to meet requirements of Code Section 27-2-20;

(2) The free Georgia salt water fishing endorsement to meet requirements of Code Section 27-2-20.1; and

(3) Any permit or requirement authorized by Code Section 27-3-29 regarding harvest recording and reporting.

(b) Multiyear licenses valid for any desired number of years may be purchased through a single transaction for licenses listed in paragraphs (1) through (4) of Code Section 27-2-23. The fee for any such multiyear license shall be equivalent to the lowest cost combination of annual or two-year licenses necessary to form the desired multiyear license period. No ~~multiyear~~ resident license shall be valid at the time of hunting or fishing unless the licensee is a resident of this state at such time, except for lifetime licenses."

#### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-3.1, relating to hunting and sportsman's licenses, as follows:

"27-2-3.1.

(a) The requirements in this title for procuring any paid license or permit for noncommercial hunting and fishing privileges, except for ~~hunting~~ harvesting alligators, shall be satisfied by a resident or nonresident who procures a sportsman's license. ~~An applicant for such license shall, prior to the issuance of the license, complete a screening questionnaire associated with the federal Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program; provided, however, that the department may specify other nonpaid licenses and permits required by law or by rule or regulation of the board. An applicant for such license shall furnish all information required by the department prior to the issuance of such license. An applicant for any paid or nonpaid license who is a resident shall certify and provide satisfactory evidence of his or her residency as set forth in paragraph (4) of subsection (c) of this Code section.~~

(b) All licenses, stamps, or permits for noncommercial hunting and fishing privileges shall be attached to or printed on a form provided by the department which shall include the applicant's name, address, date of birth, and hunter safety certification number; provided, however, that each such item of information may be, but is not required to be, printed on lifetime licenses.

(c)(1) The requirements in this title for procuring any paid license, stamp, or permit for noncommercial hunting and fishing privileges shall be satisfied by a resident or nonresident who procures a lifetime sportsman's license; provided, however, that the department may specify other required nonpaid licenses and permits required by law or by rule or regulation of the board for such resident or nonresident and that an applicant for such license shall furnish all information required by the department

prior to the issuance of such license; and provided, further, that the requirements in this title for procuring any paid license, stamp, or permit for noncommercial hunting or for noncommercial fishing privileges, separately, shall be satisfied by a resident or nonresident who procures a lifetime sportsman's license for hunting only or for fishing only, respectively, as described in subparagraph (d)(1)(E) of this Code section.

~~(2) An applicant for such license who is a resident shall certify and provide satisfactory evidence of his or her residency as set forth in paragraph (5) of this subsection.~~

~~(3)~~ An applicant for a veteran's lifetime sportsman's license shall, in addition to satisfactory evidence of residency, be required to provide satisfactory evidence that he or she served more than 90 days of federal active duty military service and was honorably discharged.

~~(4)~~(3) An applicant for ~~such~~ a lifetime sportsman's license who is a nonresident shall not be eligible for issuance of such license unless:

(A) He or she is from two through 15 years of age and is the grandchild of a resident who holds a valid paid lifetime sportsman's license (~~not~~ excluding a no-cost Type S lifetime license). The resident grandparent who holds such a lifetime sportsman's license and who is the sponsor of an eligible nonresident applicant for a lifetime sportsman's license shall certify the nonresident applicant's relationship to him or her in writing to the department; or

(B) He or she is less than two years of age.

~~(5)~~(4)(A) For purposes of procuring a lifetime sportsman's license, the term 'residency' means a domicile within Georgia for a minimum of three consecutive months immediately prior to procuring such license. Satisfactory evidence of residency shall consist of a current Georgia driver's license or official Georgia identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services; provided, however, that no license or identification card issued pursuant to Code Section 40-5-21.1 shall satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

(B) Minors under 18 years of age shall be presumed to be residents upon proof of parent's resident status as provided for in this Code section. For purposes of procuring the Type I (Infant) and Type Y (Youth) lifetime license, a copy of a certified copy of the birth certificate of the licensee shall be required to show age (Types I and Y) and parentage (Type Y). A court order or other legal document establishing parental rights or legal custody may be provided to show parentage.

(d)(1) Lifetime sportsman's licenses and fees for residents shall be as follows:

(A) Type I (Infant), available only to those individuals under two years of age: ~~\$200.00~~ \$500.00;

(B) Type Y (Youth), available only to those individuals from two through 15 years of age: ~~\$350.00~~ \$600.00;

(C) Type A (Adult), available to those individuals 16 years to 49 years of age ~~or older~~: ~~\$500.00~~ \$750.00;

(C.1) Type OA (Older Adult), available to those individuals 50 years to 59 years of age: \$375.00;

(D) Type SD (Senior Discount), available to those individuals 60 years to 64 years of age ~~or older~~: ~~\$95.00~~ \$315.00;

(E) Type S (Senior), available to those individuals 65 years of age or older born on or before June 30, 1952; no charge; The lifetime sportsman's licenses and fees available to those individuals 65 years of age and older born after June 30, 1952, shall be as follows:

(i) Type SP (Senior Paid): \$70.00;

(ii) Type SH (Senior Hunt), for hunting only: \$35.00; and

(iii) Type SF (Senior Fish), for fishing only: \$35.00;

(F) Type V (Veterans), available only to those individuals who served more than 90 days of federal active duty military service and were honorably discharged: 80 percent of the amount of the fee specified for Type A lifetime sportsman's licenses in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph; ~~and~~

(G) Type M (Military), available only to those residents currently in active military service and who are in possession of a valid United States Department of Defense Common Access Card with a Uniformed Services affiliation. As used in this subsection, the term 'active military service' means service on active duty with the armed forces of the United States or service with a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including service in the Georgia National Guard or National Guard of another state: 80 percent of the amount of the fee specified for Type A lifetime sportsman's licenses in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph; and

~~(G)~~(H) Type SP (Shooting Preserve), available to any individual, resident or nonresident, and which entitles the holder to hunt pen raised game birds and fish in any private or state waters within the boundaries of a properly licensed shooting preserve: \$75.00.

(2) The fee for any lifetime sportsman's license for a nonresident, Type NR, shall be twice the amount of the fee for a Type A (Adult) lifetime sportsman's license for a resident, except that the fee for a nonresident Type I (Infant) license shall be the same fee as for a resident Type I (Infant) license.

(3) After July 1, 2017, the General Assembly shall not increase the cost of any license provided for in this subsection by more than 20 percent.

(e) Lifetime sportsman's licenses shall be valid for the lifetime of the purchaser, whether resident or nonresident. Change of residency to another state shall not affect the validity of the lifetime license when hunting or fishing in Georgia.

(f) The commissioner shall revoke the lifetime sportsman's license of any person who knowingly attempts to or does purchase, obtain, or assist another person to obtain a lifetime sportsman's license by fraudulent means, without refund of any fees paid.

(g) Upon payment of a replacement fee of up to ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00, any durable plastic card showing a lifetime sportsman's license or other valid license may be replaced if lost, stolen, or destroyed, provided that the applicant's name and lifetime license number or other required license information are in the records of the department.

(h) Once a lifetime license is issued, no refunds of fees will be made except in the case of the death before age 16 years of a Type I (Infant) lifetime license holder or a Type Y

(Youth) license holder, in which case a full refund of fees collected may be made upon submission of the lifetime license and any other documentation required by the department.

(i) The requirements in this title for procuring any paid license, stamp, or permit for noncommercial hunting and fishing privileges shall be satisfied by a resident youth younger than 16 years of age who procures an optional annual or an optional multiyear resident youth sportsman's license. The requirements in this title for procuring any paid license, stamp, or permit for noncommercial fishing privileges shall be satisfied by a youth younger than 16 years of age who procures an optional annual or an optional multiyear resident youth license for fishing only. A resident youth multiyear fishing license or resident youth multiyear sportsman's license will be valid from the time of purchase until such person reaches 17 years of age. The department may require satisfactory evidence to show age and residency before issuing an annual or youth multiyear license."

#### SECTION 5.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-4, relating to honorary licenses, as follows:

"27-2-4.

(a) The department shall issue ~~an honorary~~ a discounted hunting and fishing license, which shall entitle a resident to hunt and fish in this state without the payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23, to each resident who is permanently and totally disabled. For purposes of this Code section, a permanent, total disability shall be a physical or mental impairment of a total and permanent nature ~~which prevents gainful employment and~~ which is certified as such by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, the Social Security Administration, Medicaid, medicare, the Railroad Retirement System, or a unit of federal, state, or local government recognized by the board by rule or regulation; provided, however, that persons disabled because of a mental impairment shall be issued ~~an honorary~~ a discounted fishing license only. Persons issued ~~an honorary~~ a discounted license under disability provisions shall renew such licenses and recertify their eligibility for such licenses every three years; provided, however, that ~~honorary~~ licenses in effect as of July 1, 1998, shall not require renewal. The fee for a discounted three-year license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be \$9.00 for hunting or fishing only and \$15.00 for hunting and fishing combined. The fee for a discounted annual license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be \$3.00 for hunting or fishing only and \$5.00 for hunting and fishing combined.

(b) Any resident who is totally blind and who applies to the department shall receive a lifetime honorary fishing license which shall entitle the holder thereof to fish in this state without the payment of any fee whatsoever.

(c) Any person holding a valid honorary or discounted license pursuant to this Code section shall not be required to obtain the trout license and big game license otherwise required by Code Section 27-2-6.

(d) All honorary and discounted hunting and fishing licenses are subject to all wildlife

laws, rules, and regulations with the exception of the provisions requiring the payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23 for such licenses. Such honorary and discounted licenses may be revoked in accordance with this title. It shall be unlawful for any person who has an honorary or discounted hunting and fishing license to permit the use of same by any other person. It shall also be unlawful for any person who is not entitled to ~~an honorary~~ a discounted hunting and fishing license to use such a license or for any totally and permanently disabled person issued such a license to possess or use such license when the disability is no longer total or permanent. Licenses for the totally and permanently disabled may, upon a determination that the disability is no longer total or permanent, be revoked until such time as the disability is again total and permanent.

(e) The commissioner is authorized to make and enter into agreements from time to time with the proper authorities of various states of the United States regarding nonresident hunting and fishing license fees for persons 65 years of age or older so as to provide ~~honorary~~ discounted hunting and fishing licenses to be issued ~~without charge~~ to nonresidents 65 years of age or older where such practice is reciprocated for Georgia residents in that person's state of residence.

(f) Persons holding lifetime honorary licenses issued to persons 65 years of age or older prior to April 1, 1999, shall not be required to obtain a lifetime license pursuant to Code Section 27-2-3.1, and such lifetime honorary license shall carry the same rights and privileges as a lifetime license issued pursuant to that Code section.

(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'returning veteran' means a person who is discharged from active duty as a member of the regular or reserve component of the United States armed forces, the United States Coast Guard, the Georgia National Guard, or the Georgia Air National Guard and who was on ordered federal duty for a period of 90 days or longer.

(2) The department shall issue an honorary hunting and fishing license to any returning veteran which shall entitle him or her to hunt and fish in this state without the payment of fees described in Code Section 27-2-23 for a period of one year following issuance. A returning veteran requesting such an honorary license shall provide proof of his or her discharge."

#### **SECTION 6.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-4.2, relating to courtesy nonresident fishing licenses for certain veterans, as follows:

"27-2-4.2.

The department is authorized to issue a courtesy nonresident fishing license, without fee, to any person who is not a resident of this state who is a paralyzed or disabled veteran and who is participating in an organized fishing tournament in this state which is sponsored and conducted by a nonprofit charitable association of paralyzed or disabled veterans, provided that such tournament is approved by the department. Such courtesy nonresident license shall be valid for use only during the specified dates of such tournament and for a maximum of seven days and shall include all requirements

and privileges of a nonresident fishing license, including the nonresident trout license, for use only in association with such tournament."

### SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-5, relating to required hunter education courses, as follows:

"27-2-5.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person born on or after January 1, 1961, to procure a hunting license or to hunt by means of weapons in this state unless that person has been issued a certificate or other evidence the department deems acceptable which indicates satisfactory completion of a hunter education course as prescribed by the board. Persons ages ~~46~~ 12 through 25 shall provide such certificate or other evidence to the issuing agent at the time of purchase of a hunting license. All persons required by this subsection to complete a hunter education course, by ~~signing~~ buying such license, by receiving a temporary license identification number, or by receiving a license from a telephone license agent, Internet license agent, or other vendor, shall certify by such action their compliance with this subsection.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person authorized to issue hunting licenses in this state to issue a hunting license to any person age 16 through 25 unless that license agent shall have been provided with a certificate showing the license applicant has satisfactorily completed a hunter education course as prescribed by the board, or to any other person born on or after January 1, 1961, unless such person provides such other evidence of completion of a hunter education course as the department deems acceptable. Internet and telephone license agents may accept a valid hunter education certificate number as fulfillment of this requirement.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person age 16 through 25 who is not required by law to obtain a hunting license to hunt in this state unless that person carries on his or her person while hunting a certificate attesting to that person's satisfactory completion of a hunter education course as prescribed by the board. Such person shall present his or her certificate to a conservation ranger or deputy conservation ranger for inspection upon demand.

(d) Any person who is age 12 through 15 shall satisfactorily complete a hunter education course as a prerequisite to hunting with a weapon in this state. It shall be unlawful for any adult to permit his or her child or ward age 12 through 15 to hunt with a weapon unless the child has a certificate attesting to his or her satisfactory completion of such course on his or her person; provided, however, that a hunter education course is not required for a child ~~age 12 through 15 less than 16~~ of age who is hunting under adult supervision by a licensed adult hunter.

(e) Any person applying for an annual or multiyear nonresident hunting/fishing license may provide a certificate of completion or such other evidence of completion the department deems acceptable of the official hunter education or hunter safety course of such person's state of residence if that course shall have been approved by the department. ~~Those persons~~ No one applying for a hunting license ~~other than a season~~

hunting of less than one year in duration or for a lifetime license shall not be required to exhibit such a certificate or to complete a hunter education course in order to obtain the license. Persons holding a lifetime license shall complete an official hunter education or hunter safety course and display proof of completion as specified by the department in order to hunt unless otherwise exempted by this title.

(f) By rule or regulation, the board shall prescribe a course of instruction in competency and safety in hunting and in the handling of weapons. The board shall also prescribe procedures whereby competent residents of this state shall be certified as hunter education instructors. The board may provide, by rule or regulation, for charging reasonable fees for the issuance by the department of duplicate certificates of completion of a hunter education course and for hunter education courses in order to defray the expenses of conducting such courses. Any such fees shall be deemed as 'other income' of the department for purposes of subsection (c) of Code Section 27-1-13.

(g) Any person violating any provision of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to any person under the age of 16.

(h) The requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this Code section shall not apply to any person hunting on his or her own land or that of his or her parents or legal guardian or to persons permitting a child or ward aged 12 through 15 years to hunt on the parent's or guardian's own land."

#### **SECTION 8.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-6, relating to trout, waterfowl, big game, and alligator licenses, as follows:

"27-2-6.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person who has attained the age of 16 years to fish for or possess mountain trout or to fish in any waters designated as trout waters or trout streams pursuant to Code Section 27-4-51 unless such person has in his or her possession a trout license in addition to his or her fishing license.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt or possess big game unless such person has in his or her possession a big game license in addition to the required hunting license; provided, however, that all nonresidents, regardless of age, must possess a nonresident hunting/fishing license along with any harvest records required by law or regulation to hunt big game in this state.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt ducks, geese, or swans unless such person has in his or her possession ~~an official Georgia waterfowl license~~ a Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp in addition to the required hunting license; provided, however, that a Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp or a landowner Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp shall be required for any resident of this state to hunt migratory birds on premises owned by him or her or his or her immediate family.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt

alligators unless such person has in his or her possession ~~an alligator hunting license in addition to the required~~ a valid hunting license; ~~provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to lifetime license holders.~~ A resident or nonresident alligator harvest permit shall be required to harvest an alligator. Such permit shall be free to lifetime license holders if selected as part of any department quota or lottery.

(e) No resident of this state shall be required to obtain a trout license, ~~official Georgia waterfowl license,~~ or big game license to hunt, fish, or trap on premises owned by him or her or his or her immediate family.

(f) Any visitor to a state park, whether a resident or nonresident of Georgia, shall not be required to purchase a trout license when fishing in impounded waters on lands owned or leased by the department."

### SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-8, relating to commercial fishing boat licenses, as follows:

"27-2-8.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in commercial fishing with a boat or vessel in the salt waters of this state without first obtaining a valid commercial fishing boat license for the boat or vessel. The owner or operator of the boat or vessel shall present in writing an application for the license, setting forth such data and information as the department shall require. The application shall be made upon a form prescribed by the department and shall be under oath and duly witnessed by an officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

(b) Fees for licenses required under this Code section shall be as follows:

(1) A trawler (which shall be any boat or vessel which utilizes one or more trawls or power-drawn nets in the taking of shrimp, crabs, or fish), up to and including 18 feet in overall length, ~~\$50.00;~~ \$85.00;

(2) A trawler more than 18 feet in overall length, ~~\$50.00;~~ \$85.00 plus \$3.00 per foot or fraction thereof of overall length in excess of 18 feet; and

(3) All boats other than trawlers, ~~up to and including 18 feet in overall~~ regardless of length; \$5.00;

(4) ~~All boats, other than trawlers, over 18 feet in overall length, \$5.00 plus 50¢ per foot or fraction thereof in excess of 18 feet.~~

(c) To defray the additional cost of regulating and policing, aliens and nonresidents shall be charged a license fee in addition to that provided by subsection (b) of this Code section in the amount of ~~\$25.00~~ \$150.00 for each trawl boat or vessel used and \$50.00 for each boat or vessel other than a trawler used in commercial fishing or in the taking of seafood, which boat or vessel is owned, in whole or part, by such nonresident or alien, provided that, in the event such nonresident or alien applying for the license is a resident of another state which charges nonresidents a license fee greater than the total license fee charged for nonresidents in this state, then the additional license fee provided for nonresidents in this subsection shall be increased to the amount necessary to cause the Georgia nonresident license fee to be the same amount as the nonresident



license fee of such other state.

(d) The owner or operator of a trawler licensed according to subsection (b) of this Code section may purchase a trawler crew license as provided for in subparagraphs (W) and (X) of paragraph (8) of Code Section 27-2-23. Such license shall cover all crew members aboard the trawler while fishing, and all such crew members while so covered shall be exempt from the personal commercial fishing license requirements otherwise applicable under this title. Such trawler crew license shall be separate and distinct from any other license, shall be valid only for the trawler for which it is purchased, and shall not be transferable to any other trawler or vessel. Such trawler crew license shall be valid for a fishing year as provided for in Code Section 27-2-3 and shall be carried onboard the trawler while the trawler is in operation for purposes of the trawler crew license."

**SECTION 10.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-20, relating to migratory bird hunting, as follows:

"27-2-20.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person 16 years of age or older to hunt brant, ducks, geese, and swans in this state without a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person required to obtain a hunting license as provided in Code Section 27-2-1 to hunt any migratory game bird, including brant, ducks, geese, swans, doves, rails, woodcock, snipe, gallinules, and coots, without participating in the federal Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program. Participation in such program shall require the completion of a an annual screening questionnaire prior to obtaining a free Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird license and the stamp or a landowner Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp. Persons holding any other license conveying migratory bird hunting privileges, including a lifetime sportsman's license, shall complete the annual screening questionnaire before hunting migratory birds. Persons shall be in possession of the license or other and evidence of participation in the annual screening questionnaire as provided by the department while hunting migratory birds."

**SECTION 11.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-2-23, relating to license, permit, stamp, and tag fees, as follows:

"27-2-23.

Fees for licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by this title shall be as follows:

(1) Hunting licenses:

(A) Resident hunting license	Annual	<del>\$10.00</del> <u>\$15.00</u>
<del>(B) Resident hunting license</del>	<del>Two-year</del>	<del>18.00</del>

<u>(B) Nonresident hunting license</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<u>(C) Nonresident hunting license</u>	<u>One-day</u>	<u>20.00</u>
<del>(C)</del> <u>(D) Resident big game license</u>	Annual	<del>9.00</del> <u>25.00</u>
<del>(D)</del> <u>(E) Nonresident big game license</u>	Annual	<del>195.00</del> <u>225.00</u>
<u>(F) Resident big game license</u>	<u>One-day</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<del>(E)</del> <u>(G) Nonresident big game license</u>	<del>Three-day</del> <u>One-day</u>	<del>90.00</del> <u>130.00</u>
<del>(F)</del> <u>Resident big game license</u>	Two-year	16.00
<u>(H) Resident senior hunting license for 65 years of age or older</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>4.00</u>
<del>(G)</del> <u>(I) Shooting preserve hunting license valid for residents and nonresidents</u>	Two-year	12.00
<del>(H)</del> <u>(J) Commercial fox hunting preserve license</u>	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>60.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
<del>(I)</del> <u>(K) Commercial fox breeder license</u>	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>60.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
<del>(J)</del> <u>Waterfowl license (L) Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp valid for residents and nonresidents</u>	Annual	<del>5.50</del> <u>5.00</u>
<u>(M) Landowner Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<del>(K)</del> <u>Waterfowl license valid for residents and nonresidents</u>	Two-year	11.00
<del>(L)</del> <u>Georgia migratory bird license</u>	Annual	Free
(2) Hunting and fishing licenses:		
<u>(A) Resident hunting/fishing license</u>	Annual	<del>17.00</del> <u>30.00</u>
<del>(B)</del> <u>Resident hunting/fishing license</u>	Two-year	31.00
<del>(C)</del> <u>(B) Nonresident hunting/fishing license</u>	<del>Three-day</del> <u>One-day</u>	<del>20.00</del> <u>30.00</u>
<del>(D)</del> <u>(C) Resident hunting/fishing license</u>	<del>Three-day</del> <u>One-day</u>	<del>3.50</del> <u>5.00</u>

<del>(E)</del> (D) Nonresident hunting/fishing license	Annual	<del>100.00</del> <u>150.00</u>
(3) Sportsman's licenses:		
(A) Resident sportsman's license	Annual	<del>55.00</del> <u>65.00</u>
<del>(B)</del> Resident sportsman's license	Two-year	105.00
<u>(B) Nonresident sportsman's license</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<u>(C) Resident sportsman's license</u>	<u>One-day</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<u>(D) Nonresident sportsman's license</u>	<u>One-day</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>(E) Resident optional youth sportsman's license for 12 to 15 years of age</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>(F) Resident optional youth sportsman's license for 12 to 15 years of age</u>	<u>Multiyear</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<u>(G) Resident senior sportsman's license for 65 years of age or older</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>7.00</u>
(4) Recreational fishing licenses:		
(A) Resident fishing license	Annual	<del>9.00</del> <u>15.00</u>
<del>(B)</del> Resident fishing license	Two-year	16.00
<del>(C)</del> <u>(B) Nonresident fishing license</u>	Annual	<del>45.00</del> <u>50.00</u>
<u>(C) Nonresident fishing license</u>	<u>One-day</u>	<u>10.00</u>
(D) Resident trout license	Annual	<del>5.00</del> <u>10.00</u>
<del>(E)</del> Resident trout license	Two-year	10.00
<del>(F)</del> <u>(E) Resident trout license</u>	<del>Three-day</del> <u>One-day</u>	<del>3.50</del> <u>5.00</u>
<del>(G)</del> <u>(F) Nonresident trout license</u>	Annual	<del>20.00</del> <u>25.00</u>
<del>(H)</del> <u>(G) Nonresident trout license</u>	<del>Three-day</del> <u>One-day</u>	10.00
<del>(I)</del> Salt water shore fishing license	One-day	5.00
<u>(H) Resident optional youth fishing license</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>3.00</u>
<u>(I) Resident optional youth fishing license</u>	<u>Multiyear</u>	<u>10.00</u>

<u>(J) Resident senior fishing license for 65 years of age or older</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>4.00</u>
(5) Trapping licenses:		
(A) Resident commercial trapping license	Annual	<del>30.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
(B) Nonresident commercial trapping license	Annual	<del>295.00</del> <u>325.00</u>
(6) Commercial fishing licenses:		
(A) Resident commercial fishing license	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>12.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
(B) Nonresident commercial fishing license	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>118.00</del> <u>200.00</u>
<u>(C) Resident commercial fishing species endorsement</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>(D) Nonresident commercial fishing species endorsement</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<del>(C)</del> <u>(E)</u> Resident commercial crabbing license	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>12.00</del> <u>20.00</u>
<del>(D)</del> <u>(F)</u> Nonresident commercial crabbing license	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>118.00</del> <u>200.00</u>
(7) Fur, hide, and pelt licenses:		
(A) Resident fur dealer license	Annual	<del>295.00</del> <u>300.00</u>
(B) Nonresident fur dealer license	Annual	<del>415.00</del> <u>450.00</u>
(C) Fur dealer's agent license	Annual	<del>180.00</del> <u>200.00</u>
(8) Miscellaneous licenses and permits:		
(A) Retail fish dealer license	Annual	<del>10.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
(B) Wholesale fish dealer license	Annual	<del>59.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
(C) Resident game-holding permit	Annual	5.00
(D) Commercial quail breeder permit	Annual	30.00
(E) Scientific collecting permit	Annual	<del>50.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
(F) Wildlife exhibition permit	Annual	<del>59.00</del> <u>150.00</u>

(G) Commercial shooting preserve license	Annual	150.00
(H) Private shooting preserve license	Annual	50.00
(I) Reserved.		
(J) Commercial fish hatchery license	Annual	<del>59.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
(K) Catch-out pond license	Annual	<del>236.00</del> <u>250.00</u>
(L) Soft-shell crab dealer license	Annual	<del>40.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
(M) Resident taxidermist license	Three-year	150.00
(N) Nonresident taxidermist license	Three-year	500.00
(O) Falconry permit	Three-year	<del>30.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
(P) Commercial alligator farming license	Annual	<del>50.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
(Q) Resident alligator <del>hunting license</del> <u>harvest permit</u>	Annual	<del>50.00</del> <u>75.00</u>
(R) Nonresident alligator <del>hunting license</del> <u>harvest permit</u>	Annual	<del>200.00</del> <u>250.00</u>
(S) Wild animal license	Annual	<del>236.00</del> <u>250.00</u>
(T) Wild animal auction license	Seven-day	<del>5,000.00</del> <u>5,500.00</u>
(U) Resident bait dealer license	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>25.00</del> <u>40.00</u>
(V) Nonresident bait dealer license	<del>Season</del> <u>Seasonal</u>	<del>150.00</del> <u>250.00</u>
(W) Resident film production wildlife permit	Annual	300.00
(X) Nonresident film production wildlife permit	Annual	600.00
<u>(Y) Resident trawler crew license</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<u>(Z) Nonresident trawler crew license</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>600.00</u>
<u>(AA) Seafood dealer license</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>40.00</u>
(9) <u>Any one-day license purchased that has not expired may be extended for up to ten additional consecutive days by payment of additional reduced rate daily fees:</u>		
<u>(A) Nonresident hunting license: \$6.00 per day;</u>		

- (B) Resident big game license: \$2.00 per day;
- (C) Nonresident big game license: \$8.00 per day;
- (D) Nonresident hunting/fishing license: \$10.00 per day;
- (E) Resident hunting/fishing license: \$1.00 per day;
- (F) Nonresident fishing license: \$3.50 per day;
- (G) Resident trout license: \$1.00 per day;
- (H) Nonresident trout license: \$2.00 per day;
- (I) Resident sportsman's license: \$3.00 per day; and
- (J) Nonresident sportsman's license: \$20.00 per day.

(10) The board is authorized to provide by rule for a fee not to exceed \$19.00 for resident daily, seasonal, or annual use permits, or licenses; a fee of \$38.00 for resident two-year use permits; or a fee not to exceed \$73.00 for nonresident annual use permits or licenses to hunt and fish on or otherwise use specially designated streams, lakes, public fishing areas, or wildlife management areas.

(11) For wildlife that may be legally taken by commercial fishing gear as authorized in this title or by board rule, the board may designate which species of wildlife or species grouping of wildlife require a commercial fishing species endorsement for a fee shown in subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (6) of this Code section in addition to the required commercial fishing license. Each species or group of species so designated shall require a separate commercial fishing species endorsement.

~~(10)(12)~~ The fees for any annual license established in subparagraphs ~~(1)(A) through (1)(F), (2)(A), (2)(B), (2)(E), (3)(A), (3)(B), (4)(A), (4)(B), (4)(C), (4)(D), (4)(E), and (4)(G)~~ (A) through (E) of paragraph (1) and in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of this Code section shall be reduced by \$2.75 the amount of the lowest available renewal transaction fee for each renewal transaction made before the expiration date of the then current license or tag. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'renewal transaction' means the renewal of one or more licenses by a licensee during a single telephone call, Internet session, or on-site visit to a store.

(13) After July 1, 2017, the General Assembly shall not increase the cost of any license, permit, tag, or stamp provided for in this Code section by more than 20 percent."

## SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 27-2-28, relating to unlawful collection of funds, as follows:

"(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to counterfeit, change, or alter or to attempt to counterfeit, change, or alter any license or permit issued pursuant to this title. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a license agent authorized by the department or authorized personnel of the department, to collect any funds for any license or permit issued pursuant to this title or to charge a fee to obtain any such license or permit."

**SECTION 13.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 27-3-17, relating to hunting deer with dogs, as follows:

~~"(g) Any person 16 years of age or older, including without limitation any person hunting on his or her own property, who hunts deer with dogs must obtain and possess a deer dog hunting license in addition to all other required hunting licenses and permits. The license fee for such deer dog license shall be \$5.00 for a one year period, except that there shall be no charge for any holder of a valid honorary hunting license, sportsman's license, or lifetime sportsman's license issued pursuant to this title.~~

~~(h)~~(g) In addition to the provisions of subsection (f) of this Code section, the commissioner may ~~revoke a deer dog license~~ suspend deer-dog hunting privileges for a specified period of time not to exceed two years for any hunter who, within a single hunting season, commits two or more violations of dogs off of permitted property. The hunter shall be notified of the proposed suspension personally or by a letter sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the hunter's address indicated on the application for a hunting license. The proposed suspension shall become final 30 days after issuance if not appealed as provided in this Code section. The hunter shall, upon petition within 30 days of issuance of notice given as stated in this Code section, have a right to a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board. The hearing before the administrative law judge shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' and the rules and regulations adopted by the board pursuant thereto. The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of the board, and any party to the hearing, including the commissioner, shall have the right of judicial review thereof in accordance with such chapter."

**SECTION 14.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-4-30, relating to fishing in private ponds, as follows:

"27-4-30.

The owner of a private pond, the owner's immediate family, or tenants with the owner's consent shall be permitted to fish within the bounds of the pond at any time and in any manner without a fishing license. All other persons shall be required to obtain fishing licenses to fish within the bounds of a private pond as provided in this title unless the fish in the private pond are 'domestic fish' as defined in paragraph (23) of Code Section 27-1-2. For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'private pond' shall not include ponds owned by city or county governments, the State of Georgia, the United States, or authorities or political subdivisions of such governments."

**SECTION 15.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-4-110, relating to required commercial fishing license, as follows:

"27-4-110.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than the crew of a trawler licensed as provided in Code Section 27-2-8 with a trawler crew license, for purposes of such license, or a person in possession of a valid commercial crabbing license as provided for in Code Section 27-4-150, for purposes of such license, or a person in possession of a commercial food shrimp cast netting license as provided in Code Section 27-4-205, for purposes of such license, to engage in commercial fishing in any of the salt waters of this state without first obtaining a commercial fishing license, which shall be carried on his or her person while engaging in such activities. Each license shall be separate and distinct from each other and separate from and in addition to the commercial fishing boat license required by Code Section 27-2-8."

### SECTION 16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-4-136, relating to maintenance of records by suppliers, as follows:

"27-4-136.

(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate as a seafood dealer or to own or operate shellfish canning or shucking facilities or otherwise deal in purchasing, landing, packing, or supplying raw shrimp, shellfish, crabs, fish, or other seafood for commercial purposes without having a valid seafood dealer license as provided for in Code Section 27-2-23.

~~(2) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or operating shellfish canning or shucking facilities or otherwise dealing in purchasing, landing, packing, or supplying raw shrimp, shellfish, crabs, fish, or other seafood for commercial purposes~~ required to have a seafood dealer license to fail to keep a record in which is entered the amount of shrimp, shellfish, crabs, fish, or other seafood taken from Georgia waters for commercial purposes; the name of each person from whom purchased; the date and price of purchase; the grade and quantity purchased; the name, number, and approximate tonnage of the boat in which they were brought to the facility; the number of calendar days expended in harvesting the product; the approximate location or locations of harvest; the quantity canned and packed for shipment; the date and amount of each shipment; and such other information as the department requires.

~~(2)(3)~~ (3) Each person required to maintain records pursuant to paragraph ~~(4)~~ (2) of this subsection shall report such information to the department, whose address for the purpose of reporting shall be the Coastal Resource Division headquarters, at such times and in such manner as the board provides by rule or regulation.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any master collecting permittee to fail to maintain records in a form as prescribed by the Department of Agriculture.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person required to have a seafood dealer license to purchase seafood from any person other than a properly licensed seafood harvester or another seafood dealer."



**SECTION 17.**

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 27-4-151, relating to use of crab traps, as follows:

"(g)(1)(A) The first time after July 1, 1998, that a person obtains or renews a commercial crabbing license, he or she shall obtain a permit from the department establishing the maximum number of traps he or she may deploy at any given time during that license year. Such permits shall be issued in 50 trap increments up to a maximum of 200 traps. The licensee shall pay a fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$2.50 per trap for the permit, and the permit shall be for the same duration and shall be renewed at the same time as the commercial crabbing license.

~~(B) No crab trap permit may be sold or transferred to another person except as provided in this subparagraph. Such a permit may be transferred along with the transfer of the licensed commercial crabber's nontrawler license to a replacement vessel if the transfer of the permit and the license is registered with the department. Such a permit may be transferred to the purchaser of a commercial crab boat along with the commercial crabber's license and the commercial crabber's nontrawler license if the transfer of the permit, the commercial crabber's license, and the commercial crabber's nontrawler license are recorded with the department and a new permit fee is paid to the department.~~

~~(C)~~(B) No crab trap permit may be amended to permit the use of more traps except at the time of license renewal. The licensee shall have the trap permit in his or her possession at all times while crabbing."

**SECTION 18.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 27-4-206, relating to issuance of commercial food shrimp cast netting licenses, as follows:

"27-4-206.

(a) The department may issue no more than 200 commercial food shrimp cast netting licenses as provided in this Code section. Such licenses shall be issued only to individuals and shall not be transferable.

~~(b) The department shall issue commercial food shrimp cast netting licenses for the 1998-1999 license year in order of the date and time the application was received to individuals who:~~

~~(1) Were in possession of a valid 1997-1998 commercial fishing license issued on or before December 12, 1997;~~

~~(2) Were listed as owner or captain of a valid 1997-1998 commercial fishing boat license on the application for which a cast net was indicated as a commercial harvest gear on or before December 12, 1997; and~~

~~(3) Are able to provide evidence satisfactory to the department that they sold shrimp ex vessel during the 1997-1998 license year on or before December 12, 1997.~~

~~(e)~~(b) If the number of licenses issued pursuant to subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of this Code section does not total 200, the department may issue the remaining allotment of commercial food shrimp cast netting licenses in the initial or any subsequent license

year by lottery devised and operated by the department. After such lottery has been conducted, any remaining unissued licenses may be issued via a method established by the department.

~~(d)~~(c) The department shall charge a license fee for the commercial food shrimp cast netting license in the amount of \$250.00 for a resident commercial food shrimp cast netting license and \$2,500.00 for a nonresident commercial food shrimp cast netting license.

~~(e)~~(d) Any license which is not renewed in subsequent license years shall revert to the department to be issued as provided in subsection ~~(e)~~ (b) of this Code section."

**SECTION 19.**

Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, is amended by revising subsections (d), (e), and (j) as follows:

"(d) Applications shall be signed by the owner or owners of the vessel and shall be accompanied by the proper fee. Fees for numbering vessels for a registration period of three years shall be as follows:

(1) Vessels up to 16 feet in length . . . . .	<del>\$15.00</del> <u>\$25.00</u>
(2) Vessels 16 to 26 feet in length . . . . .	<del>36.00</del> <u>60.00</u>
(3) Vessels 26 to 40 feet in length . . . . .	<del>90.00</del> <u>130.00</u>
(4) Vessels 40 feet in length or longer . . . . .	<del>150.00</del> <u>200.00</u>

After July 1, 2017, the General Assembly shall not increase the cost of any fee provided for in this subsection by more than 20 percent.

(e)(1) Registration for vessels shall expire on the last day of the month of the owner's birth in the last year of the registration period and shall thereafter be of no force or effect unless renewed pursuant to this article; provided, however, that the registration for vessels not owned by individuals shall expire on December 31 of the last year of the registration period. Certificates of number may be renewed by the owner in the same manner provided for in the initial securing of such certificates.

(2) Registrations may be renewed any time after October 1 prior to the year of expiration. If the certificate of number is allowed to expire, a renewal application may still be filed with the department so long as the applicant pays the registration fee prescribed in subsection (d) of this Code section along with a \$10.00 late fee.

(3) Any application ~~for renewal~~ which, due to failure of the applicant to provide additional information required by the department, remains incomplete 60 days after initial receipt of such application shall expire, and a new application and registration fee shall be required ~~for renewal~~."

"(j) The owner shall furnish the department ~~written~~ notice of the transfer of all or of any part of his or her interest, other than the creation of a security interest, in a vessel

numbered in this state pursuant to this Code section, the theft or recovery of the vessel, or the destruction or abandonment of the vessel within 15 days thereof, in a manner specified by the department."

### SECTION 20.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, and shall apply to all offenses occurring on or after such date.

### SECTION 21.

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

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the committee substitute (LC 40 1519ERS) to HB 208 by restoring the language at lines 668 through 676.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Martin of the 9th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
N Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	N Rhett
N Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	N Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	N Kirk	N Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
N Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	N Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
N Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 17, nays 37, and the Ligon amendment #1 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senator Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend LC 40 1519ERS Committee Sub to HB 208 by striking lines 707 - 738

Senator Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #2a:

Amend Committee Sub to HB 208 by:

Restore the language 707-738

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that his amendments #2 and #2a be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the amendments were withdrawn.

Senator Albers of the 56th offered the following amendment #3:

Amend the committee substitute (LC 40 1519ERS) to HB 208 by restore 714-717.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Martin of the 9th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 13, nays 33, and the Albers amendment #3 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	N Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone

N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 12.

HB 208, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 231. By Representatives Broadrick of the 4th, Hawkins of the 27th and Gravley of the 67th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions relating to Schedules I, II, IV, and V controlled substances; to change certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drug; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 0.

HB 231, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3-28-17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 231. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Chuck Hufstetler  
District 52

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 231. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Chuck Payne  
District 54

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 6th                      Thompson of the 5th

HB 413. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 44 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to provide for regulation of certain matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for

certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for venue in proceedings against rural telephone cooperatives; to change certain provisions relating to the bylaws of rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for return of revenues upon the death of a member of a rural telephone cooperative; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 413:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Titles 12 and 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources and eminent domain, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for the issuance of certain permits by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for appeals of the decision of the director; to require certain notices; to provide for the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to place conditions on the use of eminent domain for new construction and extension of petroleum pipelines; to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity by the commissioner of transportation under certain circumstances; to provide for appeals of the decision of the commissioner of transportation; to provide for the Department of Transportation to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 17

12-17-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Board' means the Board of Natural Resources.

(2) 'Director' means the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

(3) 'Division' means the Environmental Protection Division within the Department of Natural Resources.

(4) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline constructed and in use prior to January 1, 2016.

(5) 'Expansion' means a modification to an existing petroleum pipeline within the existing easement or right of way that increases the supply of petroleum by:

(A) Increasing the diameter of an existing petroleum pipeline; or

(B) Constructing a parallel petroleum pipeline.

(6) 'Extension' means a modification to an existing petroleum pipeline that increases the length or footprint of the existing petroleum pipeline by a distance greater than one linear mile.

(7) 'Maintenance' means:

(A) The care or upkeep of an existing petroleum pipeline and its appurtenances;

(B) The replacement of an existing petroleum pipeline within the same easement or right of way; or

(C) The relocation of an existing petroleum pipeline for repair within one linear mile of the existing petroleum pipeline's alignment.

(8) 'New petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline that was not constructed and in use prior to January 1, 2016. The term 'new petroleum pipeline' shall not include an expansion, an extension, or any maintenance.

(9) 'Parallel petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline that runs side by side to an existing petroleum pipeline.

(10) 'Petroleum pipeline' means a fixed conduit constructed to transport petroleum or petroleum products in or through this state.

(11) 'Petroleum pipeline company' means a corporation organized under the laws of this state or which is organized under the laws of another state and is authorized to do business in this state and which is specifically authorized by its charter or articles of incorporation to construct and operate petroleum pipelines for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products.

#### 12-17-2.

On or after July 1, 2017, any construction of a new petroleum pipeline or an extension in this state shall require a permit from the director as provided in this chapter. Such permit shall be required without regard to whether the petroleum pipeline company intends to exercise any power of eminent domain pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 22. No construction activity on any portion of a new petroleum pipeline or any extension shall occur unless and until such permit is obtained.

#### 12-17-3.

(a) Any application to the division for a permit under this chapter shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Siting information, including, but not limited to, a map showing the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(2) Information obtained from a cultural resource assessment conducted along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;



- (3) Information as to geological and hydrologic features along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;
  - (4) Information on the presence of threatened and endangered species along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;
  - (5) An environmental impact statement that contains the information described in 40 C.F.R. Sections 1502.12 through 1502.18 as such provisions existed on January 1, 2017, to the extent required by rules and regulations of the board;
  - (6) Evidence of financial responsibility by the petroleum pipeline company; and
  - (7) Any other information that the board may require by rules and regulations.
- (b) Within ten days of applying for a permit, the applicant shall provide:
- (1) Public notice in the legal organ of each county through which the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension is to be located; and
  - (2) Written notice of the filing of an application under this Code section to all landowners whose property is located within 1,000 feet of the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension. Such notice shall be delivered to each landowner and contain the following language in boldface type:  
'YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A PROPOSED PETROLEUM PIPELINE FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT HAS BEEN FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED. SAID CHAPTER ALONG WITH ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY MAY BUILD A NEW PETROLEUM PIPELINE OR MODIFY AN EXISTING PETROLEUM PIPELINE. THESE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS.'

12-17-4.

- (a) In making the decision as to whether to grant the permit required by this chapter, the director shall determine after a hearing whether the location and construction of the portion of the petroleum pipeline for which the permit is sought are consistent with and not an undue hazard to the environment and natural resources of this state after consideration of the following factors:
- (1) The information required to be contained in the petroleum pipeline company's application under Code Section 12-17-3;
  - (2) The direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed new petroleum pipeline or the proposed extension;
  - (3) Alternative alignments to the proposed new petroleum pipeline or the proposed extension;
  - (4) Public comment, specifically including, but not limited to, comment by the governing body of any municipality or county within which the proposed petroleum

pipeline or the extension or any part thereof is to be located; and

(5) Such other factors that the director deems reasonable and applicable or that the board by rules and regulations has established in order to protect the best interests of this state, its citizens, and its natural resources.

(b) The applicant shall bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that the director should issue a permit as provided under this chapter.

(c) The director's decision shall be based on the record before the director, which shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's submissions, written comments submitted to the director, and research the director may conduct in analyzing the application.

(d) For any new petroleum pipeline or any extension that utilizes eminent domain, no permit shall be issued under this Code section unless and until the applicant has been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the commissioner of transportation as provided in Code Section 22-3-83.

#### 12-17-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'aggrieved or adversely affected' means a challenged action has caused or will cause persons injury in fact and where the injury is to an interest within the zone of interests to be protected or regulated by the provisions of this chapter that the director is empowered to administer and enforce.

(b) Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a decision or action of the director under this chapter shall, upon filing a petition within 30 days after the issuance of such order or taking of such action, have a right to a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board. The hearing before the administrative law judge shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of the director, and any party to the hearing, including the department, shall have the right of judicial review thereof in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(c) In the event the director asserts in response to the petition before the administrative law judge that the petitioner is not aggrieved or adversely affected, the administrative law judge shall take evidence and hear arguments on this issue and thereafter make a ruling on same before continuing with the hearing. The burden of going forward with evidence on this issue shall rest with the petitioner.

#### 12-17-6.

(a) No later than July 1, 2018, the board shall, pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and reasonable for purposes of enforcement of this chapter, which shall include, but may not be limited to:

(1) The submission of a permit application and provisions for the application review process, not to exceed 150 days in length;

(2) Provisions for a nonrefundable application fee which shall be sufficient to defray the administrative costs of review of the application by the division and of the costs to

the division of monitoring and inspection of compliance with any such permit that may be issued;

(3) Reasonable public notice of the filing of an application of a permit to a landowner who, after reasonable efforts, cannot personally be given the notice required in subsection (b) of Code Section 12-17-3;

(4) Provisions for hearings to be held prior to any action on any permit; and

(5) Evidence of financial responsibility as required by paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 12-17-3.

(b) No permit shall be granted by the division prior to the promulgation of rules and regulations as provided for in this Code section."

## **SECTION 2.**

Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eminent domain, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to the exercise of power of eminent domain for special purposes, by repealing Article 4, relating to the construction, operation, etc., of petroleum pipelines, and enacting a new Article 4 to read as follows:

## "ARTICLE 4

22-3-80.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(2) 'Expansion' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(3) 'Extension' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(4) 'Maintenance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(5) 'New petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(6) 'Parallel petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(7) 'Petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(8) 'Petroleum pipeline company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

22-3-81.

Subject to the provisions, conditions, and restrictions of this article, petroleum pipeline companies are granted the power to acquire property or interests in property by eminent domain for the purpose of an expansion, an extension, maintenance, or construction of a new petroleum pipeline.

22-3-82.

(a) A petroleum pipeline company shall not exercise the power of eminent domain

granted in Code Section 22-3-81 for the purpose of constructing a new petroleum pipeline or for an extension unless and until a certificate of public convenience and necessity is issued by the commissioner of transportation as provided in Code Section 22-3-83 and a permit is issued by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources as provided in Chapter 17 of Title 12.

(b) No certificate of public convenience and necessity or permit as provided in Code Section 22-3-83 shall be required of a petroleum pipeline company that is:

- (1) Not exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property; or
- (2) Exercising the power of eminent domain for the purpose of maintenance or expansion.

22-3-83.

(a) On or after July 1, 2017, a petroleum pipeline company desiring to use the power of eminent domain as granted under this article to acquire property for a new petroleum pipeline or an extension shall be required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the commissioner of transportation as provided in this Code section prior to beginning any construction activity on any portion of such new petroleum pipeline or any such extension.

(b) Any application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall contain, at a minimum:

- (1) A description of the proposed project together with its siting information, including, but not limited to, a map showing the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the proposed extension;
- (2) A description of the public convenience and necessity that support the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the proposed extension;
- (3) The width of the proposed petroleum pipeline corridor up to a maximum width of one-third mile;
- (4) A showing that the use of the power of eminent domain may be necessary for construction of the new petroleum pipeline or for the proposed extension;
- (5) A showing that the public convenience and necessity for the petroleum pipeline justifies the use of the power of eminent domain; and
- (6) Any other information that the Department of Transportation may require by rules and regulations.

(c) Within ten days of applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the applicant shall provide:

- (1) Public notice in the legal organ of each county through which the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension is to be located; and
- (2) Written notice of the filing of an application under this Code section to all landowners whose property is located within 1,000 feet of the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension. Such notice shall be delivered to each landowner and contain the following language in boldface type:

'YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A PROPOSED PETROLEUM PIPELINE FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY HAS BEEN FILED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED. SAID ARTICLE ALONG WITH CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY MAY BUILD A NEW PETROLEUM PIPELINE OR MODIFY AN EXISTING PETROLEUM PIPELINE. THESE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS.'

(d) All landowners subject to notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section may intervene in the certificate of public convenience and necessity administrative process by filing with the Department of Transportation a notice of intervention, which shall include:

(1) The intervenor's name and the address of the property giving rise to the intervenor's right of intervention;

(2) A copy of the notice pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section received by the intervenor; and

(3) The intervenor's arguments and evidence in support thereof showing that the use of the power of eminent domain is not justified for the new petroleum pipeline or for the new extension that is the subject of the application for the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

(e) The applicant shall bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that the commissioner of transportation should issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity as provided under this Code section. The decision to issue or deny a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be based on the record before the commissioner of transportation, which shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's submissions, any documents submitted to the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, and research the commissioner of transportation may conduct in analyzing the application.

(f) The issuance or denial of a certificate of public convenience and necessity may be reviewed by a judge of the superior court of the county in which the pipeline company has an agent and place of doing business. The review shall be by petition filed within 30 days of the date of approval or disapproval of the application and shall be determined on the basis of the record before the commissioner of transportation. The action of the commissioner of transportation shall be affirmed if supported by substantial evidence.

(g)(1) No later than July 1, 2018, the Department of Transportation shall, pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and reasonable for purposes of enforcement of this Code section, which shall include, but may not be limited to:

(A) The submission of an application for a certificate of public convenience and

necessity and provisions for the application review process, not to exceed 150 days in length;

(B) Provisions for a nonrefundable application fee which shall be sufficient to defray the administrative costs of review of the application by the Department of Transportation;

(C) Reasonable public notice of the filing of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to a landowner who, after reasonable efforts, cannot personally be given the notice required in subsection (c) of this Code section; and

(D) Provisions for a hearing on any action to be taken as a result of the filing of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for the intervention provided in subsection (d) of this Code section.

(2) No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be granted by the commissioner of transportation prior to the promulgation of rules and regulations as provided for in this subsection.

22-3-84.

Prior to initiating eminent domain proceedings or threatening to do so, the petroleum pipeline company shall cause to be delivered to each landowner whose property may be condemned a written notice containing the following language in boldface type:

'CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO CONDEMN YOUR PROPERTY. THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS PRIOR TO CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO A PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY.'

22-3-85.

When a petroleum pipeline company that has met all the requirements of this article is unable to acquire the property or interest required for the purpose of an expansion, an extension, maintenance, or construction of a new petroleum pipeline, after reasonable negotiation with the owner of such property or interest, the petroleum pipeline company may acquire such property or interest by the use of the condemnation procedures authorized by Chapter 2 of this title."

### **SECTION 3.**

For purposes of proposing rules and regulations, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 4.**

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

Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Kennedy of the 18th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities substitute to HB 413 (LC 36 3410S) by deleting line 71 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(5) The environmental information described in 40

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Jeffares, Kennedy amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	James	Y Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 8.

HB 413, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 165. By Representatives Price of the 48th, Cooper of the 43rd, Lott of the 122nd, Newton of the 123rd, Silcox of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide that maintenance of certification shall not be required as a condition of licensure to practice medicine, staff privileges, employment in certain facilities, reimbursement, or malpractice insurance coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

HB 165, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.



HB 434. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 164th, Beskin of the 54th and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than a public use for 20 years from the initial condemnation; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd.

Senators Jeffares of the 17th and Hill of the 4th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend HB 434 by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following: "To amend Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the"*

*By inserting between "procedure;" and "to" on line 4 the following: "to change certain provisions relating to the exercise of power of eminent domain by petroleum pipeline companies; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the reconstitution of the State Commission on Petroleum Pipelines and the date of its abolishment; to extend the temporary moratorium on the use of eminent domain;"*

*By deleting "Chapter 1 of" and "general" on line 8; by deleting "provisions relative to" on line 9; by replacing "chapter" with "title" on line 57; and by inserting between lines 124 and 125 the following:*

#### **SECTION 2A.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 22-3-80, relating to legislative findings, by striking the word "and" at the end of paragraph (5), revising paragraph (7), and adding a new paragraph to read follows:

"(6) Neighboring states are studying the implications of new pipeline construction and the use of eminent domain for such projects. South Carolina has implemented a three-year moratorium on for profit pipeline companies; and

(6)(7) A temporary moratorium on the exercise of eminent domain powers of pipeline companies through June 30, 2017 2020, would provide the General Assembly with time to study the need for any additional changes to land use controls or restrictions related to pipeline companies seeking to deliver petroleum to residents of this state or other states, including but not limited to those related to siting of pipelines, to evaluate the measures considered and adopted by other states, and to assess various proposals relating to the eminent domain powers that pipeline companies presently enjoy; relating

to existing pipelines, and the issuance of certain environmental and other permits to pipeline companies, and to recommend the enactment of any additional laws to ensure the consistency of pipeline development and operation with the state's land use goals and standards."

#### SECTION 2B.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 22-3-82, relating to the State Commission on Petroleum Pipelines, by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) The commission created in subsection (a) of this Code section is hereby reconstituted. The members serving on the commission as it existed on December 31, 2016, shall serve on such reconstituted commission at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The members of the commission serving as cochairpersons of the commission on December 31, 2016, shall continue to serve as cochairpersons at the pleasure of the appointing authority."

#### SECTION 2C.

Said title is further amended by revising the introductory language of subsection (a), paragraph (7) of subsection (a), and subsection (d) of Code Section 22-3-83, relating to duties of the commission, compensation, meetings, and termination, as follows:

"(a) The commission shall perform the following by ~~December 31, 2016~~ June 30, 2020:"

"(7) ~~Prepare a report summarizing the findings of the commission and submit such report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the chairpersons of each of the standing committees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives which regularly consider proposed legislation related to transportation, energy, or natural resources; and Evaluate the measures considered and adopted by other states relating to new pipeline construction and the use of eminent domain by pipeline companies; and~~"

"(d) The commission shall stand abolished on ~~January 1, 2017~~ June 30, 2020."

#### SECTION 2D.

Said article is further amended by revising paragraph (1) and the introductory language of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 22-3-85, relating to temporary moratorium on use of eminent domain for construction of petroleum pipelines and study, as follows:

"(a)(1) The powers of eminent domain granted by this part to pipeline companies shall be temporarily suspended starting from May 3, 2016, through and including June 30, ~~2017~~ 2020, in order to allow the commission to complete its ~~report~~ work and make recommendations and to allow the General Assembly to act on those recommendations during the 2017 legislative session.

(2) Between May 3, 2016, and June 30, ~~2017~~ 2020:"

Senator Heath of the 31st requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the amendment germane.

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Heath of the 31st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 26, nays 13, and the Jeffares, Hill of the 4th amendment #1 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	N Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 42, nays 10.

HB 434, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

At 7:10 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 7:40 p.m.

At 7:44 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 15:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to provide for exceptions; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for a definition; to provide for policies and procedures; to amend Code Section 9-11-5 and Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service and filing of pleadings subsequent to the original complaint and other papers and general provisions relating to courts, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the electronic service of pleadings; to provide for contracts with electronic filing service providers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising Code Section 15-6-11, relating to electronic filings and payments, as follows:

"15-6-11.

(a) With the consent of the district attorney, by ~~By~~ court rule or standing order, any superior court may provide for the filing of pleadings in criminal cases and any other ~~documents~~ document related thereto and for the acceptance of payments and

remittances by electronic means. ~~Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a clerk's acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means under the clerk's own authority.~~

(b)(1) On and after January 1, 2018, except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, all pleadings and any other document related thereto filed by an attorney to initiate a civil action or in a civil case in a superior court shall be filed by electronic means through the court's electronic filing service provider. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, once a court has commenced mandatory electronic filings in civil cases, a clerk shall not accept, file, or docket any pleading or any other form of paper document related thereto from an attorney in a civil case.

(2)(A) A court's electronic filing service provider may charge a fee which shall be a recoverable court cost and only include a:

(i) Transaction fee for electronically filing pleadings or documents in a civil action and the electronic service of pleadings, which shall not exceed \$7.00 per transaction, regardless of how many parties shall be served; and

(ii) Convenience fee for credit card and bank drafting services, which shall not exceed 3.5 percent plus 30¢ per transaction.

(B) No amount of the fee charged pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be remitted to a clerk, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, the Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia, or any other office or entity of the state or governing authority of a county or municipality.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'per transaction' means a single upload to a court's electronic filing service provider for filing:

(i) A pleading or document within an individual case; or

(ii) Multiple pleadings or documents within an individual case so long as they are filed concurrently.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to filings:

(A) In connection with a pauper's affidavit, pleadings or documents filed under seal or presented to a court in camera or ex parte, or pleadings or documents to which access is otherwise restricted by law or court order;

(B) Made physically at the courthouse by an attorney or his or her designee or an individual who is not an attorney; provided, however, that the clerk shall require such pleadings or documents be submitted via a public access terminal in the clerk's office. The clerk shall not charge the transaction fee as set forth in division (2)(A)(i) of this subsection for such filing but when payment is submitted by credit card or bank draft, the clerk may charge the convenience fee as set forth in division (2)(A)(ii) of this subsection; or

(C) Made in a court located in an area that has been declared to be in a state of emergency pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38. The Judicial Council of Georgia shall provide rules for filings in such circumstances.

(4) The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia shall create such policies and procedures as it deems necessary to carry out this subsection, subject to the approval of the Judicial Council of Georgia, and thereafter publish such policies and

procedures in print or electronically.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a clerk's acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means under the clerk's own authority.

(d) A superior court judge to whom the case is assigned and his or her staff shall, at all times, have access to all pleadings and documents electronically filed and such access shall be provided upon the physical acceptance of such pleadings and documents by the clerk.

(e) Any pleading or document filed electronically shall be deemed filed as of the time of its receipt by the electronic filing service provider. A pleading or document filed electronically shall not be subject to disclosure until it has been physically accepted by the clerk."

### **SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-7-5, relating to electronic filings and payments, as follows:

"15-7-5.

(a) With the consent of the solicitor-general, by ~~By~~ court rule or standing order, any state court may provide for the filing of pleadings in criminal cases and any other ~~documents~~ document related thereto and for the acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means. ~~Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a clerk's acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means under the clerk's own authority.~~

(b)(1) On and after January 1, 2018, except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, all pleadings and any other document related thereto filed by an attorney to initiate a civil action or in a civil case in a state court shall be filed by electronic means through the court's electronic filing service provider. Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, once a court has commenced mandatory electronic filings in civil cases, a clerk shall not accept, file, or docket any pleading or any other form of paper document related thereto from an attorney in a civil case.

(2)(A) A court's electronic filing service provider may charge a fee which shall be a recoverable court cost and only include a:

(i) Transaction fee for electronically filing pleadings or documents in a civil action and the electronic service of pleadings, which shall not exceed \$7.00 per transaction, regardless of how many parties shall be served; and

(ii) Convenience fee for credit card and bank drafting services, which shall not exceed 3.5 percent plus 30¢ per transaction.

(B) No amount of the fee charged pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be remitted to a clerk, the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, the Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia, or any other office or entity of the state or governing authority of a county or municipality.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term 'per transaction' means a single upload to a court's electronic filing service provider for filing:

(i) A pleading or document within an individual case; or

(ii) Multiple pleadings or documents within an individual case so long as they are filed concurrently.

(3) This subsection shall not apply to filings:

(A) In connection with a pauper's affidavit, pleadings or documents filed under seal or presented to a court in camera or ex parte, or pleadings or documents to which access is otherwise restricted by law or court order;

(B) Made physically at the courthouse by an attorney or his or her designee or an individual who is not an attorney; provided, however, that the clerk shall require such pleadings or documents be submitted via a public access terminal in the clerk's office. The clerk shall not charge the transaction fee as set forth in division (2)(A)(i) of this subsection for such filing but when payment is submitted by credit card or bank draft, the clerk may charge the convenience fee as set forth in division (2)(A)(ii) of this subsection; or

(C) Made in a court located in an area that has been declared to be in a state of emergency pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38. The Judicial Council of Georgia shall provide rules for filings in such circumstances.

(4) The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia shall create such policies and procedures as it deems necessary to carry out this subsection, subject to the approval of the Judicial Council of Georgia, and thereafter publish such policies and procedures in print or electronically.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prevent a clerk's acceptance of payments and remittances by electronic means under the clerk's own authority.

(d) A state court judge to whom the case is assigned and his or her staff shall, at all times, have access to all pleadings and documents electronically filed and such access shall be provided upon the physical acceptance of such pleadings and documents by the clerk.

(e) Any pleading or document filed electronically shall be deemed filed as of the time of its receipt by the electronic filing service provider. A pleading or document filed electronically shall not be subject to disclosure until it has been physically accepted by the clerk."

## **PART II**

### **SECTION 2-1.**

Code Section 9-11-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service and filing of pleadings subsequent to the original complaint and other papers, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (f) as follows:

"(4) When an attorney files a pleading in a case via an electronic filing service provider, such attorney shall be deemed to have consented to be served electronically with future pleadings for such case unless he or she files a rescission of consent as set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

~~(4)(5)~~ If electronic service of a pleading is made upon a person to be served, and such person certifies to the court under oath that he or she did not receive such pleading, it

shall be presumed that such pleading was not received unless the serving party disputes the assertion of nonservice, in which case the court shall decide the issue of service of such pleading."

### SECTION 2-2.

Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"15-1-22.

No court or clerk of court shall enter into any exclusive agreement or contract that prohibits more than one electronic filing service provider to serve a court or clerk of court; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not require a court or clerk of court to enter into more than one agreement or contract with an electronic service provider."

### PART III SECTION 3-1.

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

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones of the 22nd and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 15 (LC 29 7574S) by inserting after "affidavit," on lines 47 and 106 the following:*

any validation of revenue bonds as otherwise provided for by law,

*By replacing lines 72 and 131 with the following:*

clerk. Upon such acceptance as provided for in this subsection, such pleading or document shall be publicly accessible for viewing at no cost to the viewer on a public access terminal available at the courthouse during regular business hours."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Tillery, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #2:

Amend the Committee substitute (LC 29 7574S) to HB 15 by striking lines 60-63 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(4) The Judicial Council of Georgia shall make and publish in print or electronically such statewide minimum standards, policies, procedures and rules, as it deems necessary to carry out this subsection, to ensure effective and efficient development of electronic



filing and electronic access to court records, and to develop procedures to ensure compliance before an electronic filing service provider will be authorized to conduct e-filing in the courts of this State. Any Clerk of this State or the Council of Superior Court Clerks shall be authorized to submit for consideration and approval of the Judicial Council any policy or procedure necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Tillery, et al. amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Tillery of the 19th, Kennedy of the 18th and Cowser of the 46th offered the following amendment #3:

Amend HB 15 Committee sub by:

striking lines 119-122 And inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(4) The Judicial Council of Georgia shall make and publish in print or electronically such statewide minimum standards, policies, procedures and rules, as it deems necessary to carry out this subsection, to ensure effective and efficient development of electronic filing and electronic access to court records, and to develop procedures to ensure compliance before an electronic service provider will be authorized to conduct e-filing in the courts of this state. Any Clerk of this State or the Council of Superior Court Clerks shall be authorized to submit for consideration and approval of the Judicial Council any policy or procedure necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Tillery, et al. amendment #3 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Cowser of the 46th and Harbin of the 16th offered the following amendment #4:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 15 (LC 29 7574S) by striking line 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Title 15 and Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts and general provisions for crimes and offenses, respectively, so as to require certain court filings to be filed electronically and in writing; to

*By inserting after "procedures;" on line 4 the following:*

to change provisions relating to restrictions on contingency fee compensation of an attorney appointed to represent the state in forfeiture actions;

*By inserting between lines 131 and 132 the following:*

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for crimes and offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-1-12, relating to restrictions on contingency fee compensation of an attorney appointed to represent the state in forfeiture actions, as follows:

"16-1-12.

(a) In any forfeiture action brought pursuant to this title or Title 3, 7, 10, 12, 17, 27, 40, 46, 48, 49, or 52, an attorney appointed by the Attorney General or district attorney as a special assistant attorney general, special assistant district attorney, or other attorney appointed to represent this state in such forfeiture action shall not be compensated ~~on~~:

(1) On a contingent basis by a percentage of assets which arise or are realized from such forfeiture action. ~~Such attorneys shall also not be compensated on; or~~

(2) On a contingent basis by an hourly, fixed fee, or other arrangement which is contingent on a successful prosecution of such forfeiture action.

(b) When an attorney is appointed by the Attorney General or district attorney as a special assistant attorney general, special assistant district attorney, or other attorney to represent this state in a forfeiture action, such appointment and the terms of compensation for the representation to which he or she is appointed shall be in writing and filed with the clerk of court and copies shall be provided to the presiding judge and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia.

~~(b)~~(c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed as prohibiting or otherwise restricting the Attorney General or a district attorney from appointing special assistants or other attorneys to assist in the prosecution of any action brought pursuant to this title."

*By redesignating Part II as Part III and by redesignating Sections 2-1 and 2-2 as Sections 3-1 and 3-2, respectively.*

*By redesignating Part III as Part IV and by redesignating Section 3-1 as Section 4-1.*

Senator McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment #4a:

Amend Amendment 4 to HB 15 by:

inserting prior to "or" on Line 22

"(2) On an hourly basis that is capped by the value of the assets which arise or are realized from such forfeiture action;"

striking "(2)" at Line 23 and replacing with "(3)"

On the adoption of amendment #4a, Senator McKoon of the 29th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
N Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson, L	N Rhett
N Black	N James	N Seay
N Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	N Martin	Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 15, nays 36, and the McKoon amendment #4a to the Ligon, Jr., et al. amendment #4 to the committee substitute was lost.

On the adoption of amendment #4, there were no objections, and the Ligon, Jr., et al. amendment #4 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Miller of the 49th and McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment #5:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Judiciary substitute to HB 15 (LC 29 7574S) by replacing "shall" with "may" on lines 25 and 84.*

*By replacing lines 26 through 29 with the following:*  
means through the court's electronic filing service provider.

*By replacing "(C)" with "(D)" on lines 41 and 100 and by inserting between lines 40 and 41 and lines 99 and 100 the following:*

(C) An attorney shall be permitted to view and download all pleadings and documents electronically filed with an electronic service provider and such provider shall not be authorized to charge or collect a fee for such viewing or downloading.

*By replacing lines 85 through 88 with the following:  
through the court's electronic filing service provider.*

Senator Heath of the 31st offered the following amendment #5a:

Amend Amendment #5 to the Committee substitute (LC 29 7574S) to HB 15 by replacing "an attorney" with "any user" on line 7.

On the adoption of amendment #5a, there were no objections, and the Heath amendment #5a to the Cowsert, et al. amendment #5 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of amendment #5, there were no objections, and the Cowsert, et al. amendment #5 to the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	N Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 2.

HB 15, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Senate Supplemental Local Consent Calendar 2, was put upon its passage:

**SENATE SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR 2**

Tuesday March 28, 2017  
Thirty-ninth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 594                   Martin of the 9th  
                          Thompson of the 5th  
                          Unterman of the 45th  
                          Shafer of the 48th  
**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority and its membership, elections, and terms; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**SUBSTITUTE**

HB 608                   Beach of the 21st  
                          Shafer of the 48th  
                          Albers of the 56th  
**CITY OF ALPHARETTA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Alpharetta, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4609), as amended, so as to implement term limits for members of the city's governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The substitute to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

\*HB 594:

Senators Martin of the 9th, Thompson of the 5th and Shafer of the 48th offered the following substitute to HB 594:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority and its membership, elections, and terms; to provide for vacancies; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for meetings and voting of the governing authority; to provide for powers of the mayor and city council; to provide for boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for ordinances; to provide for a city manager, city clerk, and city attorney; to provide for employment matters; to provide for a municipal court, its judges, jurisdiction, and powers; to provide for certiorari and rules of the court; to provide for budgets; to provide for disposition of municipal property; to provide for taxes, fees, franchises, and other charges and assessments; to provide for bonds and short-term loans; to provide contract procedures; to provide for bonds for officials, prior ordinances, existing personnel and officers, pending matters, and construction; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

ARTICLE I  
CREATION, INCORPORATION, POWERS  
**SECTION 1.01.**

Name.

This city and the inhabitants thereof are constituted and declared a body politic and corporate under the name and style "City of Lawrenceville" and by that name shall have perpetual existence.

**SECTION 1.02.**  
Corporate boundaries.

(a) The boundaries of the City of Lawrenceville shall be those existing on the effective date of the adoption of this charter with such alterations as may be made from time to time in the manner provided by law. The boundaries of this city at all times shall be shown on a map, a written description, or any combination thereof, to be retained permanently in the office of the city clerk and to be designated, as the case may be: "Official map (or description) of the corporate limits of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia." Photographic, typed, or other copies of such map or description certified by the city clerk shall be admitted as evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as the original map or description.

(b) The city council may provide for the redrawing of any such map by ordinance to reflect lawful changes in the corporate boundaries. A redrawn map shall supersede for all purposes the entire map or maps which it is designated to replace.

**SECTION 1.03.**

## Powers and construction.

- (a) This city shall have all powers possible for a city to have under the present or future Constitution and laws of this state as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this charter. The city shall have all the powers of self-government not otherwise prohibited by this charter or by general law.
- (b) The powers of this city shall be construed liberally in favor of the city. The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers shall not be construed as limiting in any way the powers of the city.
- (c) The powers of the city shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
- (1) Animal regulations. To regulate and license or to prohibit the keeping or running at large of animals and fowl, and to provide for the impoundment of same if in violation of any ordinance or lawful order; to provide for the disposition by sale, gift, or humane destruction of animals and fowl when not redeemed as provided by ordinance; and to provide penalties for the violation of ordinances enacted hereunder;
  - (2) Appropriations and expenditures. To make appropriations for the support of the government of the city; to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized by this charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia; and to provide for the payment of expenses of the city;
  - (3) Building regulation. To regulate and to license the erection and construction of buildings and all other structures; to adopt building, housing, plumbing, electrical, gas, and heating and air conditioning codes; and to regulate all housing and building trades;
  - (4) Business regulation and taxation. To levy and to provide for the collection of regulatory fees and taxes on privileges, occupations, trades, and professions as authorized by Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted; to permit and regulate the same; to provide for the manner and method of payment of such regulatory fees and taxes; and to revoke such permits after due process for failure to pay any city taxes or fees;
  - (5) Condemnation. To condemn property, inside or outside the corporate limits of the city, for present or future use and for any corporate purpose deemed necessary by the governing authority, utilizing procedures enumerated in Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;
  - (6) Contracts. To enter into contracts and agreements with other governmental entities and with private persons, firms, and corporations;
  - (7) Emergencies. To establish procedures for determining and proclaiming that an emergency situation exists inside or outside the city, and to make and carry out all reasonable provisions deemed necessary to deal with or meet such an emergency for the protection, safety, health, or well-being of the citizens of the city;
  - (8) Eminent domain. The city council is empowered to acquire, construct, operate,

and maintain public ways, parks, public grounds, cemeteries, markets, market houses, public buildings, libraries, sewers, drains, sewage treatment, waterworks, electrical systems, gas systems, airports, hospitals, and charitable, educational, recreational, sport, curative, corrective, detentive, penal, and medical institutions, agencies, and facilities, and any other public improvements inside or outside the city, and to regulate the use thereof, and for such purposes, property may be condemned under procedures now or hereafter established under the general laws of this state;

(9) Employee benefits. To provide and maintain a retirement plan, insurance, and such other employee benefits for appointed officers and employees of the city as are determined by the city council;

(10) Environmental protection. To protect and preserve the natural resources, environment and vital areas of the city, the region, and the state through the preservation and improvement of air quality, the restoration and maintenance of water resources, the control of erosion and sedimentation, the management of stormwater and establishment of a stormwater utility, the management of solid and hazardous waste, and other necessary actions for the protection of the environment;

(11) Ethics. To adopt ethics ordinances and regulations governing the conduct of municipal elected officials, appointed officials, and employees, establishing procedures for ethics complaints and setting forth penalties for violations of such rules and procedures;

(12) Garbage fees. To levy, fix, assess, and collect a garbage, refuse and trash collection and disposal, and other sanitary service charge, fee, or, if authorized by general law, tax for such services as may be necessary in the operation of the city from all individuals, firms, and corporations residing or doing business therein benefitting from such services; to enforce the payment of such charges, taxes, or fees; and to provide for the manner and method of collecting such service charges;

(13) General health, safety, and welfare. To define, regulate, and prohibit any act, practice, conduct, or use of property which is detrimental to the health, sanitation, cleanliness, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of the city; and to provide for the enforcement of such standards;

(14) Gifts. To accept or refuse gifts, donations, bequests, or grants from any source for any purpose related to powers and duties of the city and the general welfare of its citizens, on such reasonable terms and conditions as the donor or grantor may impose;

(15) Health and sanitation. To prescribe standards of health and sanitation and to provide for the enforcement of such standards;

(16) Jail sentences. To provide that persons given jail sentences in the municipal court may work out such sentences in any public works or on the streets, roads, drains, and other public property in the city; to provide for commitment of such persons to any jail; to provide for the use of pretrial diversion and any alternative sentencing allowed by law, or to provide for the commitment of such persons to any county work camp or county jail by agreement with the appropriate county officials;

(17) Motor vehicles. To regulate the operation of motor vehicles and exercise control over all traffic, including parking upon or across the streets, roads, alleys, and



walkways of the city;

(18) Municipal agencies and delegation of power. To create, alter, or abolish departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies of the city, and to confer upon such agencies the necessary and appropriate authority for carrying out all the powers conferred upon or delegated to the same;

(19) Municipal debts. To appropriate and borrow money for the payment of debts of the city and to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project, program, or venture authorized by this charter or the laws of the State of Georgia;

(20) Municipal property ownership. To acquire, hold, sell, exchange, rent, lease, or otherwise acquire or dispose of any real, personal, or mixed property, in fee simple or lesser interest, whether held by the city in its proprietary, governmental, or other capacity, inside or outside of the corporate boundaries of the city and wherever located;

(21) Municipal property protection. To provide for the preservation and protection of property and equipment of the city, and the administration and use of same by the public; and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violations thereof;

(22) Municipal utilities. To acquire, lease, construct, operate, maintain, sell, and dispose of public utilities, including, but not limited to, a system of waterworks, sewers and drains, sewage disposal, stormwater management, gas works, electric works, cable television and other telecommunications, transportation facilities, public airports, and any other public utility; to fix the taxes if authorized by general law, charges, rates, fares, fees, assessments, regulations, and penalties; and to provide for the withdrawal of service for refusal or failure to pay the same;

(23) Nuisance. To define a nuisance and provide for its abatement whether on public or private property;

(24) Penalties. To provide penalties for violation of any ordinances adopted pursuant to the authority of this charter and the laws of the State of Georgia;

(25) Planning and zoning. To provide comprehensive city planning for development by zoning; and to provide subdivision regulation and the like as the city council deems necessary and reasonable to ensure a safe, healthy, and aesthetically pleasing community;

(26) Police and fire protection. To exercise the power of arrest through duly appointed police officers, and to establish, operate, or contract for a police and a fire-fighting agency;

(27) Public hazards and removal. To provide for the destruction and removal of any building or other structure which is or may become dangerous or detrimental to the public;

(28) Public improvements. To provide for the acquisition, construction, building, operation, and maintenance of public ways, parks, and playgrounds, recreational facilities, cemeteries, markets and market houses, public buildings, libraries, public housing, airports, hospitals, terminals, docks, parking facilities, or charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, conservation, sport, curative, corrective, detentional, penal, and medical institutions, agencies, and facilities; to provide any other public

improvements, inside or outside the corporate limits of the city; to regulate the use of public improvements; and for such purposes, property may be acquired by condemnation under Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, or such other applicable laws as are or may hereafter be enacted;

(29) Public opinion questions. The city council may place public opinion questions on the ballots of general and special elections and are authorized by this charter to expend public funds to conduct such nonbinding public opinion questions.

(30) Public peace. To provide for the prevention and punishment of loitering, disorderly conduct, drunkenness, riots, and public disturbances;

(31) Public transportation. To organize and operate such public transportation systems as are deemed beneficial;

(32) Public utilities and services. To grant franchises or make contracts for, or impose taxes if authorized by general law on, public utilities and public service companies; and to prescribe the rates, fares, regulations, and standards and conditions of service applicable to the service to be provided by the franchise grantee or contractor, insofar as not in conflict with valid regulations of the Public Service Commission;

(33) Regulation of roadside areas. To prohibit or regulate and control the erection, removal, and maintenance of signs, billboards, trees, shrubs, fences, buildings, and any and all other structures or obstructions upon or adjacent to the rights-of-way of streets and roads or within view thereof, within or abutting the corporate limits of the city; and to prescribe penalties and punishment for violation of such ordinances;

(34) Roadways. To lay out, open, extend, widen, narrow, establish, or change the grade of, abandon or close, construct, pave, curb, gutter, landscape with shade trees, or otherwise improve, maintain, repair, clean, prevent erosion of, and light the roads, alleys, and walkways within the corporate limits of the city; to grant franchises and rights-of-way throughout the streets and roads and over the bridges and viaducts for the use of public utilities; and to require real estate owners to repair and maintain in a safe condition the sidewalks adjoining their lots or lands, and to impose penalties for failure to do so;

(35) Sewer fees. To levy a fee, charge, or sewer tax, if authorized by general law, as necessary to assure the acquiring, constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, and extending of a sewage disposal plant and sewerage system, and to levy on those to whom sewers and sewerage systems are made available a sewer service fee, charge, or sewer tax for the availability or use of the sewers; to provide for the manner and method of collecting such service charges and for enforcing payment of the same; and to charge, impose, and collect a sewer connection fee or fees to those connected with the system;

(36) Solid waste disposal. To provide for the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse, and to regulate the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish, and refuse by others; and to provide for the separate collection of glass, tin, aluminum, cardboard, paper, and other recyclable materials, and to provide for the sale of such items;

(37) Special areas of public regulation. To regulate junk dealers and pawn shops; to regulate or prohibit the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors; to regulate the transportation, storage, and use of combustible, explosive, and flammable materials, the use of lighting and heating equipment, and any other business or situation which may be dangerous to persons or property; to regulate and control the conduct of peddlers and itinerant traders, theatrical performances, exhibitions, and shows of any kind, by taxation or otherwise; and to license, tax, regulate, or prohibit professional fortunetelling, palmistry, adult bookstores, and massage parlors;

(38) Special assessments. To levy and provide for the collection of special assessments to cover the costs for any public improvements;

(39) Taxes: ad valorem. To levy and provide for the assessment, valuation, revaluation, and collection of taxes on all property subject to taxation;

(40) Taxes: other. To levy and collect such other taxes as may be allowed now or in the future by law;

(41) Taxicabs. To regulate and license vehicles operated for hire in the city; to limit the number of such vehicles; to require the operators thereof to be licensed; to require public liability insurance on such vehicles in the amounts to be prescribed by ordinance; and to regulate the parking of such vehicles;

(42) Urban redevelopment. To organize and operate an urban development program;

(43) Other powers. To exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its inhabitants; to exercise all implied powers necessary or desirable to carry into execution all powers granted in this charter as fully and completely as if such powers were fully stated herein; to exercise all powers now or in the future authorized to be exercised by other municipal governments under other laws of the State of Georgia; and no listing of particular powers in this charter shall be held to be exclusive of others, nor restrictive of general words and phrases granting powers, but shall be held to be in addition to such powers unless expressly prohibited to municipalities under the Constitution or applicable laws of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 1.04.**

##### **Exercise of powers.**

All powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of the city, its officers, agencies, or employees shall be carried into execution as provided by this charter. If this charter makes no provision, such shall be carried into execution as provided by ordinance of the City of Lawrenceville or as provided by pertinent laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II  
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ELECTIONS, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
**SECTION 2.01.**

City council creation; number; election.

- (a) The legislative authority of the government of the City of Lawrenceville, except as otherwise specifically provided in this charter, shall be vested in a city council.
- (b) The city council of Lawrenceville, Georgia, shall consist of a mayor and four councilmembers. The mayor shall be a voting member.
- (c) General municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

**SECTION 2.02.**

Mayor and city councilmembers; terms and qualifications for office.

- (a) The mayor and city councilmembers shall serve terms of four years and their terms shall expire January 1 when the term of office of their successor begins in accordance with Section 2.09 of this charter.
- (b) No person elected in the general municipal election of 2012, or any election thereafter, shall serve as mayor or as city councilmember for more than 12 consecutive years. Years of service, whether by special election or appointment, prior to the first full term of four years shall not count toward the term limit set forth in this subsection.
- (c) Any person serving as mayor or councilmember shall be a qualified elector of the city. No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the City of Lawrenceville for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the date of the election, shall continue to reside therein during that person's period of service, and shall continue to be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of the City of Lawrenceville.

**SECTION 2.03.**

Vacancy; filling of vacancies; suspensions.

- (a) Except as authorized by law, elected officials shall not hold any other elected public office or hold any position of employment with the City of Lawrenceville during the term for which the officer was elected. The elective offices of the city's government shall become vacant upon the member's death, resignation, forfeiture of office, or removal from office in any manner authorized by this charter or by the general laws of the State of Georgia. The following shall result in an elected city official forfeiting his or her office:
  - (1) Violating the provisions of this charter;
  - (2) Being convicted of, or pleading guilty or "no contest" to, a felony or crime of moral turpitude; or
  - (3) Failing to attend one-third of the regular meetings of the council in a one-year period without being excused by the city council.

(b) A vacancy in the office of mayor or city councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a special election if such vacancy occurs 12 months or more prior to the expiration of the term of that office. If such vacancy occurs less than 12 months prior to the expiration of the term of that office, the city council or those members remaining shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term. This subsection shall also apply to a temporary vacancy created by the suspension from office of the mayor or any city councilmember.

**SECTION 2.04.**

Nonpartisan elections.

Political parties shall not conduct primaries for city offices, and all names of candidates for city offices shall be listed without party designation.

**SECTION 2.05.**

Election votes.

The candidates for mayor and city council who receive a majority of the votes cast of the qualified electors of the city at large voting at the elections of the city shall be elected to a term of office. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in said election, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Such run-off election shall be held at the time specified by state election law, unless such run-off date is postponed by court order.

**SECTION 2.06.**

Applicability of general laws; qualifying; other provisions.

All elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended or otherwise provided by law. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the city council shall, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to the establishment of qualifying fees, to fulfill any options and duties under Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Election Code," as now or hereafter amended or otherwise provided by law.

**SECTION 2.07.**

Compensation and expenses.

The city council shall be authorized to fix the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 36-35-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as may be amended from time to time.

**SECTION 2.08.**

## Inquiries and investigations.

The city council may make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any department, office, or agency thereof, and for this purpose, may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. Any person who fails or refuses to obey a lawful order issued in the exercise of these powers by the city council shall be punished as provided by ordinance.

**SECTION 2.09.**

## Meetings, oath of office, and mayor pro tempore.

(a) The city council shall hold an organizational meeting on the third Wednesday in December of each election year for the purpose of swearing in elected officials whose term will begin January 1 of the following year. The meeting shall be called to order by the mayor-elect and the oath of office shall be administered to the newly elected mayor and councilmembers collectively by the city clerk or a judicial officer authorized to administer oaths. The oath shall, to the extent that it comports with federal and state law, be as follows:

"I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully execute the office of [councilmember or mayor, as the case may be] of the City of Lawrenceville and that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Georgia, and the charter, ordinances, and regulations of the City of Lawrenceville. I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof. I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I by the laws of the State of Georgia am prohibited from holding. I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia. I have been a resident of the City of Lawrenceville for the time required by the Constitution and laws of this state and by the municipal charter. I will perform the duties of my office in the best interests of the City of Lawrenceville to the best of my ability without fear, favor, affection, reward, or expectation thereof."

(b) Following the induction of the mayor and councilmembers, the city council, by a majority vote of the councilmembers, shall elect a councilmember to be mayor pro tempore, who shall serve for a term of one year and until a successor is elected and qualified. The number of successive terms an individual may hold a position as mayor pro tempore shall be unlimited.

(c) The mayor pro tempore shall assume the duties and powers of the mayor during the mayor's temporary disability, suspension, or absence. If the mayor pro tempore is absent because of sickness or disqualification, any one of the remaining councilmembers, chosen by the councilmembers present, shall be clothed with all the rights and privileges of the mayor as described in this charter and shall perform the mayor's duties in the same manner as the mayor pro tempore.

(d) The city council shall, at least once a month, hold regular meetings at such times and

places as prescribed by ordinance. The city council may recess any regular meeting and continue such meeting to any day or hour it may fix and may transact any business at such continued meeting as may be transacted at any regular meeting.

(e) Special meetings of the city council shall be held on the call of either the mayor and one councilmember or two councilmembers. Notice of such special meetings shall be delivered to all councilmembers, the mayor, and the city manager personally, by registered mail, or by electronic means at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall not be required if the mayor, all councilmembers, and the city manager are present when the special meeting is called. Such notice of any special meeting may be waived by the mayor, a councilmember, or the city manager in writing before or after such a meeting, and attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice. The notice of such special meeting shall state what business is to be transacted at the special meeting. Only the business stated in the call shall be transacted at the special meeting.

### **SECTION 2.10.**

#### **Quorum; voting.**

(a) Three councilmembers shall constitute a quorum and shall be authorized to transact business for the city council. The mayor shall be counted toward the making of a quorum. Voting on the adoption of ordinances shall be taken by voice vote and the yeas and nays shall be recorded in the minutes, but on the request of any member there shall be a roll-call vote. In order for any ordinance, resolution, motion, or other action of the city council to be adopted, the measure must receive at least three affirmative votes and must receive the affirmative votes of a majority of those voting. The mayor shall have one vote on all matters brought before the council.

(b) The following types of actions require an ordinance in order to have the force of law:

- (1) Adopt or amend an administrative code or establish, alter, or abolish a department, office, or agency not specified in this charter;
- (2) Provide for a fine or other penalty;
- (3) Levy taxes;
- (4) Grant, renew, or extend a franchise;
- (5) Regulate a rate for a public utility;
- (6) Authorize the borrowing of money;
- (7) Convey, lease, or encumber city land;
- (8) Regulate land use and development; or
- (9) Amend or repeal an ordinance already adopted.

(c) The city council shall establish by ordinance procedures for convening emergency meetings. In an emergency, an ordinance may be passed without notice or a hearing if the city council passes the ordinance by majority vote; provided, however, that the city council cannot in an emergency meeting:

- (1) Levy taxes;
- (2) Grant, renew, or extend a franchise;

- (3) Regulate a rate for a public utility; or
- (4) Borrow money.

### **SECTION 2.11.**

General power and authority of the city council.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by law or by this charter, the city council shall be vested with all the powers of government of the City of Lawrenceville as provided by Article I of this charter.
- (b) In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the city council shall have the authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Lawrenceville and may enforce such ordinances by imposing penalties for violation thereof.

### **SECTION 2.12.**

Powers and duties of mayor.

The mayor shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the city council;
- (2) Serve as the ceremonial head of the city and as its official representative to federal, state, and local governmental bodies and officials and to be the official spokesperson for the city council and the chief advocate of city council policies;
- (3) Recommend to the councilmembers such measures relative to the affairs of the city, improvement of the government, and promotion of the welfare of its inhabitants as such officer may deem expedient;
- (4) Administer oaths and take affidavits;
- (5) Execute all contracts, deeds, and other obligations of the city within a level of authorization as established by the city council; and
- (6) Vote on matters before the city council to the extent provided in subsection (a) of Section 2.10 of this charter.

### **SECTION 2.13.**

Boards, commissions, and authorities.

- (a) The city council shall create by ordinance such boards, commissions, and authorities to fulfill any investigative, quasi-judicial, or quasi-legislative function the city council deems necessary and shall by ordinance establish the composition, period of existence, duties, and powers thereof.
- (b) All members of boards, commissions, and authorities of the city shall be appointed by the mayor and city councilmembers for such terms of office and in such manner as



shall be provided by ordinance, except where other appointing authority, terms of office, or manner of appointment is prescribed by this charter or by applicable state law.

(c) The city council by ordinance may provide for the compensation and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses of the members of any board, commission, or authority.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by charter or by law, no member of any board, commission, or authority shall hold any elective office in the city.

(e) Any vacancy on a board, commission, or authority of the city shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed herein for original appointment, except as otherwise provided by this charter or any applicable law of the State of Georgia.

(f) No member of a board, commission, or authority shall assume office until the member has executed and filed with the city clerk an oath obligating the member to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the member's office, such oath to be prescribed by ordinance and administered by the mayor or a judicial officer authorized to administer oaths.

(g) Any member of a board, commission, or authority may be removed from office with or without cause by a vote of three members of the city council.

(h) Except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law, each board, commission, or authority of the city shall elect one of its members as chairperson and one member as vice chairperson for terms of one year and may elect as its secretary one of its own members or may appoint as secretary an employee of the city. Each board, commission, or authority of the city government may establish such bylaws, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter, ordinances of the city, or applicable state law, as it deems appropriate and necessary for the fulfillment of its duties or the conduct of its affairs. Copies of such bylaws, rules, and regulations shall be filed with the city clerk.

#### **SECTION 2.14.**

##### Ordinance form; procedures.

(a) Every proposed ordinance and resolution shall be introduced in writing, and the city council shall have the authority to approve, disapprove, or amend the same. After the title of any proposed resolution or ordinance is read at a city council meeting, it may be approved and passed at such time by the city council.

(b) The catchlines of sections of this charter or any ordinance printed in boldface type, italics, or otherwise are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the section and shall not be:

(1) Deemed or taken to be titles of such sections or as any part of the section; and

(2) So deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted unless expressly provided to the contrary.

(c) Furthermore, the article and section headings contained in this charter shall not be deemed to govern, limit, or modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions of any article or section hereof.

(d) The city council may, by ordinance or resolution, adopt rules and bylaws to govern

the conduct of its business, including procedures and penalties for compelling the attendance of an absent mayor or councilmember. Such rules may include punishment for contemptuous behavior conducted in the presence of the city council.

#### **SECTION 2.15.**

Submission of ordinances to the city clerk.

(a) Every ordinance, resolution, and other action adopted by the city council shall be presented to the city clerk within 15 days of its adoption or approval. The city clerk shall record upon the ordinance the date of its delivery from the city council.

(b) An ordinance or resolution that has been passed by the city council shall become effective on the date the ordinance is passed by the city council or on such other date as may be specified in the ordinance.

#### **SECTION 2.16.**

Holding other office; voting when financially interested.

(a) Elected and appointed officers of the City of Lawrenceville are trustees and servants of the residents of the city and shall act in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of such residents.

(b) No elected officer, appointed officer, employee, or member of a board, commission, or authority, or employee of the city or any agency or political entity to which this charter applies shall knowingly:

(1) Engage in any business or transaction, or have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties or which would tend to impair the independence of the official's judgment or action in the performance of those official duties;

(2) Engage in or accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties or would tend to impair the independence of the official's judgment or action in the performance of those official duties;

(3) Disclose confidential information obtained at meetings which are closed pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A. concerning the property, governance, or affairs of the governmental body by which the official is engaged without proper legal authorization or use such information to advance the financial or other private interest of the official or others;

(4) Accept any valuable gift, whether in the form of service, loan, object, or promise, from any person, firm, or corporation which to the official's knowledge is interested, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever in business dealings with the governmental body by which the official is engaged; provided, however, that an elected official who is a candidate for public office may accept campaign contributions and services in connection with any such campaign;

(5) Represent other private interests in any action or proceeding against this city or

any portion of its government; or

(6) Vote or otherwise participate in the negotiations or in the making of any contract with any business or entity in which the official has a financial interest.

(c) Any elected officer, appointed officer, or employee who shall have any private financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within any department of the city shall disclose such private interest to the city council. The mayor or any councilmember who has a private interest in any matter pending before the city council shall disclose such private interest and such disclosure shall be entered on the records of the city council, and he or she shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any decision or vote relating thereto. Any elected officer, appointed officer, or employee of any agency or political entity to which this charter applies who shall have any private financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or matter pending before or within such entity shall disclose such interest to the governing body of such agency or entity.

(d) No elected officer, appointed officer, or employee of the city or any agency or entity to which this charter applies shall use property owned by such governmental entity for personal benefit or profit but shall use such property only in his or her capacity as an officer or employee of the city.

(e) Any violation of this section which occurs with the knowledge, express or implied, of a party to a contract or sale shall render such contract or sale voidable at the option of the city council.

(f) Except as authorized by law, neither the mayor nor any councilmember shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the City of Lawrenceville or otherwise be employed by the City of Lawrenceville or any agency thereof during the term for which he or she was elected. No former mayor and no former councilmember shall hold any appointive office in the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which the official was elected.

(g) No appointed officer of the city, other than the city attorney, shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office. No employee of the city shall continue in such employment upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office in this city or any other public office which is inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with the duties of the city employee. Such determination shall be made by the city council either immediately upon election or at any time such conflict may arise.

(h)(1) Any officer or employee of the city who knowingly conceals such financial interest or knowingly violates any of the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall be deemed to have forfeited that person's office or position.

(2) Any officer or employee of the city who shall forfeit an office or position as described in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be ineligible for appointment or election to or employment in a position in the city government for a period of three years thereafter.

ARTICLE III  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
**SECTION 3.01.**

City manager.

(a) The city council shall appoint an officer whose title shall be "city manager" and the city manager shall serve at the pleasure of the city council. The city manager shall not be subject to annual reappointments. The city manager shall be appointed without regard to political beliefs and solely on the basis of his or her education and experience in the accepted competencies and practices of local government management.

(b) The city manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. The city manager shall be responsible to the city council for the administration of all city affairs placed in the manager's charge by or under this charter. As the chief executive and administrative officer, the city manager shall:

(1) Appoint all and, when he or she deems it necessary for the good of the city, suspend or remove any city employees and administrative officers he or she appoints, except as otherwise provided by law or personnel ordinances adopted pursuant to this charter. The city manager may authorize any administrative officer who is subject to the city manager's direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in that officer's department, office, or agency;

(2) Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the city, except as otherwise provided by this charter or by law;

(3) Attend all city council meetings, except for closed meetings held for the purposes of deliberating on the appointment, discipline, or removal of the city manager, and have the right to take part in discussion but not vote;

(4) See that all laws, provisions of this charter, and acts of the city council, subject to enforcement by the city manager or by officers subject to the city manager's direction and supervision, are faithfully executed;

(5) Prepare and submit the annual budget to the city council;

(6) Submit to the city council and make available to the public a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the city as of the end of each fiscal year;

(7) Make such other reports as the city council may require concerning the operations of city departments, offices, and agencies subject to the manager's direction and supervision;

(8) Keep the city council fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the city and make such recommendations to the city council concerning the affairs of the city as the manager deems desirable; and

(9) Perform such other duties as are specified in this charter or as may be required by the city council.

(c) Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.08 of this charter, the city council or its members shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction or supervision of the city manager solely through the city manager, and neither the city council nor its members shall give orders or supervisory

direction to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately.

(d) The city manager shall not continue in such position upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office.

### **SECTION 3.02.**

#### City clerk.

The city council shall appoint a city clerk. The city clerk shall be responsible to the mayor and city council for the administration of all city affairs placed in the clerk's charge. The city clerk shall keep a journal of the proceedings of the city council, maintain in a safe place all records and documents pertaining to the affairs of the city, and perform such duties as may be required by law or ordinance or as the city council or city manager may direct. The city clerk shall not be subject to annual reappointments. The city clerk shall not continue in such position upon qualifying as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office.

### **SECTION 3.03.**

#### City attorney.

The city council shall appoint a city attorney together with such assistant city attorneys as may be deemed appropriate who shall serve at the pleasure of the city council. The city council shall provide for the payment of such attorney or attorneys for services rendered to the city. The city attorney shall be responsible for representing and defending the city in all litigation in which the city is a party; may be the prosecuting officer in the municipal court; shall attend the meetings of the city council as directed; shall advise the city council, mayor, and other officers and employees of the city concerning legal aspects of the city's affairs; and shall perform such other duties as may be required by virtue of his or her position as city attorney.

### **SECTION 3.04.**

#### Position classification and pay plans; employment at will.

The city manager shall be responsible for the preparation of a position classification and pay plan which shall be submitted to the city council for approval. Said plan shall apply to all employees of the City of Lawrenceville and any of its departments, agencies, and offices. When such a plan has been adopted by the city council, neither the city council nor the city manager shall increase or decrease the salaries of individual employees, except in conformity with such plan or pursuant to an amendment of said plan duly adopted by the city council. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all employees of the city shall be subject to removal or discharge, with or without cause, at any time.

ARTICLE IV  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
**SECTION 4.01.**

Creation.

There is established a court to be known as the Municipal Court of the City of Lawrenceville, which shall have jurisdiction and authority to try offenses against the laws and ordinances of the state, as permitted by law, and said city and to punish for a violation of the same. Such court shall have the power to enforce its judgments by the imposition of such penalties as may be provided by law, including ordinances of the city; to impose bench warrant and failure to appear fees; to hold contempt proceedings and to punish any person found in contempt; to punish witnesses for nonattendance and to punish also any person who may counsel, advise, aid, encourage, or persuade another whose testimony is desired or material in any proceeding before said court to go or move beyond the reach of the process of the court; to try all offenses within the territorial limits of the city constituting traffic cases and other misdemeanor cases which, under the laws of Georgia, are placed within the jurisdiction of municipal courts to the extent of, and in accordance with, the provisions of such laws and all laws subsequently enacted amendatory thereof. Said court shall be presided over by the judge of said court. In the absence or disqualification of the judge, the associate judge shall preside and shall exercise the same powers and duties as the judge when so acting.

**SECTION 4.02.**

Chief judge; associate judge.

- (a) The municipal court shall be presided over by a chief judge and such part-time, full-time, or stand-by judges as shall be provided for by ordinance.
- (b) No person shall be qualified or eligible to serve as a judge of the municipal court unless he or she meets the requirements provided for by general law. The judges shall be appointed by the mayor and city council in conformance with general law.
- (c) Compensation of the judges shall be fixed by ordinance.
- (d) Before entering on the duties of his or her office, the judge shall take an oath before the mayor or an officer duly authorized to administer oaths in this state declaring that he or she will truly, honestly, and faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office to the best of his or her ability without fear, favor, or partiality. The oath shall be entered upon the minutes of the city council.
- (e) The judge shall serve for a term of one year and may be removed from the position as provided by general law.

**SECTION 4.03.**

Convening.

The municipal court shall be convened at such times as designated by ordinance or at such times as deemed necessary by the judge to keep current the dockets thereof.

**SECTION 4.04.**

## Jurisdiction; powers.

- (a) The municipal court shall try and punish for crimes against the State of Georgia, as permitted by law, the City of Lawrenceville, and for violation of said city ordinances. The municipal court may fix punishment for offenses within its jurisdiction to the fullest extent allowed by state law.
- (b) The municipal court shall have authority to recommend to the city council for approval a schedule of fees to defray the costs of operation.
- (c) The municipal court shall have authority to establish bail and recognizances to ensure the presence of those charged with violations before said court and shall have discretionary authority to accept cash or personal or real property as security for appearances of persons charged with violations. Whenever any person shall give bail for his or her appearance and shall fail to appear at the time fixed for trial, the bond shall be forfeited to the judge presiding at such time and an execution issued thereon by serving the defendant and his or her sureties with a rule nisi at least two days before a hearing on the rule nisi. In the event that cash or property is accepted in lieu of bond for security for the appearance of a defendant at trial, and if such defendant fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, the cash so deposited shall be on order of the judge declared forfeited to the City of Lawrenceville, or the property so deposited shall have a lien against it for the value forfeited.
- (d) The municipal court shall have the authority to bind prisoners over to the appropriate court when it appears, by probable cause, that a state law has been violated.
- (e) The municipal court shall have the authority to administer oaths and to perform all other acts necessary or proper to the conduct of said court.
- (f) The municipal court may compel the presence of all parties necessary to a proper disposal of each case by the issuance of summons, subpoenas, and warrants which may be served as executed by any officer as authorized by this charter or by state law.
- (g) The municipal court is specifically vested with all of the judicial jurisdiction and judicial powers throughout the entire area of the City of Lawrenceville granted by state laws generally to municipal courts, and particularly by such laws as authorize the abatement of nuisances.
- (h) The municipal court shall have authority to punish those in its presence for contempt, provided that such punishment shall not exceed \$500.00 or 20 days in jail.
- (i) The municipal court shall have authority to impose bench warrant and failure to appear fees.

**SECTION 4.05.**

## Certiorari.

The right of certiorari from the decision and judgment of the municipal court shall exist in all criminal cases and ordinance violation cases, and such certiorari shall be obtained under the sanction of a judge of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County under the laws of the State of Georgia regulating the granting and issuance of writs of certiorari.

**SECTION 4.06.**

Rules for court.

With the approval of the city council, the judge shall have full power and authority to make reasonable rules and regulations necessary and proper to secure the efficient and successful administration of the municipal court.

## ARTICLE V

## FINANCE

**SECTION 5.01.**

Preparation of budgets.

The city council shall provide by ordinance the procedures and requirements for the preparation and execution of an annual budget, including requirements as to the scope, content, and form of such budgets and programs.

**SECTION 5.02.**

Sale and lease of city property.

The city council may acquire, hold, sell, exchange, rent, lease, or otherwise acquire or dispose of any real, personal, or mixed property, in fee simple or lesser interest, whether held by the city in its proprietary, governmental, or other capacity, inside or outside of the corporate boundaries of the city and wherever located.

**SECTION 5.03.**

Property tax.

The city council may assess, levy, and collect an ad valorem tax on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the city that is subject to such taxation by the state and Gwinnett County. Said ad valorem tax is for the purpose of raising revenues to defray the costs of operating the city government, of providing governmental services, for the repayment of principal and interest on general obligations, and for any other public purpose as determined by the city council in its discretion.

**SECTION 5.04.**

Millage rate; due date; payment method.

The city council by ordinance shall establish a millage rate for the city property tax, a due date, and the time period within which such tax must be paid. The city council by ordinance may provide for the payment of such tax by installments or in one lump sum, as well as authorize the voluntary payment of taxes prior to the time the tax is due.



**SECTION 5.05.**

## Occupation and business taxes.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to levy such occupation or business taxes as are not denied by law. The city council may classify businesses, occupations, professions, or callings for the purpose of such taxation in any way which may be lawful and may compel the payment of such taxes as provided in Section 5.11 of this charter.

**SECTION 5.06.**

## Regulatory fees; permits.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to require businesses or practitioners doing business within the city to obtain a permit for such activity from the city and pay a reasonable regulatory fee for such permit as provided by general law. Such fees shall reflect the total cost to the city of regulating the activity and, if unpaid, shall be collected as provided in Section 5.11 of this charter.

**SECTION 5.07.**

## Franchises.

The city council, except as otherwise provided by general law, shall have the power to grant franchises for the use of the city's streets and alleys for the purposes of railroads, street railways, telephone companies, electric companies, electric membership corporations, cable television and other telecommunications companies, gas companies, transportation companies, and other similar organizations. The city council shall determine the duration, terms, whether the same shall be exclusive or nonexclusive, and the consideration for such franchises; provided, however, that no franchise shall be granted for a period in excess of 35 years and no franchise shall be granted unless the city receives just and adequate compensation therefor. The city council shall provide for the registration of all franchises with the city clerk in a registration book kept by the clerk. The city council may provide by ordinance for the registration within a reasonable time of all franchises previously granted.

**SECTION 5.08.**

## Service charges.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect fees, charges, assessments, and tolls for sewers, sanitary and health services, or any other services provided or made available inside and outside the corporate limits of the city for the total cost to the city of providing or making available such services. If unpaid, such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 5.11 of this charter.

**SECTION 5.09.**

Special assessments.

The city council by ordinance shall have the power to assess and collect the cost of constructing, reconstructing, widening, or improving any public way, street, sidewalk, curbing, gutter, sewer, or other utility main and appurtenance from the abutting property owners under such terms and conditions as are reasonable. If unpaid, such charges shall be collected as provided in Section 5.11 of this charter.

**SECTION 5.10.**

Construction; other taxes and fees.

The city shall be empowered to levy any other tax or fee allowed now or hereafter by law, and the specific mention of any right, power, or authority in this charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general powers of the city to govern its local affairs.

**SECTION 5.11.**

Collection of delinquent taxes and fees.

The city council by ordinance may provide generally for the collection of delinquent taxes, fees, or other revenue due the city under Sections 5.03 through 5.10 by whatever reasonable means as are not precluded by law. Such means shall include providing for the dates when the taxes or fees are due; late penalties or interest; issuance and execution of fi. fas.; creation and priority of liens; making delinquent taxes and fees personal debts of the persons required to pay the taxes or fees imposed; revoking city permits for failure to pay any city taxes or fees; and providing for the assignment or transfer of tax executions or any other means permitted by law. Bills for ad valorem taxes on real property shall not include nontax related fees or assessments but may include fees, assessments, charges, or costs related to delinquent ad valorem property tax collections.

**SECTION 5.12.**

Bonds.

The city council shall have the power to issue bonds for the purpose of raising revenue to carry out any project, program, or venture authorized under this charter or the laws of the state. Such bonding authority shall be exercised in accordance with the laws governing bond issuance by municipalities in effect at the time said issue is undertaken.

**SECTION 5.13.**

Short-term loans.

The city may obtain short-term loans and must repay such loans not later than December 31 of each year, unless otherwise provided by law.

**SECTION 5.14.**

Contracting procedures.

No contract with the city shall be binding on the city unless:

- (1) It is in writing; and
- (2) It is drawn by or submitted to and reviewed by the city attorney and, as a matter of course, is signed by the city attorney to indicate such drafting or review.

**ARTICLE VI**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 6.01.**

Bonds for officials.

The officers and employees of this city, both elected and appointed, shall execute such surety or fidelity bonds in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the city council shall from time to time require by ordinance or as may be provided by law.

**SECTION 6.02.**

Prior ordinances.

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations now in force in the city and not inconsistent with this charter are hereby declared valid and of full effect and force until amended or repealed by the city council.

**SECTION 6.03.**

Existing personnel and officers.

Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all personnel and officers of the city and their rights, privileges, and powers shall continue beyond the time this charter takes effect for a period of 180 days before or during which the existing city council shall pass a transition ordinance detailing the changes in personnel and appointed officers required or desired and arranging such titles, rights, privileges, and powers as may be required or desired to allow a reasonable transition.

**SECTION 6.04.**

Pending matters.

Except as specifically provided otherwise by this charter, all rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and legal or administrative proceedings shall continue, and any such ongoing work or cases shall be completed by such city agencies, personnel, or offices as may be provided by the city council.

**SECTION 6.05.**

## Construction.

- (a) Section captions in this charter are informative only and are not to be considered as a part thereof.
- (b) The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.
- (c) The singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine, and vice versa.

**SECTION 6.06.**

## Specific repealer.

An Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville, approved March 28, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4961), as amended, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.07.**

## General repealer.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there was no objection, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bills as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Senate Supplemental Local Consent Calendar #2, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman

Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local bills, the yeas were 52, nays 1.

The bills on the Senate Supplemental Local Consent Calendar #2, except HB 594, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

HB 594, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 562. By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Jasperse of the 11th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Eton Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Cowser of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 253. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Cantrell of the 22nd, Meadows of the 5th, Henson of the 86th, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale of specialty license plates promoting the dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program which are to be dedicated to such program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Payne of the 54th.

Senator Payne of the 54th asked unanimous consent that HB 253 be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and HB 253 was placed on the Table.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 136. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Hitchens of the 161st, Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th and Price of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 and Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses and the Department of Driver Services, respectively, so as to provide for demarcation of a valid driver's

license, permit, or identification card by the Department of Driver Services and return of such license, permit, or card to a person applying for a new license or card; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offered the following substitute to HB 136:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 and Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses and the Department of Driver Services, respectively, so as to provide for demarcation of a valid driver's license, permit, or identification card by the Department of Driver Services and return of such license, permit, or card to a person applying for a new license or card; to provide for receipt upon confirmation of eligibility for a new driver's license or permit for purposes of legally operating a motor vehicle until arrival of the permanent driver's license or permit; to remove requirement that a visually impaired parent or legal guardian must have previously held a valid driver's license in order for his or her minor child to operate a motor vehicle; to provide for fees for issuance of certain drivers' licenses and permits; to allow for department consideration of any violation of law in determining whether disqualification of a commercial driver's license, a commercial driver instructor permit, or commercial driving privileges is appropriate; to revise punishment for failure to surrender certain identification cards, drivers' licenses, instruction permits, and limited driving permits; to provide for fees for issuance of identification cards; to provide authority to the commissioner to contract for the collection of delinquent fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended in Code Section 40-5-20, relating to license requirement, surrender of prior licenses, and prohibition of local licenses, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1)(A) Any person who applies for a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit shall indicate on such application whether he or she is in possession of any other valid driver's license or permit issued pursuant to this title or from any other jurisdiction.

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and in Code Section 40-5-32, no person shall receive a driver's license unless and until such person surrenders to the department all valid licenses or permits in such person's possession

issued to him or her ~~by this~~ pursuant to this title or ~~by~~ any other jurisdiction. ~~All surrendered licenses issued by another jurisdiction shall be destroyed. The department shall physically mark any surrendered license or permit in a manner which makes it apparent that such license or permit is no longer valid and return the license or permit to such person.~~

(C) The department shall issue a receipt to a person eligible to be issued a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit pursuant to the requirements of this title. Such receipt shall satisfy the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-29 regarding proof of eligibility to operate a motor vehicle until the person has received his or her permanent driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit.

(D) If a surrendered driver's license was issued by another jurisdiction, the department shall forward the surrendered ~~The~~ license information ~~shall be forwarded~~ to the previous jurisdiction.

(E) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no ~~No~~ person shall be permitted to have more than one valid driver's license at any time.

(2) Any noncitizen who is eligible for issuance of a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit pursuant to the requirements of this chapter title and is in possession of a valid driver's license or permit issued by a foreign jurisdiction may be issued a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit without surrendering any driver's license previously issued to him or her by any foreign jurisdiction the foreign driver's license or permit. This exemption shall not apply to a person who is applying for a commercial driver's license or who is required to terminate any previously issued driver's license pursuant to federal law. The department shall make a notation on the driving record of any person who retains a foreign driver's license, and this information shall be made available to law enforcement officers and agencies on such person's driving record through the Georgia Crime Information Center."

## SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-22, relating to persons not to be licensed, minimum ages for licenses, school enrollment requirements, driving training requirements, and limited driving permit, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, any person 14 years of age or older who has a parent or guardian who is medically incapable of being licensed to operate a motor vehicle due to visual impairment may apply for and, subject to the approval of the commissioner, may be issued a restricted noncommercial Class P instruction permit for the operation of a noncommercial Class C vehicle. Any person permitted pursuant to this subsection shall be accompanied whenever operating a motor vehicle by such physically impaired parent or guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who is licensed as a driver for a commercial or noncommercial Class C vehicle, who is fit and capable of exercising control over the vehicle, and who is occupying a seat beside the driver. ~~The department shall require~~



~~satisfactory proof that the physically impaired parent or guardian previously held a valid driver's license in the State of Georgia, another state, or the District of Columbia before issuing an instructional permit pursuant to this paragraph.~~

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, any person 15 years of age or older who has a parent or guardian who is medically incapable of being licensed to operate a motor vehicle due to physical impairment and has been issued an identification card containing the international handicapped symbol pursuant to Article 8 of this chapter may apply for and, subject to the approval of the commissioner, may be issued a restricted noncommercial Class P instruction permit for the operation of a noncommercial Class C vehicle. Any person permitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied whenever operating a motor vehicle by such physically impaired parent or guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who is licensed as a driver for a commercial or noncommercial Class C vehicle, who is fit and capable of exercising control over the vehicle, and who is occupying a seat beside the driver. ~~The department shall require satisfactory proof that the physically impaired parent or guardian previously held a valid driver's license in the State of Georgia, another state, or the District of Columbia before issuing an instructional permit pursuant to this paragraph."~~

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-25, relating to applications, fees, waiver of fees, and provisions for voluntary participation in various programs, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Every application for an instruction permit or for a driver's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the department. Every application shall be accompanied by the proper license fee. The fees shall be as established by the Board of Driver Services, not to exceed:

(1) For instruction permits for Classes C, E, F, and M drivers' licenses and for Class D drivers' licenses . . . . .	\$ 10.00
(2) For five-year Classes C, E, F, and M noncommercial drivers' licenses . . . . .	20.00
(2.1) For eight-year Classes C, E, F, and M noncommercial drivers' licenses . . . . .	32.00
(3) <del>For Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses. . . . .</del>	<del>20.00</del>
(4) For application for Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses or a Class P commercial driver's instruction permit . . . . .	35.00
<del>(5)</del> (4) For Class P commercial drivers' instruction permits for Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses . . . . .	10.00

<del>(6)</del> (5) For <u>up to five year</u> Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses, initial issuance requiring a road test . . . . .	70.00
<u>(5.1) For eight-year Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses, initial issuance requiring a road test . . . . .</u>	<u>82.00</u>
<del>(7)</del> (6) For <u>up to five year</u> Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses, initial issuance not requiring a road test . . . . .	20.00
<u>(6.1) For eight-year Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses, initial issuance not requiring a road test . . . . .</u>	<u>32.00</u>
<del>(8)</del> (7) For renewal of <u>up to five year</u> Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses . . . . .	20.00
<u>(7.1) For renewal of eight-year Class A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses . . . . .</u>	<u>32.00</u>
<del>(8.1)</del> (7.2) For renewal of <del>five-year</del> <u>up to five year</u> Classes C, E, F, and M noncommercial drivers' licenses . . . . .	20.00
<del>(8.2)</del> (7.3) For renewal of eight-year Classes C, E, F, and M noncommercial drivers' licenses . . . . .	32.00
<del>(9)</del> (8) Initial issuance of Classes A, B, C, and M commercial drivers' licenses and Class P commercial drivers' instruction permits shall include all endorsement fees within the license fee. Each endorsement added after initial licensing . . . . .	5.00

The commissioner may by rule provide incentive discounts in otherwise applicable fees reflecting cost savings to the department where a license is renewed by means other than personal appearance. The discount for renewal of a Class C or Class M license and any other discounts shall be as determined by the commissioner. Except as provided in Code Section 40-5-36, relating to veterans' licenses, and Code Section 40-5-149, relating to application fees for public school bus drivers, there shall be no exceptions to the fee requirements for a commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's license permit. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code section, there shall be no fee whatsoever for replacement of any driver's license solely due to a change of the licensee's name or address, provided that such replacement license shall be valid only for the remaining period of such original license; and provided, further, that only one such free replacement license may be obtained within the period for which the license was originally issued. Any application for the replacement of a lost license pursuant to Code Section 40-5-31 or due to a change in the licensee's name or address submitted within 150 days of the expiration of said license shall be treated as an application for renewal subject to the applicable license fees as set forth in this subsection. The maximum period for which any driver's license shall be issued is eight years."

**SECTION 4.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-53, relating to when courts shall send licenses and reports of convictions to the department, destruction of license by the department, and issuance of new license upon satisfaction of certain requirements, by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(4) Any report of any conviction ~~for a violation of Article 7 of this chapter,~~ regardless of the date such report of conviction is received by the department, shall be considered for purposes of disqualifying a person's commercial driver's license, commercial driver instruction permit, or commercial driving privileges in accordance with Code Section 40-5-151."

**SECTION 5.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-100, relating to authorization to issue identification cards, contents of such cards, prohibition on possession of more than one card, application and renewal of cards, and dissemination of information regarding voluntary programs, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) No person may possess more than one identification card issued pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that this subsection shall not be construed to prevent a ~~resident of this state who possesses~~ person issued a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit pursuant to this title from also possessing an identification card issued under this article.

(2)(A) Any person who applies for an identification card shall indicate on such application whether he or she is in possession of any other valid identification card, driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit issued pursuant to this title or by any other jurisdiction.

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, each applicant for an identification card shall surrender to the department any valid identification card or, driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit previously issued pursuant to this title or by any other state and any identification card previously issued by this state jurisdiction. The department shall physically mark any surrendered identification card, driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit in a manner which makes it apparent that such card, license, or permit is no longer valid and return the card, license, or permit to such person.

(C) The department shall issue a receipt to a person eligible to be issued an identification card pursuant to the requirements of this title. Such receipt may be used as proof of issuance until the person has received his or her permanent identification card.

(D) If a surrendered identification card, driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit was issued by another jurisdiction, the department shall forward the surrendered card, license, or permit information to the previous jurisdiction.

(3)(A) Any noncitizen who is eligible for issuance of an identification card pursuant to the requirements of this ~~chapter~~ title and is in possession of an

identification card or driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction may be issued an identification card without surrendering ~~any driver's license or identification card previously issued to him or her by any foreign jurisdiction~~ the foreign driver's license or identification card. This exemption shall not apply to a person who is required to terminate any previously issued identification card pursuant to federal law.

(B) The department shall make a notation on the driving record of any person who retains a foreign identification card or driver's license, and this information shall be made available to law enforcement officers and agencies on such person's driving record through the Georgia Crime Information Center.

~~(4) Willful failure to surrender any such previous driver's license or personal identification card upon application for a new personal identification card will be considered an act of fraud and upon conviction be punished as provided for in Code Section 40-5-125."~~

#### SECTION 6.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-103, relating to fees and issuance periods for identification cards, exceptions for veterans' or honorary licenses, and application and renewal of an identification card, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Except as provided in Code Section 40-5-21.1 and subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section, the department shall collect a fee of \$20.00 for a five-year card and a fee of ~~\$35.00~~ \$32.00 for an eight-year card, which fee shall be deposited in the state treasury in the same manner as other motor vehicle driver's license fees."

#### SECTION 7.

Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Driver Services, is amended in Code Section 40-16-5, relating to authority of the commissioner, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g)(1) The commissioner may contract with a debt collection agency or attorney doing business within or outside this state for the collection of delinquent fees owed to the department pursuant to this title. Such contract may provide for the rate of payment and the manner in which compensation for debt collection services shall be paid. The compensation, fees, and expenses for such debt collection may be added to the amount of the delinquent fees owed and may be collected directly by the contractor from the debtor. The commissioner is authorized to provide such contractor with the necessary information regarding the delinquent fees and debtor for the collection of the fees owed.

(2) No delinquent fees may be collected pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection from a person not subject to a license suspension or cancellation pursuant to this title.

(3) The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subsection."

**SECTION 8.**

- (a) This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) Subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-20 as amended by Section 1 of this Act and subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-100 as amended by Section 5 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018.

**SECTION 9.**

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

Senators Williams of the 27th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 6th, Brass of the 28th and Thompson of the 14th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 136 (LC 41 1151S) by replacing line 1 with the following:*

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to prohibit law enforcement from retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems beyond a certain period; to provide for definitions; to provide for the exchange or sharing of data obtained from license plate recognition systems by law enforcement; to provide for criminal penalties for misuse of captured license plate data; to provide for policies; to amend Chapter 5 and Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,

*By redesignating Sections 1 through 9 as Sections 2 through 10, respectively, and inserting between lines 18 and 19 the following:*

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-1-21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Automated license plate recognition system' means one or more high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms used to convert images of license plates into computer readable data.

(2) 'Captured license plate data' means the global positioning device coordinates, date and time, photograph, license plate number, and any other data captured by or derived from an automated license plate recognition system or any other source.

(3) 'Law enforcement agency' means the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, and any other state, federal, local, public transit, school, college, or university agency that is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime, local government code enforcement, and the enforcement of penal, traffic, toll violation, regulatory, game, or controlled substance laws.

- (4) 'Law enforcement purpose' means the investigation of an offense or activity initiated by a law enforcement agency.
- (5) 'Person' means an individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, joint venture, or any other unincorporated association or group.
- (b) Law enforcement agencies may collect captured license plate data. Such data shall be stored immediately upon collection and not accessed except for a law enforcement purpose. All such data collected shall be destroyed no later than 30 months after such data were originally collected unless such data are the subject matter of a toll violation or for a law enforcement purpose.
- (c) Law enforcement agencies may exchange or share captured license plate data with other law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes.
- (d)(1) Any person who knowingly requests, uses, obtains, or attempts to obtain captured license plate data of a law enforcement agency under false pretenses or for any purpose other than for a law enforcement purpose shall for each such offense, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.
- (2) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to preclude a law enforcement agency from contracting with a person to hold and maintain captured license plate data for such law enforcement agency; provided, however, that such person shall be subject to the policies of the law enforcement agency and paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- (e) Any law enforcement agency deploying an automated license plate recognition system shall maintain policies for the use and operation of such system, including but not limited to policies for the training of law enforcement officers in the use of captured license plate data consistent with this Code section.
- (f) Captured license plate data collected by a law enforcement agency shall not be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50."

*By replacing "Section 1" with "Section 2" on line 224 and by replacing "Section 5" with "Section 6" on line 225.*

Senator Williams of the 27th asked unanimous consent that his amendment be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the Williams, et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was withdrawn.

Senator McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 136 (LC 41 1151S) by replacing lines 3 through 5 with the following:*

to provide that no person shall be issued certain licenses or permits without surrendering certain previously issued licenses or permits; to provide for exceptions; to revise provisions pertaining to the surrender of certain previously issued licenses and permits by noncitizens; to provide for receipt upon confirmation of eligibility for

*By replacing lines 23 through 56 with the following:*

"(c)(1) Any person who applies for a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit shall indicate on such application whether he or she is in possession of any other valid driver's license or permit issued pursuant to this title or from any other jurisdiction. ~~Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and in Code Section 40-5-32, no~~

(2) No person shall receive a driver's license unless and until such person surrenders to the department all valid licenses or permits in such person's possession issued to him or her by this pursuant to this title or by any other jurisdiction. All surrendered licenses issued by another jurisdiction shall be destroyed. The license information shall be forwarded to the previous jurisdiction. No person shall be permitted to have more than one valid driver's license at any time.

~~(2) Any noncitizen who is eligible for issuance of a driver's license pursuant to the requirements of this chapter may be issued a driver's license without surrendering any driver's license previously issued to him or her by any foreign jurisdiction. This exemption shall not apply to a person who is applying for a commercial driver's license or who is required to terminate any previously issued driver's license pursuant to federal law. The department shall make a notation on the driving record of any person who retains a foreign driver's license, and this information shall be made available to law enforcement officers and agencies on such person's driving record through the Georgia Crime Information Center."~~

*By replacing lines 158 through 162 with the following:*

"(c)(1) No person may possess more than one identification card issued pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that this subsection shall not be construed to prevent a resident of this state who possesses a driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit pursuant to this title from also possessing an identification card issued under this article.

*By replacing lines 167 through 196 with the following:*

~~(B) Each~~ Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, each applicant for an identification card shall surrender to the department any valid identification card or, driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit previously issued pursuant to this title or by any other state and any identification card previously issued by this state jurisdiction.

(C) The department shall issue a receipt to a person eligible to be issued an identification card pursuant to the requirements of this title. Such receipt may be used as proof of issuance until the person has received his or her permanent identification card.

(D) If a surrendered identification card, driver's license, instruction permit, or limited driving permit was issued by another jurisdiction, the department shall forward the surrendered card, license, or permit information to the previous jurisdiction.

~~(3)(A) Any noncitizen who is eligible for issuance of an identification card pursuant to the requirements of this chapter may be issued an identification card without surrendering any driver's license or identification card previously issued to him or her by any foreign jurisdiction. This exemption shall not apply to a person who is required to terminate any previously issued identification card pursuant to federal law.~~

~~(B) The department shall make a notation on the driving record of any person who retains a foreign identification card or driver's license, and this information shall be made available to law enforcement officers and agencies on such person's driving record through the Georgia Crime Information Center.~~

(4) Willful failure to surrender any such previous driver's license or personal identification card upon application for a new personal identification card will be considered an act of fraud and upon conviction be punished as provided for in Code Section 40-5-125."

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Harper of the 7th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 2, nays 40, and the McKoon amendment #2 to the committee substitute was lost.

Senators Miller of the 49th, Harper of the 7th, Gooch of the 51st and Beach of the 21st offered the following amendment #3:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Public Safety substitute to HB 136 (LC 41 1151S) by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:*

To amend Chapters 5, 6, and 16 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, the Uniform Rules of the Road, and the Department of Driver Services, respectively, so as to

*By inserting after "vehicle;" on line 9 the following:*

to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control;

*By inserting after "cards;" on line 14 the following:*

to provide for the manner of riding a motorcycle;

*By inserting between lines 87 and 88 the following:*

**SECTION 2A.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 40-5-23, relating to classes of licenses, by revising subsection (c) as follows:



"(c) The noncommercial classes of motor vehicles for which operators may be licensed shall be as follows:

Class C — Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 10,000 pounds, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided that the combination of vehicles has a gross combined vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds, any three-wheeled motor vehicle that is equipped with a steering wheel for directional control, and any self-propelled or towed vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel purposes and is used solely as a family or personal conveyance; except that any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 26,000 pounds may be operated under such class of license if such combination of vehicles are controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products, livestock, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm, and are not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier;

Class D — Provisional license applicable to noncommercial Class C vehicles for which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive;

Class E — Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided that the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles included within Class F and Class C;

Class F — Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of 10,000 pounds, and all vehicles included within Class C;

Class M — Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and three-wheeled motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control;

Class P — Instruction permit applicable to all types of vehicles for which an applicant desires a driver's license but is not presently licensed to drive.

(d) Any applicant for a Class E or Class F license must possess a valid Georgia driver's license for Class C vehicles. A license issued pursuant to this Code section shall not be a commercial driver's license."

*By inserting between lines 204 and 205 the following:*

**SECTION 6A.**

Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Uniform Rules of the Road, is amended in Code Section 40-6-311, relating to manner of riding a motorcycle, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) A person shall ride upon a motorcycle equipped with handlebars for directional control only ~~while~~ by sitting astride the seat, facing forward, and with one leg on either side of the motorcycle."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Miller, et al. amendment #3 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

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N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	E Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 3.

HB 136, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 136. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Bill Heath  
District 31

HR 25. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HR 25:

#### A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and LC 3for other purposes.

#### PART I

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio was born on October 8, 1988, in Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from Camden County High School in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Porfirio served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force and was halfway through his first six-month deployment in Afghanistan when he was shot three times in the back while his unit was installing communication lines; and

WHEREAS, the bullets shattered his stomach and he underwent several surgeries before the doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center determined that removal of his pancreas was necessary; and

WHEREAS, in a groundbreaking procedure, Senior Airman Porfirio's doctors removed his bullet-ridden pancreas and flew the organ to the University of Miami where doctors harvested islet cells which were then flown back to Walter Reed and transferred into his liver; and

WHEREAS, this procedure, considered by many to be a medical miracle, allowed his liver to produce insulin needed to prevent Senior Airman Porfirio from developing a severe case of diabetes; and

WHEREAS, exactly one year to the day after sustaining his life-threatening injuries in Afghanistan, Senior Airman Porfirio passed away in Missouri while visiting friends; and

WHEREAS, he left behind many who cherish his life and memory, including his son, Landon; father, Karl; and brothers, Damian, Paul, Adam, and T.J.; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

## **PART II**

WHEREAS, Mr. Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis has long been recognized for the vital role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 and before the completion of ninth grade, Mr. Lollis dropped out of school to join the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge from military service in 1947, Mr. Lollis joined the state highway department as a rodman on a staking/survey party, where he worked for two years before being called back into the service at the start of the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lollis returned to the state highway department 14 months later upon his discharge as a Staff Sergeant and attended night school in order to earn his high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, he later earned his civil engineering degree, and upon graduation from the Southern Technical Institute, he returned once again to the state highway department to serve as an engineer on road and bridge projects; and

WHEREAS, during his career with the department, Mr. Lollis was responsible for bridge inspection throughout the Thomaston district, ensuring safety for the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the department, Mr. Lollis established Lollis-Priest and Associates which performed land surveying, site design planning, and engineering consultation services; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

## **PART III**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Officer Henry Tilman Davis; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lumpkin County, Georgia, Officer Davis graduated from Lumpkin County High School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army as a military policeman from August 31, 1963, to June 28, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Officer Davis began his career with the Gainesville Police Department on June 28, 1969; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in September of 1972 after his patrol vehicle was struck from behind and forced into oncoming traffic while traveling on Dawsonville Highway in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

#### **PART IV**

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Grady Layson, Sr., was born on December 1, 1891, in Jasper County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, an adept farmer, Mr. Layson operated a cotton gin and several saw mills throughout Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, because Mr. Layson did not obtain a formal education of his own, he was driven to help others in his community uplift their lives through scholarship; and

WHEREAS, he built a schoolhouse in Putnam County named Henderson Grove and hired the school's first teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layson also established a school which allowed teachers to live on site and hired the first agriculture teacher for Jasper County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART V**

WHEREAS, Mr. Otis Ray Redding, Jr., was a singer, song writer, record producer, arranger, and talent scout who has been called one of the 'Kings of Soul' for his amazing talent as a soul music and rhythm and blues artist; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Dawson, Georgia, on September 9, 1941, the beloved son of Fannie Mae Redding and Otis Redding, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 15, Mr. Redding quit school to help financially support his family after his father contracted tuberculosis, working as a well digger, gas station attendant, and musician; and

WHEREAS, he performed in talent shows for prize money and with Little Richard's backing band, the Upsetters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redding's first single, *Arms of Mine*, hit the musical charts in 1962 and he was famous for such other hits as *Respect* and *Try a Little Tenderness*; and

WHEREAS, after his untimely and tragic passing in an airplane crash, Mr. Redding's iconic (*Sittin' on*) *The Dock of the Bay* became the first posthumous number one record on both the *Billboard* Hot 100 and R & B charts; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous posthumous honors and accolades, including a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States Post Office recognized Mr. Redding's enduring musical influence and talent by issuing a commemorative stamp in his honor; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

#### **PART VI**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

**PART VII**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Corporal Richard "Ricky" Allen Hall on September 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hall served as a member of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department and his life was tragically cut short after an automobile accident in Bryan County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Corporal Hall graduated from Tompkins High School, attended South University, and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hall dedicated 14 years to protecting and serving the people of Chatham County with the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

**PART VIII**

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante was born on May 10, 1972, in San Diego, California, and moved to Athens, Georgia, at the age of four; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mercardante served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps and his life was tragically cut short on April 15, 2008, when he was killed in Afghanistan by a roadside bomb near the Pakistani border; and

WHEREAS, as a small child, First Sergeant Mercardante received an injury to his right hand that resulted in some limited range of usage but that never prevented him from working hard to achieve his dream of serving his country in the military; and

WHEREAS, after spending two years at the University of Georgia, First Sergeant Mercardante enlisted on April 22, 1992, and despite being initially rejected as a recruit for the Marine Corps due to his hand limitations, he requested to be reconsidered and went on to graduate boot camp as the Honor Graduate; and

WHEREAS, he went on to serve deployments in Okinawa, Hawaii, Tokyo, Spain, and throughout the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mercardante will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, son, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

#### **PART IX**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller on January 12, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Dinkheller served as a member of the Laurens County Sheriff's Office and his life was tragically cut short after he was murdered during a traffic stop; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

#### **PART X**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Officer Kevin Jordan on May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jordan served as a member of the Griffin Police Department and his life was tragically cut short after he was killed while working security detail at a Waffle House; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XI**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Ben Barron Ross on December 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was born on July 26, 1921, the beloved son of James Morgan Ross and Kate Barron Ross; and



WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree and law degree from Mercer University and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross moved to Lincolnton, Georgia, in 1949 and was elected to serve as a state representative with the Georgia General Assembly in 1957, a position he continued to adeptly serve in for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, he served as the attorney for Lincoln County for 38 years, during which time he was instrumental in paving the way for a new library building and was a member of the Lincolnton United Methodist Church and Lincoln County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

## **PART XII**

WHEREAS, the Brown and Mauldin families of Towns County, Georgia, have a rich history and tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ezekiel Brown purchased the Brown family farm in 1857 while Alexander Mauldin settled his family on property in Towns County in 1840; and

WHEREAS, both sites have had generations of the respective families live and farm the properties; and

WHEREAS, James Norwood Brown was a pharmacist and farmer who raised seven boys on the farm while his brother, Walter Scott Brown, served as the first cooperative extension agent for Towns County and was the Cooperative Extension State Director from 1937 to 1954; and

WHEREAS, the Brown family farm, currently maintained by Walter Brown's grandson, Frank Riley, Jr., contains 1/2 mile of one of the only natural stretches remaining on the Hiawassee River; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Mauldin served as sheriff and postal clerk in several North Georgia counties and as one of the town commissioners when Hiawassee was incorporated in 1870; and

WHEREAS, Douglas England Mauldin was born in 1861 and farmed the property where he raised 11 children and his son, Earl Mauldin, was born in 1895 and also farmed the property and raised nine children on the farm; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgia families be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

### **PART XIII**

WHEREAS, PFC Roland E. Rush was born on August 14, 1945, in LaFayette, Georgia, the beloved son of Carl E. and Mary R. Rush; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military and paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country on May 20, 1967, in Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, PFC Rush's commitment and service were recognized with numerous accolades, including Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, PFC Rush embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

### **PART XIV**

WHEREAS, Mr. Alex Cooley and Mr. Peter Conlon have long been recognized for their influence in the music industry and the marks they have made upon the lives of countless musicians; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooley and Mr. Conlon joined together in 1982 to create Concert/Southern Promotions, which grew into one of the country's top ten concert promotion firms, producing more than 300 shows per year and running iconic Atlanta music venues such as the Tabernacle, the Cotton Club, and Coca-Cola Roxy; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1980's, the duo changed their company name to Alex Cooley/Peter Conlon Presents and produced the Chastain Park Summer Concert Series that featured James Taylor, Steve Winwood, Don Henley, Alicia Keys, Chicago, Whitney Houston, and many other world famous artists; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the two founded the Music Midtown Festival, which has grown to an internationally recognized success, attracting 300,000 music fans and more than 100 major and up-and-coming acts representing all genres of music on the festival's outdoor stages; and

WHEREAS, since selling their company in 1997, Mr. Cooley and Mr. Conlon have remained active in the community and music industry, with Mr. Cooley representing Georgia at the G-8 Summit in 2004 and serving on the Board of Governors for the Georgia Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, while Mr. Conlon serves on the Governor's Film and Movie Advisory Commission, as chairman of the Mayor's Music Advisory Commission, and as an active board director for Camp Sunshine; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.

#### **PART XV**

WHEREAS, Corporal Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin was born on September 19, 1948, in LaFayette, Georgia, the beloved son of Pauline and Raymond Wallin; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps as a rifleman and after one week of returning home from deployment in the Vietnam War, he volunteered to return on a special mission to assist in the retrieval of American soldiers killed in action; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Wallin made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 6, 1968, in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, at only 19 years of age after taking on direct fire while helping recover his fallen comrades; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Wallin embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

#### **PART XVI**

WHEREAS, Claude Edgar and Bertha Catlin Johnson have long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role they played in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born in Monroe, Georgia, on October 11, 1893, and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World War I; and

WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Bertha Catlin and their unyielding loyalty and devotion to one another served as an inspiration to their family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, they were blessed with the love of their ten remarkable children, Cyrus, Winfred, Marcia, Elsie, Calvin, Gwendolyn, Barbara, Claude, Cleopatra, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, known for their generosity and kindness, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson made the world a better place in which to live, with many incredible contributions to their family, community, and state; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body honor the lives and careers of these distinguished Georgians by dedicating a road in their memory.

#### **PART XVII**

WHEREAS, John Andrew Smoltz, born May 15, 1967, and nicknamed "Smoltzie," is an American former baseball pitcher and active sportscaster who played 21 seasons in Major League Baseball, garnered eight All-Star selections and the 1996 National League Cy Young Award, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015, his first year of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, he is the only pitcher in major league history to top both 200 wins and 150 saves; in 2008, he became the 16th member of the 3,000 strikeout club; and

WHEREAS, John Smoltz was an All-State baseball and basketball player at Waverly High School in Lansing, Michigan, before he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, and on August 12, 1987, he was traded to the Atlanta Braves; and

WHEREAS, in the 1996 season, he went 24-8 with a 2.94 ERA and 276 strikeouts, including winning a franchise record 14 straight decisions, won the National League Cy Young with 26 of the 28 first-place votes, and was awarded a Silver Slugger Award for his batting; and

WHEREAS, his career accomplishments include being elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on 82.9 percent of the vote in 2015, being named an eight-time All-Star and the National League Championship Series MVP in 1992, holding the Atlanta Braves record for most wins in a season, leading the Major Leagues in strikeouts in 1996 with 276, leading the national league in win percentage in 1996, winning the National League Rolaids Relief Man of the Year Award in 2002, holding the Braves record for most saves in a season in 2002 with 55, holding the Braves record for most strikeouts in a career with 3,011, receiving the Branch Rickey Award for exceptional community service in 2007, being the only MLB pitcher with more than one post-season stolen base, and incurring 15 post-season wins; and

WHEREAS, a born-again Christian, John Smoltz founded and has served as Chairman of the Board at Alpharetta-based King's Ridge Christian School and is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XVIII**

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Kastner was born on September 15, 1937, in Batesville, Georgia, and was raised in Habersham County where, as a teenager, he helped his father build chicken houses and cabins along Lake Burton; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Habersham County High School, Mr. Kastner owned and operated West Cobb Building Supply and Hardware and West Cobb Trucking in Cobb County; and

WHEREAS, he developed 30 subdivisions in Cobb, Fulton, Barton, and Paulding counties, where he was known for his keen eye for fine aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kastner had a rare talent for developing subdivisions that appeared as if streets were as natural as the trees which grew from the land and he served for many years on the Cobb County Building Standards Review Board; and

WHEREAS, in his free time Mr. Kastner found great joy in tending his 12 acre farm on Dallas Highway, which was known to friends and neighbors as "the garden"; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XIX**

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffrey Marshall Foxworthy was born on September 6, 1958, in Atlanta, Georgia, and is known throughout the world for his comedic talent and "you might be a redneck" jokes; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hapeville High School, Mr. Foxworthy attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and initially pursued a career following in his father's footsteps working at IBM on mainframe computer maintenance; and

WHEREAS, he began his stand-up comedy career at Atlanta's Punchline comedy club after a dare from friends and in 1984, he won the club's Great Southeastern Laugh-off; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 he topped the comedy album charts with his *You Might Be a Redneck If...*, an album that sold more than 3 million copies; and

WHEREAS, he received a Grammy nomination for Best Spoken Comedy Album for his 1995 album, *Games Rednecks Play*, and performed a one-hour HBO stand-up special in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foxworthy starred in his own sitcom derived from his stand-up routines entitled, *The Jeff Foxworthy Show*, and hosted the popular game show, *Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?*; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, Mr. Foxworthy began the Blue Collar Comedy Tour with three other comedians, focusing their acts on common-man comedy, which helped Mr. Foxworthy later launch Blue Collar TV; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XX**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr., on April 17, 1986; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Valdosta High School, Deputy Rowe served as a member of the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Rowe's life was tragically cut short after he was struck by a driver at a police road block; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XXI**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of Interstate 95 and Laurel Island Parkway in Camden County is dedicated as the Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 11/US 129 over Bluff Creek in Pulaski County is dedicated as the Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Beechwood Blvd., NW and SR 53/Dawsonville Highway in Hall County is dedicated as the Officer Henry Tilman Davis Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 212 from Bragg Road to the Putnam County line in Jasper County is dedicated as the Henry Grady Layson, Sr., Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge structures on the Gray Bypass over SR 11 in Jones County is dedicated as the Otis Redding Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the relocated portions of State Routes 11/22/US 129 in Jones County are dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the I-16 overpass bridge on SR 30/US 80/280 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Corporal Rick Hall Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 441 at the Oconee/Clarke County line near White Oak Intersection is dedicated as the First Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at I-16 and Exit 42 (SR 338) in Laurens County is dedicated as the Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller, LCSO 37, Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of the 1702 North Expressway (US 19/41) from Lucky Street to Leprade Road in Spalding County is dedicated as the Officer Kevin Jordan Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 47 in Lincoln County from the intersection of GA 43 and GA 47 in the city limits of Lincolnton to the intersection of GA 47 and GA 220 in Cliatt Crossing is dedicated as the Ben Barron Ross Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 17 across the Hiawasse River in Towns County is dedicated as the Brown-Mauldin Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 193 and Highway 136 in Cooper Heights is dedicated as the PFC Roland E. Rush Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 11/US 41 from the State Route 247 Connector North to State Route 49 in Peach County is dedicated as the Cooley-Conlon Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 136 in Walker County is dedicated as the CPL Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin, USMC Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Northside Drive from Bankhead Highway to Ralph Abernathy Boulevard in Fulton County is dedicated as the Claude Edgar and Bertha Catlin Johnson Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Milton Parkway from GA 400 to Highway 9 in Fulton County is dedicated as the John Smoltz Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120 in Cobb County from Barrett Parkway to the Paulding County line is dedicated as the Charles Kastner Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 103 from the Harris/Troup County line to State Route 219 in Harris County is dedicated as the Jeff Foxworthy Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 31 from the intersection of I-75/SR 401 to the intersection of State Route 7/US 41 in Lowndes County is dedicated as the Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr., Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 120 in Haralson County between Corinth Church and Rose's Store is dedicated as the Veterans' Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the families of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio; Mr. Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis; Officer Henry Tilman Davis; Henry Grady Layson, Sr.; Mr. Otis Ray Redding, Jr.; Corporal Richard "Ricky" Allen Hall; First Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante; Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller; Officer Kevin Jordan; Mr. Ben Barron Ross; PFC Roland E. Rush; Corporal Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin; Claude Edgar and Bertha Catlin Johnson; and Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr.; and to Mr. Alex Cooley; Mr. Peter Conlon; Mr. Charles Kastner; the Brown and Mauldin families; John Smoltz; and Jeff Foxworthy.



Senator Stone offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Transportation Committee substitute to HR 25 (LC 39 1692S) by replacing line 1 with the following:*

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

*By replacing line 317 with the following:*

WHEREAS, he developed 30 subdivisions in Cobb, Fulton, Bartow, and Paulding counties,

*By inserting after line 360 the following:*

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard F. Miles was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Richmond County Board of Education and as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, he began his career with Feedwright Milling Company, opened a local grocery store in Augusta, and founded the Richmond County newspaper; and

WHEREAS, a successful entrepreneur and businessman, Mr. Miles was also the owner of Fleming Tractor and Equipment Corporation and Fleming Fuel Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, he was an early advocate and board member for Teen Town, helped start the Fleming Community Center, and was a member of the board of directors for Richmond County Bank; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

## **PART XXII**

*By inserting before line 420 the following:*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 25 between Lumpkin Road and I-520 in Richmond County is dedicated as the Bernard F. Miles Memorial Highway.

*By replacing line 430 with the following:*

Johnson; Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr.; and Mr. Bernard F. Miles; and to Mr. Alex Cooley; Mr. Peter Conlon; Mr.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Stone amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

Senator Beach of the 21st offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend the Senate Transportation Committee substitute to HR 25 (LC 39 1692S) by replacing line 1 with the following:*

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

*By replacing line 317 with the following:*

WHEREAS, he developed 30 subdivisions in Cobb, Fulton, Bartow, and Paulding counties,

*By inserting between lines 419 and 420 the following:*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of South Fulton Parkway located in Fulton County is dedicated as the Georgia Aerotropolis Corridor.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Beach amendment #2 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the resolution by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the adoption of the resolution, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	E Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams, M

On the adoption of the resolution, the yeas were 51, nays 1.

HR 25, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted by substitute.

The engrossed As Passed Senate version of HR 25 failed to include the Beach amendment #2.

HB 481. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Golick of the 40th, Rynders of the 152nd and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to provide for preemption for unmanned aircraft systems; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers  
Y Anderson, L  
Y Anderson, T  
Y Beach  
Y Black  
Y Brass  
Y Burke  
Y Butler  
Y Cowsert  
Y Davenport  
Y Dugan  
Y Fort  
Y Ginn  
Y Gooch  
Y Harbin

Y Hill, H  
Y Hill, Ja  
Y Hufstetler  
Y Jackson, L  
Y James  
E Jeffares  
Y Jones, B  
Y Jones, E  
Y Jones, H  
Y Kennedy  
Y Kirk  
Y Ligon  
Y Lucas  
Y Martin  
Y McKoon

Y Orrock  
Y Parent  
Y Payne  
Y Rhett  
Y Seay  
Y Shafer  
Y Sims  
Y Stone  
Y Tate  
Y Thompson, B  
Y Thompson, C  
Y Tillery  
Y Tippins  
Y Unterman  
Y Walker

Y Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 Y Henson

Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 54, nays 0.

HB 481, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

HB 64. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 134th, Hatchett of the 150th, England of the 116th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to provide for the compensation of health insurance agents in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Martin of the 9th.

Senator Martin of the 9th asked unanimous consent that HB 64 be placed on the Table. The consent was granted, and HB 64 was placed on the Table.

HB 470. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Belton of the 112th, Smyre of the 135th, Coomer of the 14th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create a program for making grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dugan of the 30th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers  
 Y Anderson, L  
 Y Anderson, T

Y Hill, H  
 Y Hill, Ja  
 Y Hufstetler

Y Orrock  
 Y Parent  
 Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Seay
Y Brass	E Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 470, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 71. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts to the list of property that is exempt from bankruptcy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 126. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, so as to change provisions relating to the venue of actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 156. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide certain restrictions with regard to equalized homestead option sales and use taxes; to provide for limitations on the collection of certain other taxes while such equalized homestead option sales and use tax is being levied; to provide for the sales on which such tax may be levied; to provide limitation on the use of special purpose local option sales taxes which are levied in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 197. By Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Hatchett of the 150th, Kelley of the 16th, Brockway of the 102nd and Bonner of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Fair Business Practices Act, so as to provide for requirements for solicitations of services for obtaining a copy of an instrument conveying real estate; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kennedy of the 18th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	E Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 197, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Dugan of the 30th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 343. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Dreyer of the 59th, Dempsey of the 13th, Rynders of the 152nd, Carter of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure so as to replace certain outdated terminology, as it relates to the use of "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded"; to provide that such updated terminology shall not affect case law decided prior to this change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tillery of the 19th.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 343:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to replace certain outdated terminology, as it relates to the use of "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded"; to provide that such updated terminology shall not affect case law decided prior to this change; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

The General Assembly finds that for the purposes of existing case law when a case refers to or uses the term "mental retardation," "mentally retarded," or "intellectual disability," such terms shall have the same meaning and shall be interchangeable.

**SECTION 2.**

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by revising Code Section 17-2-4, relating to defendant arrested, held, or present in county other than that in which indictment or accusation is pending, as follows:

"17-2-4.

(a) A defendant arrested, held, or present in a county other than that in which an indictment or accusation is pending against that defendant may state in writing a wish to plead guilty, guilty but mentally ill, guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability, or nolo contendere; to waive trial in the county in which the indictment or accusation is pending; and to consent to disposition of the case in the county in which the defendant was arrested, held, or present, subject to the approval of the prosecuting attorney for each county. Upon receipt of the defendant's statement and the written approval of the prosecuting attorney for each county, the clerk of the court in which the indictment or accusation is pending shall transmit the papers in the proceeding or certified copies thereof to the clerk of the court for the county in which the defendant was arrested, held, or present, and the prosecution shall continue in that county.

(b) A defendant arrested, held, or present in a county other than the county in which a complaint or arrest warrant is pending against that defendant may state in writing a wish to plead guilty, guilty but mentally ill, guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability, or nolo contendere; to waive venue and trial in the county in which the complaint or warrant was issued; and to consent to disposition of the case in the county in which the defendant was arrested, held, or present, subject to the approval of the prosecuting attorney for each county. Upon receipt of the defendant's statement and the written approval of the prosecuting attorney for each county, the clerk of the court in which the complaint or arrest warrant is pending shall transmit the papers in the



proceeding or certified copies thereof to the clerk of the court for the county in which the defendant was arrested, held, or present, and the prosecution shall continue in that county.

(c) If after the proceeding has been transferred pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section the defendant pleads not guilty or not guilty by reason of insanity, the clerk shall return the papers to the court in which the prosecution was commenced and the proceeding shall be restored to the docket of that court. A defendant's statement that the defendant wishes to plead guilty, guilty but mentally ill, guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability, or nolo contendere shall not be used against the defendant."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-7-131, relating to proceedings upon pleas of insanity or mental incompetency at time of crime, as follows:

"17-7-131.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Insane at the time of the crime' means meeting the criteria of Code Section 16-3-2 or 16-3-3. However, the term shall not include a mental state manifested only by repeated unlawful or antisocial conduct.

(2) 'Intellectual disability' means having significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning resulting in or associated with impairments in adaptive behavior which manifested during the developmental period.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Mentally ill' means having a disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life. However, the term 'mental illness' shall not include a mental state manifested only by repeated unlawful or antisocial conduct.

~~(3) 'Mentally retarded' means having significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning resulting in or associated with impairments in adaptive behavior which manifested during the developmental period.~~

(b)(1) In all cases in which the defense of insanity, mental illness, or intellectual disability is interposed, the jury, or the court if tried by it, shall find whether the defendant is:

(A) Guilty;

(B) Not guilty;

(C) Not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime;

(D) Guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime, but the finding of guilty but mentally ill shall be made only in felony cases; or

(E) Guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability, but the finding of ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability shall be made only in felony cases.

(2) A plea of guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime or a plea of guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability shall not be accepted until the defendant has undergone examination by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and the court has examined the psychological or psychiatric reports, held a hearing on the issue of the defendant's mental condition, and is satisfied that there is a factual basis that the

defendant was mentally ill at the time of the offense or ~~mentally-retarded~~ has intellectual disability to which the plea is entered.

(2.1) A plea of not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime shall not be accepted and the defendant adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity by the court without a jury until the defendant has undergone examination by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and the court has examined the psychological or psychiatric reports, has held a hearing on the issue of the defendant's mental condition, and the court is satisfied that the defendant was insane at the time of the crime according to the criteria of Code Section 16-3-2 or 16-3-3.

(3) In all cases in which the defense of insanity, mental illness, or intellectual disability is interposed, the trial judge shall charge the jury, in addition to other appropriate charges, the following:

(A) I charge you that should you find the defendant not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime, the defendant will be committed to a state mental health facility until such time, if ever, that the court is satisfied that he or she should be released pursuant to law.

(B) I charge you that should you find the defendant guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime, the defendant will be placed in the custody of the Department of Corrections which will have responsibility for the evaluation and treatment of the mental health needs of the defendant, which may include, at the discretion of the Department of Corrections, referral for temporary hospitalization at a facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(C) I charge you that should you find the defendant guilty but ~~mentally-retarded~~ with intellectual disability, the defendant will be placed in the custody of the Department of Corrections, which will have responsibility for the evaluation and treatment of the mental health needs of the defendant, which may include, at the discretion of the Department of Corrections, referral for temporary hospitalization at a facility operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(c) In all criminal trials in any of the courts of this state wherein an accused shall contend that he or she was insane, mentally ill, or intellectually disabled ~~or otherwise mentally incompetent under the law~~ at the time the act or acts charged against him or her were committed, the trial judge shall instruct the jury that they may consider, in addition to verdicts of 'guilty' and 'not guilty,' the additional verdicts of 'not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime,' 'guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime,' and 'guilty but ~~mentally-retarded~~ with intellectual disability.'

(1) The defendant may be found 'not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime' if he or she meets the criteria of Code Section 16-3-2 or 16-3-3 at the time of the commission of the crime. If the court or jury should make such finding, it shall so specify in its verdict.

(2) The defendant may be found 'guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime' if the jury, or court acting as trier of facts, finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged and was mentally ill at the time of the

commission of the crime. If the court or jury should make such finding, it shall so specify in its verdict.

(3) The defendant may be found 'guilty but ~~mentally-retarded~~ with intellectual disability' if the jury, or court acting as trier of facts, finds beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged and is ~~mentally-retarded~~ with intellectual disability. If the court or jury should make such finding, it shall so specify in its verdict.

(d) Whenever a defendant is found not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime, the court shall retain jurisdiction over the person so acquitted and shall order such person to be detained in a state mental health facility, to be selected by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the acquittal order, for evaluation of the defendant's present mental condition. Upon completion of the evaluation, the proper officials of the mental health facility shall send a report of the defendant's present mental condition to the trial judge, the prosecuting attorney, and the defendant's attorney, if any.

(e)(1) After the expiration of the 30 days' evaluation period in the state mental health facility, if the evaluation report from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities indicates that the defendant does not meet the inpatient commitment criteria of Chapter 3 of Title 37 or Chapter 4 of Title 37, the trial judge may issue an order discharging the defendant from custody without a hearing.

(2) If the defendant is not so discharged, the trial judge shall order a hearing to determine if the defendant meets the inpatient commitment criteria of Chapter 3 of Title 37 or Chapter 4 of Title 37. If such criteria are not met, the defendant must be discharged.

(3) The defendant shall be detained in custody until completion of the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted at the earliest opportunity after the expiration of the 30 days' evaluation period but in any event within 30 days after receipt by the prosecuting attorney of the evaluation report from the mental health facility. The court may take judicial notice of evidence introduced during the trial of the defendant and may call for testimony from any person with knowledge concerning whether the defendant is currently a mentally ill person in need of involuntary treatment, as defined by paragraph (12) of Code Section 37-3-1, or a person with a developmental disability, as defined in paragraph (8) of Code Section 37-1-1, who presents a substantial risk of imminent harm to himself or herself or others. The prosecuting attorney may cross-examine the witnesses called by the court and the defendant's witnesses and present relevant evidence concerning the issues presented at the hearing.

(4) If the judge determines that the defendant meets the inpatient commitment criteria of Chapter 3 of Title 37 or Chapter 4 of Title 37, the judge shall order the defendant to be committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to receive involuntary treatment under Chapter 3 of Title 37 or to receive services under Chapter 4 of Title 37. The defendant is entitled to the following rights specified below and shall be notified in writing of these rights at the time of his or her

admission for evaluation under subsection (d) of this Code section. Such rights are:

- (A) A notice that a hearing will be held and the time and place thereof;
- (B) A notice that the defendant has the right to counsel and that the defendant or his or her representatives may apply immediately to the court to have counsel appointed if the defendant cannot afford counsel and that the court will appoint counsel for the defendant unless he or she indicates in writing that he or she does not desire to be represented by counsel;
- (C) The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses and to offer evidence;
- (D) The right to subpoena witnesses and to require testimony before the court in person or by deposition from any person upon whose evaluation the decision of the court may rest;
- (E) Notice of the right to have established an individualized service plan specifically tailored to the person's treatment needs, as such plans are defined in Chapter 3 of Title 37 and Chapter 4 of Title 37; and
- (F) A notice that the defendant has the right to be examined by a physician or a licensed clinical psychologist of his or her own choice at his or her own expense and to have that physician or psychologist submit a suggested service plan for the patient which conforms with the requirements of Chapter 3 of Title 37 or Chapter 4 of Title 37, whichever is applicable.

(5)(A) If a defendant appears to meet the criteria for outpatient involuntary treatment as defined in Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 37, which shall be the criteria for release on a trial basis in the community in preparation for a full release, the court may order a period of conditional release subject to certain conditions set by the court. The court is authorized to appoint an appropriate community service provider to work in conjunction with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to monitor the defendant's compliance with these conditions and to make regular reports to the court.

(B) If the defendant successfully completes all requirements during this period of conditional release, the court shall discharge the individual from commitment at the end of that period. Such individuals may be referred for community mental health, ~~mental-retardation~~ developmental disabilities, or substance abuse services as appropriate. The court may require the individual to participate in outpatient treatment or any other services or programs authorized by Chapter 3, 4, or 7 of Title 37.

(C) If the defendant does not successfully complete any or all requirements of the conditional release period, the court may:

- (i) Revoke the period of conditional release and return the defendant to a state hospital for inpatient services; or
- (ii) Impose additional or revise existing conditions on the defendant as appropriate and continue the period of conditional release.

(D) For any decision rendered under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, the defendant may request a review by the court of such decision within 20 days of the order of the court.

- (E) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and any community services providers, including the employees and agents of both, providing supervision or treatment during a period of conditional release shall not be held criminally or civilly liable for any acts committed by a defendant placed by the committing court on a period of conditional release.
- (f) A defendant who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime and is ordered committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities under subsection (e) of this Code section may only be discharged from that commitment by order of the committing court in accordance with the procedures specified in this subsection:
- (1) Application for the release of a defendant who has been committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities under subsection (e) of this Code section upon the ground that he or she does not meet the civil commitment criteria under Chapter 3 of Title 37 or Chapter 4 of Title 37 may be made to the committing court, either by such defendant or by the superintendent of the state hospital in which the said defendant is detained;
  - (2) The burden of proof in such release hearing shall be upon the applicant. The defendant shall have the same rights in the release hearing as set forth in subsection (e) of this Code section; and
  - (3) If the finding of the court is adverse to release in such hearing held pursuant to this subsection on the grounds that such defendant does meet the inpatient civil commitment criteria, a further release application by the defendant shall not be heard by the court until 12 months have elapsed from the date of the hearing upon the last preceding application. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall have the independent right to request a release hearing once every 12 months.
- (g)(1) Whenever a defendant is found guilty but mentally ill at the time of a felony or guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ has intellectual disability, or enters a plea to that effect that is accepted by the court, the court shall sentence him or her in the same manner as a defendant found guilty of the offense, except as otherwise provided in subsection (j) of this Code section. A defendant who is found guilty but mentally ill at the time of the felony or guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ has intellectual disability shall be committed to an appropriate penal facility and shall be evaluated then treated, if indicated, within the limits of state funds appropriated therefor, in such manner as is psychiatrically indicated for his or her mental illness or ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability.
- (2) If at any time following the defendant's conviction as a guilty but mentally ill or guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability offender it is determined that a temporary transfer to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is clinically indicated for his or her mental illness or ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability, then the defendant shall be transferred to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to procedures set forth in regulations of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. In all such cases, the legal custody of the

defendant shall be retained by the Department of Corrections. Upon notification from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Corrections that hospitalization at a Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities facility is no longer clinically indicated for his or her mental illness or ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability, the Department of Corrections shall transfer the defendant back to its physical custody and shall place such individual in an appropriate penal institution.

(h) If a defendant who is found guilty but mentally ill at the time of a felony or guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability is placed on probation under the 'State-wide Probation Act,' Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, the court may require that the defendant undergo available outpatient medical or psychiatric treatment or seek similar available voluntary inpatient treatment as a condition of probation. Persons required to receive such services may be charged fees by the provider of the services.

(i) In any case in which the defense of insanity is interposed or a plea of guilty but mentally ill at the time of the felony or a plea of guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability is made and an examination is made of the defendant pursuant to Code Section 17-7-130.1 or paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section, upon the defendant's being found guilty or guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime or guilty but ~~mentally retarded~~ with intellectual disability, a copy of any such examination report shall be forwarded to the Department of Corrections with the official sentencing document. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall forward, in addition to its examination report, any records maintained by such department that it deems appropriate pursuant to an agreement with the Department of Corrections, within ten business days of receipt by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities of the official sentencing document from the Department of Corrections.

(j)(1) In the trial of any case in which the death penalty is sought which commences on or after July 1, 1988, should the judge find in accepting a plea of guilty but mentally retarded, or the jury or court find in its verdict that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged but mentally retarded, the death penalty shall not be imposed and the court shall sentence the defendant to imprisonment for life.

(2) In the trial of any case in which the death penalty is sought which commences on or after July 1, 2017, should the judge find in accepting a plea of guilty but with intellectual disability, or the jury or court find in its verdict that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged but with intellectual disability, the death penalty shall not be imposed and the court shall sentence the defendant to imprisonment for life."

#### SECTION 4.

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	E Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
E Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

HB 343, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 343. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

HB 217. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Kelley of the 16th, Knight of the 130th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation,

and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations in order to receive income tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Williams of the 27th.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 217:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations in order to receive income tax credits; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for new expenditure limits; to provide for additional reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, is amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 48-7-29.16, relating to the qualified education tax credit, as follows:

"(f)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~\$58~~ \$65 million ~~per~~ for any tax year. Any portion of the tax credits allowed under this Code section that are not approved by the commissioner, or, if approved, not funded by the taxpayer, shall be applied to the next calendar year in the manner specified by the commissioner.

(2) ~~The commissioner shall allow the tax credits on a first come, first served basis shall be available for allocation for the first ten business days of each calendar year. During such period, the commissioner shall accept requests for preapproval for tax credits from interested taxpayers. Once all requests have been received, the commissioner shall allocate the available credits pro rata for that calendar year if the amount of tax credits requested exceeds the cap. If the amount of tax credits requested does not exceed the cap, the commissioner shall continue to accept requests until November 1 of such calendar year or until the aggregate amount of the cap for the calendar year is exhausted, whichever shall first occur.~~



(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, a student scholarship organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a student scholarship organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contributions that the taxpayer intends to make to the student scholarship organization. The commissioner shall preapprove, ~~or deny, or prorate~~ the requested amount within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide notice to the taxpayer and the student scholarship organization of such preapproval, ~~or denial, or proration~~ which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the student scholarship organization within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limit prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall establish a web based donation approval process to implement this subsection.

(4) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall maintain an ongoing, current list on its website of the amount of tax credits available under this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to student scholarship organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the student scholarship organization is removed from the Department of Education list pursuant to Code Section 20-2A-7, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(6) In addition to the reporting requirements in Code Section 20-2A-3, each student scholarship organization shall file an annual report with the department showing any fees or assessments retained by the student scholarship organization during the calendar year."

## SECTION 2.

Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, is amended by restating the introductory language and revising paragraphs (1) and (3) of Code Section 20-2A-2, relating to requirements for student scholarship organizations, as follows:

"Each student scholarship organization:

(1) ~~With respect to the first \$1.5 million of its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants, must obligate at least 90 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of \$1.5 million and up to and including \$10 million, must obligate at least 93 percent of such revenue for~~

~~scholarships and tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of \$10 million and up to and including \$20 million, must obligate at least 94 percent of such revenue for scholarships and tuition grants; and, with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of \$20 million, must obligate at least 95 percent of such revenue for scholarships and tuition grants. Shall obligate at least 97 percent of its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants to scholarships or tuition grants.~~ On or before the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which a student scholarship organization receives revenues from donations and obligates them for the awarding of scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization shall designate the obligated revenues for specific student recipients. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants, the student scholarship organization may distribute the entire obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program to be held in accordance with Department of Revenue rules for distribution to the specified recipients during the years in which the recipients are projected in writing by the private school to be enrolled at the qualified school or program. In making a multiyear distribution to a qualified school or program, the student scholarship organization shall require that if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the qualified school or program elects not to continue disbursement of the multiyear scholarship or tuition grant to the designated student for all the projected years, then the qualified school or program shall immediately return the remaining funds to the student scholarship organization. Once the student scholarship organization designates obligated revenues for specific student recipients, in the case of multiyear scholarships or tuition grants for which the student scholarship organization distributes the obligated and designated revenues to a qualified school or program annually rather than the entire amount, if the designated student becomes ineligible or for any other reason the student scholarship organization elects not to continue disbursement for all years, then the student scholarship organization shall designate any remaining previously obligated revenues for a new specific student recipient on or before the end of the following calendar year. The maximum scholarship amount given by the student scholarship organization in any given year shall not exceed the average state and local expenditures per student in fall enrollment in public elementary and secondary education for this state. The Department of Education shall determine and publish such amount annually, no later than January 1;"

"(3) Must have an independent board of directors with at least three members who shall not serve on more than one such board simultaneously;"

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2A-3, relating to taxation reporting requirements for student scholarship organizations, as follows:

"20-2A-3.

(a) Each student scholarship organization must report to the Department of Revenue, on a date determined by the Department of Revenue and on a form provided by the Department of Revenue, ~~by January 12 of each tax year~~ the following:

(1) The total number and dollar value of individual contributions and tax credits approved. Individual contributions shall include contributions made by those filing income tax returns as a single individual or head of household and those filing joint returns;

(2) The total number and dollar value of corporate contributions and tax credits approved;

(3) The total number and dollar value of scholarships awarded to eligible students;

(4) The total number of families of scholarship recipients who fall within each quartile of Georgia adjusted gross income as defined and reported annually by the Department of Revenue and the average number of dependents of recipients for each quartile; ~~and~~

(5) A list of donors, including the dollar value and date of receipt of each donation and the dollar value of each approved tax credit; and

(6) The average scholarship dollar amount by quartile.

Such report shall also include a copy of the audit conducted pursuant to paragraph (5) of Code Section 20-2A-2. The Department of Revenue shall post on its website the information received from each student scholarship organization pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection.

(b) Except for the information reported pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) of this Code section, all information or reports provided by student scholarship organizations to the Department of Revenue shall be confidential taxpayer information, governed by Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, whether it relates to the donor or the student scholarship organization."

#### **SECTION 4.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

#### **SECTION 5.**

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

Senator Millar of the 40th moved the previous question.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson, L	N Rhett
Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams, M
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 34, nays 18.

HB 217, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

3/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 217. Had I been present, I would have voted "No".

/s/ Vincent D. Fort  
District 39

03/28/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 217. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ L.C. Walker  
District 20

Senator Williams of the 27th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

HB 251. By Representatives Ealum of the 153rd, Powell of the 171st, Houston of the 170th, Carter of the 175th, Rynders of the 152nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management organization and administration, so as to authorize emergency personnel to go upon private property as necessary in the performance of their duties during a state of emergency or state of disaster; to prohibit the interference with emergency personnel performing their duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirk of the 13th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
E Williams, M

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 1.

HB 251, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Hill of the 6th asked unanimous consent that the following bill, having been placed on the Table on March 15, 2017, be taken from the Table:

HB 213. By Representatives Golick of the 40th, Cooper of the 43rd, Reeves of the 34th, Gravley of the 67th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties, so as to include the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

The consent was granted, and HB 213 was taken from the Table.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 6-3.5(b), HB 213, having been taken from the Table, was placed at the foot of the Senate Rules Calendar.

At 9:32 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess.

At 10:28 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 250. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Abrams of the 89th, Dollar of the 45th, Rogers of the 10th, Efstoration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-5-69.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fingerprint and preliminary records check for foster homes, so as to provide that an employee of an early care and education program who has received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination within the previous 24 months is exempt from submitting applications for an additional background check for purposes of providing care

to children placed in a foster home; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Miller of the 49th.

The Senate Committee on Special Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 250:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to records checks for persons supervising children, so as to provide that a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination within the previous 12 months by the Department of Early Care and Learning may be used in lieu of background screening or fingerprint checks required for purposes of providing care to children in the custody of the Department of Human Services; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to records checks for persons supervising children, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-5-115.

In lieu of any background screening or fingerprint check required pursuant to any state law or any department regulation for an individual who provides short-term care for a child in the custody of the department, the department is authorized to accept a letter issued within the previous 12 months by the Department of Early Care and Learning stating that such individual has received a satisfactory determination by the Department of Early Care and Learning in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 1A of Title 20."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 250, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

HB 322. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Rogers of the 10th, Caldwell of the 131st, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to war veterans home, so as to change the definition of the term "war veterans"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dugan of the 30th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne



Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 322, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bills of the House:

HB 73. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Powell of the 171st, Meadows of the 5th, Shaw of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th and others:

A BILL to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts; to provide for definitions; to delineate procedures, conditions, eligibility, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of economic development, and the revenue commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 126. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Meadows of the 5th, Oliver of the 82nd, Kelley of the 16th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for courts, so as to change provisions relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; to expand the membership of the commission and provide for panels; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of members, filling of vacancies, and confirmation; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules; to provide for confidentiality and exceptions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 292. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, Code Section 35-3-34, and Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and general provisions regarding torts, respectively, so as to provide for, revise, and clarify laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Calendar was resumed.

HB 257. By Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Smith of the 70th, Powell of the 171st, Epps of the 144th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to require local government authorities to register with the Department of Community Affairs in order to be eligible for state funds; to change the deadline for local government authorities to register with said department; to prohibit authorities from incurring debt or credit obligations prior to submitting a report to said department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Harper of the 7th.

Senators Harbin of the 16th and McKoon of the 29th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend HB 257 (LC 44 0333S) by inserting after "department;" on line 5 the following:*  
to require local government authorities to engage in the preservation of religious freedom to be eligible for state funds;

*By replacing line 10 with the following:*

by revising subsections (f) and (j) of, and adding a new subsection to, Code Section 36-80-16, relating to Local Government

*By replacing line 19 with the following:*

36-81-8.

(k) To be eligible for receipt of state funds any local government authority shall comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B as such existed on January 1, 2017, regarding government burdens on the free exercise of religion, in like manner as applicable to the federal government."

Senator Jones of the 10th requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the Harbin, McKoon amendment #1 germane.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that HB 257 and all of the remaining bills on the Senate Rules Calendar be placed on the Table.

Senator Harbin of the 16th objected.

On the motion, Senator McKoon of the 29th called for the yeas and nays; the call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson, L	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams, M
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the following bills were placed on the Table:

HB 257	HB 430	HB 160	HB 234	HB 472
HB 92	HB 117	HB 125	HB 237	HB 405
HB 342	HB 486	HB 515	HB 149	HB 150
HB 154	HB 198	HB 243	HB 312	HB 344
HB 474	HB 428	HB 469	HB 419	HB 118
HB 485	HB 273	HB 67	HB 206	HB 213

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has disagreed to the Senate amendment to the following Bill of the House:

HB 506. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Glanton of the 75th, Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965

(Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for a vote by the Board for an award of certain contracts involving concessions; to provide for a competitive process for the award of contracts for concessions and the sale, lease, or other disposition of real property owned by the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 130. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right to an attorney, so as to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to SR 132 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2017.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, March 30, 2017  
Fortieth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10:17 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following communication was transmitted by the Secretary:



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March 29, 2017

Honorable Nathan Deal  
Governor of Georgia  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Deal:

I have the honor to report to you the actions taken by the Georgia Senate on the Appointments submitted by you that require confirmation by the Senate. The following actions were taken on March 24, 2017:

The Honorable William Bowen of Tift County, as a member of the State Board of Funeral Service, for the term of office beginning 2/13/2016, and ending 2/13/2022. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Wendy Johnson of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2011, and ending 6/30/2016. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dale Mayfield of Fayette County, as a member of the Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 8/1/2011, and ending 8/1/2016. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Lisa Colbert of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2015, and ending 7/6/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Tracey Blalock of Houston County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2017. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Rafael Salazar of Richmond County, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapists, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2014, and ending 12/31/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Lurue Lord of Bulloch County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2014, and ending 3/16/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Diane Drake of Butts County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2016, and ending 3/16/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dave Meldrum of Fulton County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2016, and ending 3/16/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable James Scott of Tift County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, for the term of office beginning 1/31/2012, and ending 1/31/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jeff Porter of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, for the term of office beginning 1/31/2014, and ending 1/31/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Bob Reynolds of Fulton County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2015, and ending 3/16/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Stephen Burton of Brooks County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2011, and ending 8/14/2016. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Larry "Bo" Benton of Jones County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2015, and ending 8/14/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Roy Cates of Wilkes County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2020, and ending 8/14/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Charles Gay of Floyd County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2020, and ending 8/14/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Rossie Ross of Stewart County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2020, and ending 8/14/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Patricia Ross of Houston County, as a member of the Veterans Service Board, for the term of office beginning 4/1/2016, and ending 4/1/2023. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Russell Crutchfield of Coweta County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2017. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Pat Burd of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, for the term of office beginning 3/15/2016, and ending 3/15/2022. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Arthur "Mid" Ramsey of Clarke County, as a member of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, for the term of office beginning 3/15/2016, and ending 3/15/2022. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Glen Morris of Richmond County, as a member of the State Board of Dispensing Opticians, for the term of office beginning 3/31/2013, and ending 3/31/2017. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.



The Honorable Anna "Miki" Thomaston of Wayne County, as a member of the At Large Representative on the Board of Natural Resources, for the term of office beginning 3/16/2016, and ending 3/16/2023. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dennis Chastain of Gwinnett County, as a member of the At Large Representative on the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2011, and ending 7/1/2016. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable John "Jay" Neely III of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2011, and ending 7/1/2016. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jarrett McIntosh of Fulton County, as a member of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Seth Millican of Cobb County, as a member of the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission, for the term of office beginning 12/20/2013, and ending 12/20/2017. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Robert Alpert of Butts County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for the term of office beginning 8/20/2015, and ending 8/20/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Kim Hembree of Carroll County, as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Analysts, for the term of office beginning 8/17/2015, and ending 8/17/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Kenny Green of McDuffie County, as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Analysts, for the term of office beginning 8/17/2015, and ending 8/17/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable David Wren of Lee County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, for the term of office beginning 8/20/2015, and ending 8/20/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Laura Marsh of Bulloch County, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2013, and ending 1/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Mitch Rodriguez of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Public Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable James Curran of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Public Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Robert Harshman of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Public Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Rick Muggridge of Lee County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Thomas Coleman of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Kelly Stewart of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Angie Holt of Houston County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Willie Bolton of Clarke County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dick Yarbrough of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jacqueline Bunn of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2016, and ending 12/31/2023. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Ellice Martin of Clinch County, as a member of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jean Sumner of Johnson County, as a member of the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Lauren Eckman of Bibb County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable John "Jay" Neely III of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dennis Chastain of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Allen Gudenrath of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Eric Johnson of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Economic Development, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Wendy Johnson of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Bart Gobeil of Chatham County, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, for the term of office beginning 12/15/2011, and ending 12/15/2016. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Carolyn Crayton of Bibb County, as a member of the Board of Community Affairs, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Vann Parrott of Brooks County, as a member of the State Board of Education, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2013, and ending 1/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Fred Stephens of White County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Elaine Snow of Floyd County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Amanda Miliner of Houston County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Christy Van Meter of Columbia County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Shan Cooper of Cobb County, as a member of the Technical College System of Georgia Board, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2015, and ending 6/30/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Julia Skinner of Fulton County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2012, and ending 12/31/2017. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Lillie Crowe of Greene County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2015, and ending 1/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Linda Most of Lowndes County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2015, and ending 12/31/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Judith Dryer of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board for the Certification of Librarians, for the term of office beginning 12/31/2014, and ending 12/31/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Leon Grant of Cobb County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Emily Watson of Colquitt County, as a member of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2015, and ending 6/30/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Gretchen Collins of DeKalb County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Scott Bohlke of Bulloch County, as a member of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, for the term of office beginning 10/6/2015, and ending 10/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Carolyn Hill of Glynn County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/29/2015, and ending 12/29/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Barbara Baxter of Cherokee County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/29/2018, and ending 12/29/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Kerry Smith of Habersham County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/29/2015, and ending 12/29/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Richard Weil of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Connie Jee of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office beginning 9/29/2015, and ending 9/29/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Travis Stegall of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Equal Opportunity, for the term of office beginning 9/29/2015, and ending 9/29/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dare Domico of Gwinnett County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 12/28/2015, and ending 12/29/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Terry Cook of Telfair County, as a member of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, for the term of office beginning 6/4/2016, and ending 6/4/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Mark Chastain of Gilmer County, as a member of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the term of office beginning 6/1/2016, and ending 6/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Daniel DeLoach of Chatham County, as a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Ashley Addison of Bryan County, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Craig Smith of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable James Martin of Hart County, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Penny Penn of Forsyth County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/6/2016, and ending 7/6/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Chris Clark of Forsyth County, as a member of the Board of Corrections, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Mike Coggins of Echols County, as a member of the Board of Corrections, for the term of office beginning 1/1/2013, and ending 1/1/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jody Whisenant of Hall County, as a member of the State Board of Optometry, for the term of office beginning 9/6/2016, and ending 9/6/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Gerald Prchal of Dougherty County, as a member of the State Board of Optometry, for the term of office beginning 9/6/2016, and ending 9/6/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Dale Mayfield of Fayette County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Dentistry, for the term of office beginning 8/1/2016, and ending 8/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable John "Bart" Mitcham of Bartow County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable J. Tripp Mitchell of Carroll County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable John Villines of White County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Timothy Williams of Fayette County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Scott Woodward of Coweta County, as a member of the State Board of Used Car Dealers and Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2015, and ending 6/30/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Kim Hagen of Carroll County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2016, and ending 8/14/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Stephen Burton of Brooks County, as a member of the Georgia Auctioneers Commission, for the term of office beginning 8/14/2016, and ending 8/14/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Carole Pacheco of Chatham County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 8/9/2016, and ending 8/9/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Janice Wittschiebe of Fulton County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 3/5/2016, and ending 3/5/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Wesley Langdale of Lowndes County, as a member of the Georgia Forestry Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2023. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Tony Biello of Cobb County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Allana Cummings of Hall County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Norman Boyd of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Roger Folsom of Laurens County, as a member of the Board of Community Health, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Steve Gautney of Dooly County, as a member of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, for the term of office beginning 10/6/2012, and ending 10/6/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Susan Watts of Glynn County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.



The Honorable Andrew Pace of Hall County, as a member of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, for the term of office beginning 1/17/2014, and ending 1/17/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Isiah Hill of Cobb County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Rodney Green of Bulloch County, as a member of the Professional Standards Commission, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Anne Thompson of Chatham County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable James Valbrun of Douglas County, as a member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Rebecca Cummiskey of Fulton County, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, for the term of office beginning 12/15/2014, and ending 12/15/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Taylor Haley of Glynn County, as a member of the State Personnel Board, for the term of office beginning 1/3/2015, and ending 1/3/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Rob Joseph of Fulton County, as a member of the State Personnel Board, for the term of office beginning 1/3/2016, and ending 1/3/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Glianny Fagundo of DeKalb County, as a member of the State Personnel Board, for the term of office beginning 1/3/2014, and ending 1/3/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Cindy Rampley of Meriwether County, as a member of the Georgia Real Estate Commission, for the term of office beginning 1/25/2013, and ending 1/25/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Lee Cavender of Forsyth County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Car Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2014, and ending 6/30/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jason Reaves of Bibb County, as a member of the State Board of Registration of Used Car Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Tiena Fletcher of Peach County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Monica Walters of Lamar County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 7/1/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Randy Smith of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2014, and ending 7/1/2017. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Judy Brownell of Hall County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jack Williams of DeKalb County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Scott Johnson of Cobb County, as a member of the Board of Human Services, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Janice Izlar of Chatham County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Nursing, for the term of office beginning 9/23/2016, and ending 9/23/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Indran Krishnan of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, for the term of office beginning 10/6/2016, and ending 10/6/2022. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable W.D. Strickland of Pierce County, as a member of the Board of Corrections, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2021. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Craig Knowles of Gwinnett County, as a member of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy, for the term of office beginning 7/1/2016, and ending 7/1/2020. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Monty Strickland of Cobb County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Stefanie Palma of Lumpkin County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Reid Lawson of Franklin County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Chad Whitefield of Floyd County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 8/30/2015, and ending 8/30/2018. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Jesse Crews of Charlton County, as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, for the term of office beginning 6/30/2016, and ending 6/30/2019. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

The Honorable Brittany Myers of Clayton County, as a member of the Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group, for the term of office ending at the pleasure of the Governor. The vote on this confirmation was yeas 46, nays 3, and the nominee was confirmed.

Sincerely,

/s/ David A. Cook  
Secretary of the Senate

cc: Honorable Casey Cagle  
Honorable David Shafer  
Mr. Chris Riley

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SR 555. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd and Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Creating a Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security.

SR 565. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 30, 2017, as the eighth annual Moving From Green to Zero Waste Under the Golden Dome and commending the Moving from Green to Zero Campaign for its efforts to create clean land, clean air, and clean water for a sustainable Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Committee on State and Local Governmental Operations has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 553	Do Pass	HB 562	Do Pass
HB 577	Do Pass	HB 580	Do Pass
HB 601	Do Pass	HB 603	Do Pass
HB 609	Do Pass	HB 612	Do Pass
HB 614	Do Pass	HB 615	Do Pass
HB 621	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,  
Senator Albers of the 56th District, Chairman

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Orrock of the 36th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Orrock was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Albers	Heath	Mullis
Anderson, L	Henson	Parent
Anderson, T	Hill, Ja	Payne
Beach	Hufstetler	Rhett
Black	Jackson	Seay
Brass	Jeffares	Shafer
Butler	Jones, B	Sims
Cowsert	Jones, E	Stone
Davenport	Jones, H	Tate
Dugan	Kennedy	Thompson, B
Fort	Kirk	Tillery
Ginn	Ligon	Unterman
Harbin	Martin	Watson
Harbison	McKoon	Wilkinson
Harper	Miller	Williams

Not answering were Senators:

Burke	Gooch	Hill, H.
James	Lucas	Millar
Orrock (Excused)	Thompson, C.	Tippins
Walker		

The following members were off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wish to be recorded as present:

Senators:	Walker III of the 20th	Millar of the 40th	Lucas of the 26th
	Thompson of the 5th		

The members pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the flag of Georgia.

Senator Watson of the 1st introduced the chaplain of the day, Battalion Chaplain Angel L. Berrios of Fort Stewart, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Parent of the 42nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Kara Martin.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 548. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring Steen Miles; and for other purposes.

The President acknowledged the passing of former Senator Steen Miles and requested a moment of silence.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 571. By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Honorable Vincent D. Fort; and for other purposes.

The President recognized Senator Vincent Fort who gave his farewell address to the Senate.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 544. By Senators Butler of the 55th and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Trinity Girls Network; and for other purposes.

SR 545. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Craig Sapp, Savannah Arts Academy's 2017 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 546. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Arlethia Brown-Hall, Johnson High School's 2017 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 547. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Jamel D. Chambers, the 2017 Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Intern of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 549. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Carrie Swiderski, Woodville Tompkins High School's 2017 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 550. By Senator Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending Ben Linginfelter, the School of Liberal Art Studies at Savannah High's 2017 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

SR 551. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th and Henson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Fred "Young Fred" Kitchens on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 552. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Thomasville City School System Superintendent, Dr. Sabrina Boykins-Everett, and Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc.; and for other purposes.

SR 553. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th and Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Prayer in Action Ministries International on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 554. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, James of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mary Sallie "Mother Hughes" Clark-Hughes; and for other purposes.

SR 556. By Senators Harper of the 7th and Kirk of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Leroy Dantley on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

SR 557. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Shafer of the 48th and Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States; and for other purposes.

SR 558. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the late Jon Richards; and for other purposes.

SR 559. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Martin of the 9th, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring former State Senator Steen Miles; and for other purposes.

SR 560. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and Henson of the 41st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Clifford M. Kuhn; and for other purposes.

SR 561. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Sims of the 12th, Harbison of the 15th, Unterman of the 45th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Renorta Heard on the occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 562. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Offot Ukwa Association (USA), Inc., and recognizing May 27, 2017, as Offot Ukwa Association Day; and for other purposes.

SR 563. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria (USA), Inc.; and for other purposes.

SR 564. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending Chief Frank Lewis Brown; and for other purposes.

SR 566. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Lucas of the 26th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Willie "Bill" Usery, Jr.; and for other purposes.

SR 567. By Senator Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Andrew Benson upon being honored with a 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and for other purposes.



SR 568. By Senator Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Principal Jerome Huff; and for other purposes.

SR 569. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Tippins of the 37th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the life of Arnold Melvin Wright and his outstanding contributions as a husband, a father, a United States Army soldier, and a Sheet Metal Journeyman; and for other purposes.

Senator Tate of the 38th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

### **SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR**

Thursday March 30, 2017  
Fortieth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

HB 553                      Hill of the 6th  
                                 Thompson of the 14th  
                                 Rhett of the 33rd  
                                 Tippins of the 37th  
                                 Tate of the 38th  
**COBB COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 30, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3695), an Act approved May 12, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3723), an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4267), and an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4063), so as to change the salary of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County; to create the position of executive assistant to the clerk of the State Court of Cobb County and to set the salary of such executive assistant; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 562

Payne of the 54th  
**CITY OF ETON**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Eton Public Facilities Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 577

Hill of the 6th  
Rhett of the 33rd  
Tippins of the 37th  
**CITY MARIETTA**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Marietta, approved March 23, 1977 (Ga. L. 1977, p. 3541), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4561), so as to revise the provisions for the mayor pro tem and presiding officer, organizational meetings, and the board of lights and waterworks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 580

Jones of the 25th  
**PUTNAM COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of elected county surveyor of Putnam County; to provide for the appointment of a county surveyor by the governing authority of the county; to provide that the person currently serving as elected county surveyor shall serve out the remainder of his or her term; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 601

Thompson of the 14th  
Beach of the 21st  
**HOLLY SPRINGS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Holly Springs; to provide that Chapter 5 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008," shall not apply to the offer, sale, or issuance of the bonds, notes, or other obligations; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide the procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for the termination of districts under certain conditions; to

provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 603

Hill of the 6th  
Beach of the 21st  
Brass of the 28th  
James of the 35th  
Orrock of the 36th  
Tate of the 38th  
Fort of the 39th  
Millar of the 40th  
Shafer of the 48th  
Albers of the 56th

**FULTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County, the judges of the Juvenile Court of Fulton County, and the judge of the Probate Court of Fulton County, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 3904), so as to modify the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 609

Tippins of the 37th  
**CITY OF ACWORTH**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Acworth," approved February 17, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3512), as amended, so as to adopt by reference a certain map; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 612

Jeffares of the 17th  
Anderson of the 43rd  
**NEWTON COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new board of education for Newton County, approved March 31, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 2405), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 3586), so as to provide for the manner of changing the compensation for members of the board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 614 Hill of the 6th  
 Thompson of the 14th  
 Rhett of the 33rd  
 Tippins of the 37th  
 Tate of the 38th  
**CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Powder Springs, approved March 13, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2760), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 4200), so as to provide for annexation of certain property; to provide for related matters; to repeal a certain act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 615 Mullis of the 53rd  
**WALKER COUNTY**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 621 Millar of the 40th  
**CITY OF CHAMBLEE**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Chamblee to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett

Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 47, nays 2.

The legislation on the Local Consent Calendar, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Cowsert of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry

credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to provide for definitions; to revise civil monetary penalties for a driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking a school bus stopped on the highway where there are in operation on the school bus certain visual signs; to clarify exceptions; to provide for the operation of automated traffic enforcement safety devices by agents or registered or certified peace officers; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety device testing exceptions and procedures; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety device use warning signs; to provide for further exceptions for when case may be made and conviction had for exceeding posted speed limit by less than ten miles per hour; to provide for an exception for the ratio of speeding fines to an agency budget; to provide for civil enforcement of violations recorded by automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for rules, regulations, and terms of use for automated traffic enforcement safety devices; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act."

**SECTION 1- 2.**

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-145.1, relating to career education, as follows:

"20-2-145.1.

The State Board of Education shall prescribe a minimum course of study in career education for students in grades ~~kindergarten~~ six through 12. Such minimum course of study shall be age appropriate and shall include, but not be limited to, ~~career awareness,~~ career exploration; and career oriented learning experiences. Career oriented learning experiences shall include, but not be limited to, participation in work based learning programs such as internships, apprenticeships, cooperative education, or employability skill development. The State Board of Education shall ensure that career oriented learning experiences include rigorous industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, if such rigorous industry credentialing has been created or endorsed by Georgia employers."

**SECTION 1-3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-159.1, relating to focused programs of study, as follows:

"20-2-159.1.

(a) The No later than July 1, 2013, the Department of Education shall develop, and the State Board of Education shall approve, state models and industry required content standards, after consultation with industries in Georgia and in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia to ensure alignment with postsecondary opportunities, for the following focused programs of study, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- (2) Architecture and construction;
- (3) Arts, audio-video technology, and communications;
- (4) Business, management, and administration;
- (5) Education and training;
- (6) Finance;
- (7) Health science;
- (8) Hospitality and tourism;
- (9) Human services;
- (10) Information technology;
- (11) Law, public safety, and security;
- (12) Manufacturing;
- (13) Government and public administration;
- (14) Marketing, sales, and service;
- (15) Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; ~~and~~
- (16) Transportation, distribution, and logistics; and
- (17) Energy.

Such focused programs of study may be combined around these and other related clusters.

(b) The focused programs of study established pursuant to this Code section may include or be revised to include industry certifications or industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, pertinent to any such focused program of study. After consultation with employers and industries in Georgia, the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia shall jointly establish a list of industry credentials that are required by Georgia employers. Such list shall be made available on the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia websites. Such list shall be annually reviewed and updated as appropriate and made available prior to the beginning of the annual competitive grant application process provided for in subsection (j) of Code Section 20-2-260.

(c) Local school systems, charter schools, and college and career academies shall be authorized to develop and submit additional pathways, including recommended content standards, for consideration by the State Board of Education. The Department of Education shall review and recommend approval or denial of any new pathway to the State Board of Education within 90 days of submission of such pathway for consideration."

**SECTION 1-4.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-159.4, relating to policies and guidelines for awarding units of high school credit based on demonstrated proficiency, as follows:

"(c) The state board shall identify assessments, including various commercial assessments, for immediate use for students to demonstrate subject area competency, which may include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Advanced placement exams;
- (2) ACT course assessment;
- (3) Industry-specific certificates and ~~credentials~~ industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, for career, technical, and agricultural education courses;
- (4) College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams; and
- (5) Nationally recognized foreign language performance assessments.

The state board shall establish a process for reviewing and approving performance based assessments developed commercially, by the state, or by a local school system. Initially, the state board shall limit the number of credits earned through such educational options to three credits per student until the practice is proven to yield student outcomes at least equivalent to those found in standard seat-time courses. The policy shall ensure that credit for demonstrated proficiency is reported on student transcripts in the same way that seat-time credit is recorded. The state board shall review such policy after three years to determine if student outcomes from these educational options are equivalent to, if not better than, student outcomes in traditional courses."

**SECTION 1-5.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-161.2, relating to work based learning programs, as follows:

"(b) Any student aged ~~16~~ 15 or over in any public school in this state may enroll in a work based learning program which is offered at that public school and which is approved for secondary credit by the department. Such student shall be granted release time from the public school to work as a student learner for any business or governmental enterprise which is approved by the local work based learning coordinator as a qualified employer pursuant to this Code section and work based learning program guidelines established by the department. A student shall receive secondary credit for such work based learning only under the conditions established by the department. The department is authorized to establish work based learning programs and guidelines to assist local school systems in operating such programs and to promulgate such policies, standards, procedures, criteria, and administrative requirements as may be necessary to implement the program by rules and regulations. The work based learning programs established pursuant to this Code section may include, but not be limited to, employability skill development, ~~service learning~~, cooperative education, internships, and youth apprenticeships. The department shall collaborate with the Department of Labor and the Technical College System of Georgia



in developing such policies and procedures. The department's work based learning programs shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) A detailed training agreement and training plan between employer and student that identifies specific work tasks that will develop workplace competency;
- (2) A minimum of one unit of credit in a career pathway course related to the work based learning placement;
- (3) A minimum number of hours of on-the-job training as required in the department's guidelines for awarding secondary credit;
- (4) On-site evaluation of the student's performance;
- (5) Training remediation as necessary at the school site;
- (6) A broad range of skills but shall be focused on skills related to the student's career pathway;
- (7) Development of materials by the business, industry, and labor community in conjunction with the department to promote the awareness of work based learning opportunities for high school students and encourage recruitment; and
- (8) Structural linkage between secondary and postsecondary components of the program leading to the awarding of a high school diploma and a postsecondary credential, which may include industry credentialing, as defined in Code Section 20-2-326, related to the student's career pathway."

#### **SECTION 1-6.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of and adding a new paragraph to subsection (b) and by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (c) and subsections (j) and (k) of Code Section 20-2-260, relating to capital outlay funds generally, as follows:

"(5) 'Educational facilities' shall include buildings, fixtures, and equipment necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the program of public education required by this article, which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include classrooms, libraries, rooms and space for physical education, space for fine arts, restrooms, specialized laboratories, cafeterias, media centers, building equipment, building fixtures, furnishings, career, technical, and agricultural education labs and facilities to support industry credentialing, related exterior facilities, landscaping and paving, and similar items which the State Board of Education may determine necessary. The following facilities are specifically excluded: swimming pools, tracks, stadiums, and other facilities or portions of facilities used primarily for athletic competition and the central and area administrative offices of local units of administration."

"(8.1) 'Industry credentialing' shall have the same meaning as in Code Section 20-2-326."

"(5) To develop a state-wide needs assessment for purposes of planning and developing policies, anticipating state-wide needs for educational facilities, and providing assistance to local school systems in developing educational facilities plans. The state-wide needs assessment shall be developed from, among other sources, vital statistics published by the Department of Public Health, census data published by the

Bureau of the Census, local school system educational facilities and real property inventories, educational facilities surveys, full-time equivalent student projection research, and educational facilities construction plans; shall reflect circumstances where rapid population growth is caused by factors not reflected in full-time equivalent student projection research; and shall give priority to elementary school construction. In addition, the state board shall develop a consistent, systematic research approach to full-time equivalent student projections which will be used in the development of needs within each local unit. Projections shall not be confined to full-time equivalent resident students but shall be based on full-time equivalent student counts which include full-time equivalent nonresident students, whether or not such full-time equivalent nonresident students attend school pursuant to a contract between local school systems and shall also account for properties owned by the Technical College System of Georgia for the purposes of a college and career academy. The full-time equivalent projection shall be calculated in accordance with subsection (m) of this Code section. The survey team will use such projections in determining the improvements needed for the five-year planning period. The state board shall also develop schedules for allowable square footage and cost per square foot and review these schedules annually. The cost estimate for each recommended improvement included in the plan shall be based on these schedules. Any increase in cost or square footage for a project beyond that allowed by state board schedules for such projects shall be the responsibility of the local school system and shall not count toward present or future required local participation. The schedules for allowable square footage and cost per square foot shall be specified in regulations by the State Board of Education;"

"(j) The State Board of Education shall establish an annual competitive grant program for renovation, modernization, replacement, or purchase of equipment for the enhancement of programs that are currently certified or in the process of achieving industry certification in educational facilities that align with industry credentials on the list developed pursuant to Code Section 20-2-159.1 or have been (1) linked to an occupation that addresses a critical local or state-wide workforce need, (2) linked to an occupation that is identified as part of the skilled trade industry, or (3) linked to an occupation that is identified in an emerging field or technology. The State Board of Education in awarding grants shall give priority to local programs that demonstrate local industry support and postsecondary partnerships that are linked to the verified industry need and to chronically low-performing high schools. ~~Reserved.~~

(k) The State Board of Education shall request separate appropriations for each of the following categories:

- (1) Regular entitlements pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section;
- (2) Regular advance funding projects pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (h) of this Code section;
- (3) Construction projects resulting from the consolidation of schools across local school system lines pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (h) of this Code section;
- (4) Construction projects resulting from merger of local school systems pursuant to

subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-291 or by agreement between two or more local school systems; ~~and~~

(5) Advance funding projects for consolidation or reorganization of schools pursuant to subsection (i) of this Code section; and

(6) Equipment grants to enhance industry credentialing pursuant to subsection (j) of this Code section."

#### **SECTION 1-7.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-326, relating to definitions relative to the "Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy Act," as follows:

"20-2-326.

For purposes of this part, the term:

(1) 'Articulation' means agreement between a high school and a postsecondary institution regarding the awarding of both secondary and postsecondary credit for a dual enrollment course.

(2) 'Choice technical high school' means a high school, other than the high school to which a student is assigned by virtue of his or her residence and attendance zone, which is designed to prepare a high school student for postsecondary education and for employment in a career field. A choice technical high school may be operated by a local school system or a technical school or college. A choice technical high school may also be operated as a charter school under a governance board composed of parents, employers, and representatives from the local board of education.

(3) 'Chronically low-performing high school' means a public high school in this state that has a graduation rate of less than 60 percent for three consecutive years, as determined in accordance with methodology established by the National Governors Association's Compact on High School Graduation Data, or that has received an unacceptable rating for three consecutive years, as defined by the Office of Student Achievement.

(4) 'College and career academy' means a specialized school established as a charter school or pursuant to a contract for a strategic waivers school system or charter system, which formalizes a partnership that demonstrates a collaboration between business, industry, and community stakeholders to advance work force development between one or more local boards of education, a private individual, a private organization, or a state or local public entity in cooperation with one or more postsecondary institutions.

(5) 'Focused program of study' means a rigorous academic core combined with a focus in mathematics and science; a focus in humanities, fine arts, and foreign language; or a coherent sequence of career pathway courses that is aligned with graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and content standards established pursuant to Part 2 of this article that prepares a student for postsecondary education or immediate employment after high school graduation.

(6) 'Graduation plan' means a student specific plan developed in accordance with

subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327 detailing the courses necessary for a high school student to graduate from high school and to successfully transition to postsecondary education and the work force.

(7) 'Industry certification' means a process of program evaluation that ensures that individual programs meet state, national, or international industry standards in the areas of curriculum, teacher qualification, lab specifications, equipment, and industry involvement.

(7.1) 'Industry credentialing' means a process through which students are assessed by an independent third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies, resulting in the award of individual certification or state licensure or an occupational competency that is state, nationally, or internationally recognized.

(8) 'Public college or university' means a two-year or four-year college, university, or other institution under the auspices of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

(9) 'Small learning community' means an autonomous or semiautonomous small learning environment within a large high school which is made up of a subset of students and teachers for a two-year, three-year, or four-year period. The goal of a small learning community is to achieve greater personalization of learning with each community led by a principal or instructional leader. A small learning community blends academic studies around a broad career or academic theme where teachers have common planning time to connect teacher assignments and assessments to college and career readiness standards. Students voluntarily apply for enrollment in a small learning community but must be accepted, and such enrollment must be approved by the student's parent or guardian. A small learning community also includes a college and career academy organized around a specific career theme which integrates academic and career instruction, provides work based learning opportunities, and prepares students for postsecondary education and employment, with support through partnerships with local employers, community organizations, and postsecondary institutions.

(10) 'Teacher adviser system' means a system where an individual professional educator in the school assists a small group of students and their parents or guardians throughout the students' high school careers to set postsecondary goals and help them prepare programs of study, utilizing assessments and other data to track academic progress on a regular basis; communicates frequently with parents or guardians; and provides advisement, support, and encouragement as needed.

(11) 'Technical school or college' means a ~~school~~, college, institution, or other branch of the Technical College System of Georgia."

#### **SECTION 1-8.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327, relating to recognition of advanced proficiency/honors courses and counseling and development of individual graduation plans, as follows:

"(c) Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades shall be provided counseling, advisement, career awareness, career interest and career demand inventories, and information to assist them in evaluating their academic skills and career interests. Before the end of the second semester of the eighth grade, students shall develop an individual graduation plan in consultation with their parents, guardians, or individuals appointed by the parents or guardians to serve as their designee. High school students shall be provided guidance, advisement, and counseling annually that will enable them to successfully complete their individual graduation plans, preparing them for a seamless transition to postsecondary study, further training, or employment, including information regarding occupations, degrees, industry credentials, certifications, and technical skills; work-ready skills in demand by Georgia employers through the department's career pipeline website; and other career related inventories made available through the Technical College System of Georgia or the Office of Student Achievement. An individual graduation plan shall:

- (1) Include rigorous academic core subjects and focused ~~course-work~~ coursework in mathematics and science or in humanities, fine arts, and foreign language or sequenced career pathway ~~course-work~~ coursework;
- (2) Incorporate provisions of a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), where applicable;
- (3) Align educational and broad career goals and a student's course of study;
- (4) Be based on the student's selected academic and career focus area as approved by the student's parent or guardian;
- (5) Include experience based, career oriented learning experiences which may include, but not be limited to, participation in work based learning programs such as internships, apprenticeships, cooperative education, ~~service-learning~~, and employability skill development;
- (6) Include any applicable industry credentialing that pertains to the student's focused program of study;
- ~~(6)~~(7) Include opportunities for postsecondary studies through articulation, dual enrollment, and joint enrollment;
- ~~(7)~~(8) Be flexible to allow change in the course of study but be sufficiently structured to meet graduation requirements and qualify the student for admission to postsecondary education; and
- ~~(8)~~(9) Be approved by the student and the student's parent or guardian with guidance from the student's school counselor or teacher adviser.

An individual graduation plan shall be reviewed annually, and revised, if appropriate, upon approval by the student and the student's parent or guardian with guidance from the student's school counselor or teacher adviser. An individual graduation plan may be changed at any time throughout a student's high school career upon approval by the student and the student's parent or guardian with guidance from the student's school counselor or teacher adviser."

**SECTION 1-9.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-327.1.

(a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Technical College System of Georgia, shall facilitate and encourage industry credentialing for career, technical, and agricultural education programs utilizing existing career pathways and individual graduation plans. Further, local school systems are authorized and encouraged to align competency based career education, along with enhanced work based learning experiences, as provided for in Code Section 20-2-161.2, to facilitate and make available to students opportunities to receive industry credentialing in critical and emerging occupations in Georgia.

(b) No later than December 31, 2018, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education shall produce a report identifying the industry credentialing attainment levels for the previous calendar year. Such report shall include the current and projected regional business and industry needs for the purpose of establishing annual goals and strategies to increase attainment rates of industry credentialing, including the development of additional industry credentials to enhance current industry certified programs."

**SECTION 1-10.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-328, relating to a competitive grant program, as follows:

"20-2-328.

(a) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the State Board of Education shall establish a competitive grant program for local school systems to implement school reform measures in selected high schools. The state board shall establish program requirements in accordance with the provisions of this Code section and shall establish grant criteria, which shall ~~include that priority~~ encourage alignment with industry credentialing, including postsecondary partnerships between the Technical College System of Georgia and college and career academies and other career, technical, and agricultural education programs in high schools. Priority for reform grants shall be given to chronically low-performing high schools in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section or to high schools enhancing career, technical, and agricultural education programs to allow for greater attainment of industry credentialing in accordance with subsection (b.1) of this Code section.

(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall develop an evidence based model program for chronically low-performing high schools receiving a reform grant pursuant to this Code section for addressing at-risk students, which shall include various programs and curricula that have proven to be effective for at-risk students focusing on:

(A) Identification of students at risk for being poorly prepared for the next grade level or for dropping out of school;

(B) Strengthening retention of ninth grade students in school and reducing high failure rates;

- (C) Improving more students' performances to grade level standards in reading and mathematics by the end of ninth grade;
  - (D) Assisting students and their parents or guardians in setting an outcome career and educational goal and identifying a focused program of study to achieve such goal; and
  - (E) Assisting students in learning and applying study skills, coping skills, and other habits that produce successful students and adults.
- (2) The at-risk model program shall include:
- (A) Diagnostic assessments to identify strengths and weaknesses in the core academic areas;
  - (B) A process for identifying at-risk students, closely monitored by the Department of Education in collaboration with local school systems to ensure that students are being properly identified and provided timely, appropriate guidance and assistance and to ensure that no group is disproportionately represented; and
  - (C) An evaluation component in each high school to ensure the programs are providing students an opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma.
- (3) The at-risk model program may include various components designed to result in more students facilitating a successful start in high school and passing ninth grade such as:
- (A) Utilizing a flexible schedule that increases students' time in core language arts/reading and mathematics studies designed to eliminate academic deficiencies;
  - (B) Maintaining a student-teacher ratio in ninth grade that is no higher than any other grade level ratio in high school;
  - (C) Utilizing experienced and effective teachers as leaders for teacher teams in ninth grade to improve instructional planning, delivery, and reteaching strategies;
  - (D) Assigning students to a teacher mentor who will meet with them frequently to provide planned lessons on study skills and other habits of success that help students become independent learners and who will help them receive the assistance they need to successfully pass ninth grade; and
  - (E) Including ninth grade career courses which incorporate a series of miniprojects throughout the school year that require the application of ninth grade level reading, mathematics, and science skills to complete while students learn to use a range of technology and help students explore a range of educational and career options that will assist them in formulating post high school goals and give them a reason to stay in school and work toward achieving their stated goals.
- (b.1) The State Board of Education shall develop criteria for reform grants for high schools that enhance career, technical, and agricultural education programs to allow for greater attainment of industry credentialing including postsecondary partnerships between the Technical College System of Georgia and college and career academies and other career, technical, and agricultural education programs in high schools. The grants may also be used to require that career, technical, and agricultural education teachers participate in industry credentialing training to teach courses that lead to industry credentialing.

(c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for ~~chronically low-performing~~ high schools receiving a reform grant pursuant to this Code section to make the high schools more relevant to and effective for all students. Such rules shall encourage high schools to implement a comprehensive school reform research based model that focuses on:

- (1) Setting high expectations for all students;
- (2) Personalizing individual graduation plans for students;
- (3) Developing small learning communities or college and career academies with a rigorous academic foundation and emphasis in broad career fields of study;
- (4) Using project based instruction embedded with strong academics to improve relevancy in learning;
- (5) Fostering collaboration among academic and career/technical teachers;
- (6) Implementing nontraditional scheduling in ninth grade for students behind in their grade level;
- (7) Promoting parental involvement; and
- (8) Training teachers to work with low-performing students and their parents or guardians.

(d) This Code section shall be subject to appropriations by the General Assembly."

#### **SECTION 1-11.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-329, relating to requirements for high schools that receive a reform grant, as follows:

"20-2-329.

High schools that receive a reform ~~grant~~ grants as chronically low-performing high schools pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-328 shall:

- (1) Provide focused programs of study which are designed to provide a well-rounded education for students by fostering artistic creativity, critical thinking, and self-discipline through the teaching of academic content, knowledge, and skills that students will use in the workplace, further education, and life. The focused programs of study, whether provided at a choice technical high school, a college and career academy, a traditional high school, or on site at a technical school or college or a public college or university, shall be aligned with graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education and content standards established pursuant to Part 2 of this article, including, at a minimum, four years of mathematics, Algebra I and higher, and four years of English, with an emphasis on developing reading and writing skills to meet college and career readiness standards or including high school diploma requirements established pursuant to Code Section 20-2-149.2;
- (2) Implement a teacher adviser system;
- (3) Provide students in the ninth through twelfth grades information on educational programs offered in high school, in technical and community colleges, in colleges and universities, and through work based learning programs and how these programs can lead to a variety of career fields. Local school systems shall provide career awareness and exploratory opportunities such as field trips, speakers, educational and career



information centers, job shadowing, and classroom centers to assist students and their parents or guardians, with guidance from school counselors and teacher advisers, in revising, if appropriate, the individual graduation plan developed pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-327;

(4) Enroll students no later than ninth grade into one of the following options for earning a high school diploma and preparing students for postsecondary education and a career which will include a structured program of academic study with in-depth studies in:

(A) Mathematics and science;

(B) Humanities, fine arts, and foreign language; or

(C) A career pathway that leads to passing an ~~employer certification~~ industry credentialing exam in a high demand, high skill, or high wage career field or to an associate's degree or bachelor's degree.

The awarding of a special education diploma to any disabled student who has not completed all of the requirements for a high school diploma, but who has completed his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP) shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this paragraph;

(5) Implement the at-risk model program developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-328;

(6) Comply with the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education for chronically low-performing high schools pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-328; and

(7) Schedule annual conferences to assist students and their parents or guardians in setting educational and career goals and creating individual graduation plans beginning with students in the eighth grade and continuing through high school. These conferences shall include, but are not limited to, assisting the student in identifying educational and career interests and goals, selecting a career and academic focus area, and developing an individual graduation plan."

## PART II SECTION 2-1.

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended by revising subparagraph (d)(3)(A) in Code Section 40-6-163, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and enforcement, as follows:

"(A) The driver of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by recorded images, to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of subsection (a) of this Code section and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law; provided, however, that the driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway, or upon a controlled-access highway when the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which

is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the highway as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section. The amount of such fine shall be \$300.00 for a first offense, \$750.00 for a second offense, and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent offense in a five year period;"

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 14, relating to speed detection devices, by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"40-14-1.1.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Agent' means a person or entity who is authorized by a law enforcement agency or governing body to administer the procedures contained herein and:

(A) Provides services to such law enforcement agency or governing body;

(B) Operates, maintains, leases, or licenses an automated traffic enforcement safety device; or

(C) Is authorized by such law enforcement agency or governing body to review and assemble the recorded images captured by the automated traffic enforcement safety device for review by a peace officer.

(2) 'Automated traffic enforcement safety device' means a speed detection device that:

(A) Is capable of producing photographically recorded still or video images, or both, of the rear of a motor vehicle or of the rear of a motor vehicle being towed by another vehicle, including an image of such vehicle's rear license plate;

(B) Is capable of monitoring the speed of a vehicle as photographically recorded pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and

(C) Indicates on each of the one or more photographically recorded still or video images produced the date, time, location, and speed of a photographically recorded vehicle traveling at a speed above the posted speed limit within a marked school zone.

(3) 'Owner' means the registrant of a motor vehicle, except that such term shall not include a motor vehicle rental company when a motor vehicle registered by such company is being operated by another person under a rental agreement with such company.

(4) 'Recorded images' means still or video images recorded by an automated traffic enforcement safety device.

(5) 'School zone' means any roadway within 1,000 feet of the perimeter of the property of any public or private elementary school or secondary school.

40-14-1.2.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to mean that an agent is providing or participating in private investigative services or acting in such a manner as would render such agent subject to the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50."

**SECTION 3-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 40-14-2, relating to permit required for use of speed detection devices, use not authorized where officers paid on fee system, and operation by registered or certified peace officers, as follows:

"(c) A permit shall not be issued by the Department of Public Safety to an applicant under this Code section unless the applicant provides law enforcement services by certified peace officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week on call or on duty or allows only peace officers employed full time by the applicant to operate speed detection devices. Speed detection devices can only be operated by registered or certified peace officers of the county sheriff, county, municipality, college, or university to which the permit is applicable; provided, however, that an automated traffic enforcement safety device may be operated by an agent or registered or certified peace officers of the county sheriff, county, or municipality to which the permit is applicable. Persons operating the speed detection devices must be registered or certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as peace officers and certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as operators of speed detection devices; provided, however, that agents may operate automated traffic enforcement safety devices without such registrations or certifications."

**SECTION 3-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-5, relating to testing and removal of inaccurate radar devices from service, as follows:

"40-14-5.

(a) Each state, county, municipal, or campus law enforcement officer using a radar device, except for an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for under Code Section 40-14-18, shall test the device for accuracy and record and maintain the results of the test at the beginning and end of each duty tour. Each such test shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedure. Any radar unit not meeting the manufacturer's minimum accuracy requirements shall be removed from service and thereafter shall not be used by the state, county, municipal, or campus law enforcement agency until it has been serviced, calibrated, and recertified by a technician with the qualifications specified in Code Section 40-14-4.

(b) Each county, municipal, or campus law enforcement officer using a radar device, except for an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for under Code Section 40-14-18, shall notify each person against whom the officer intends to make a case based on the use of the radar device that the person has a right to request the officer to test the radar device for accuracy. The notice shall be given prior to the time a citation and complaint or ticket is issued against the person and, if requested to make a test, the officer shall test the radar device for accuracy. In the event the radar device does not meet the minimum accuracy requirements, the citation and complaint or ticket shall not be issued against the person, and the radar device shall be removed from service and thereafter shall not be used by the county, municipal, or campus law enforcement agency until it has been serviced, calibrated, and recertified by a

technician with the qualifications specified in Code Section 40-14-4.

(c)(1) The law enforcement agency, or agent on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating an automated traffic enforcement safety device provided for under Code Section 40-14-18 shall maintain a log for the automated traffic enforcement safety device attesting to the performance of such device's self-test at least once every 30 days and the results of such self-test pertaining to the accuracy of the automated traffic enforcement safety device. Such log shall be admissible in any court proceeding for a violation issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18.

(2) The law enforcement agency, or agent on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating an automated traffic enforcement safety device shall have performed an independent calibration test on the automated traffic enforcement safety device at least once every 12 months. The results of such calibration test shall be admissible in any court proceeding for a violation issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18."

#### **SECTION 3-4.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 40-14-6, relating to the requirement for warning signs, to read as follows:

"(c) In addition to the signs required under subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, each law enforcement agency using an automated traffic enforcement safety device as provided for in Code Section 40-14-18 shall erect signs warning of the use of a stationary speed detection device within the approaching school zone. Such signs shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in area, shall be visible plainly from every lane of traffic, shall be viewable in all traffic conditions, and shall not be placed in such a manner that the view of such sign is subject to being obstructed by any other vehicle on such highway. Such signs shall be placed within 500 feet prior to the warning sign announcing the reduction of the speed limit for the school speed zone."

#### **SECTION 3-5.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 40-14-7, relating to the visibility of a vehicle from which a speed detection device is operated, as follows:

"40-14-7.

Ne Except as provided for in Code Section 40-14-18, no stationary speed detection device shall be employed by county, municipal, college, or university law enforcement officers where the vehicle from which the device is operated is obstructed from the view of approaching motorists or is otherwise not visible for a distance of at least 500 feet."

#### **SECTION 3-6.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 40-14-8, relating to when case may be made and conviction had, as follows:

"(b) The limitations contained in subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply in properly marked school zones one hour before, during, and one hour after the normal hours of school operation or programs for care and supervision of students before

school, after school, or during vacation periods as provided for under Code Section 20-2-65, in properly marked historic districts, and in properly marked residential zones. For purposes of this chapter, thoroughfares with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or more shall not be considered residential districts. For purposes of this Code section, the term 'historic district' means a historic district as defined in paragraph (5) of Code Section 44-10-22 and which is listed on the Georgia Register of Historic Places or as defined by ordinance adopted pursuant to a local constitutional amendment."

### **SECTION 3-7.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 40-14-11, relating to investigations by the commissioner of public safety, issuance of order suspending or revoking a permit, and ratio of speeding fines to agency's budget, as follows:

"(d) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement agency is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of the public health, welfare, and safety if the fines levied based on the use of speed detection devices for speeding offenses are equal to or greater than 35 percent of a municipal or county law enforcement agency's budget. For purposes of this Code section, fines collected for citations issued for violations of Code Section 40-6-180 shall be included when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency; provided, however, that fines for speeding violations exceeding 20 miles per hour over the established speed limit and fines for speeding violations issued pursuant to Code Section 40-14-18 shall not be considered when calculating total speeding fine revenue for the agency."

### **SECTION 3-8.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-14-18.

(a) The speed limit within any school zone as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 and marked pursuant to Code Section 40-14-6 may be enforced by using recorded images for violations which occurred during the time periods relative to normal hours of school operation and programs of care and supervision of students as provided for in Code Section 40-14-8 when such violations are in excess of ten miles per hour over the speed limit.

(b) For the purpose of enforcement pursuant to this Code section:

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by recorded images, to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit within any school zone and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such fine shall be \$125.00, in addition to fees associated with the electronic processing of such fine which shall not exceed \$25.00; provided, however, that for a period of 30 days after an automated traffic enforcement safety device is first introduced within a school system, other than an automated traffic enforcement safety device replacing a previously used automated traffic enforcement safety device, the driver of a motor

vehicle shall not be liable for a civil monetary penalty but shall be issued a civil warning for disregard or disobedience of the speed limit within the school zone;

(2) A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of a school zone shall send by first class mail addressed to the owner of the motor vehicle postmarked within 30 days after obtaining the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle but no later than 60 days after the date of the alleged violation:

(A) A citation for the alleged violation, which shall include the date and time of the violation, the location of the infraction, the maximum speed at which such motor vehicle was traveling in recorded images, the maximum speed applicable within such school zone, the civil warning or the amount of the civil monetary penalty imposed, and the date by which a civil monetary penalty shall be paid;

(B) An image taken from the recorded images showing the vehicle involved in the infraction;

(C) A website address where recorded images showing the vehicle involved in the infraction and a duplicate of the information provided for in this paragraph may be viewed;

(D) A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the speed limit of the school zone and stating that, based upon inspection of recorded images, the owner's motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law;

(E) A statement of the inference provided by paragraph (4) of this subsection and of the means specified therein by which such inference may be rebutted;

(F) Information advising the owner of the motor vehicle of the manner and time in which liability as alleged in the citation may be contested through an administrative hearing; and

(G) A warning that failure to pay the civil monetary penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section shall waive any right to contest liability;

(3) Proof that a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit of the marked school zone shall be evidenced by recorded images. A copy of a certificate sworn to or affirmed by a certified peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency and stating that, based upon inspection of recorded images, a motor vehicle was operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit in the marked school zone and that such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law shall be prima-facie evidence of the facts contained therein; and

(4) Liability under this Code section shall be determined based upon a preponderance of the evidence. Prima-facie evidence that the vehicle described in the citation issued pursuant to this Code section was operated in violation of the speed limit of the school zone, together with proof that the defendant was, at the time of such violation, the registered owner of the vehicle, shall permit the trier of fact in its discretion to infer that such owner of the vehicle was the driver of the vehicle at the time of the alleged

violation. Such an inference may be rebutted if the owner of the vehicle:

(A) Testifies under oath in open court or submits to the court a sworn notarized statement that he or she was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and identifies the name of the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation; or

(B) Presents to the court a certified copy of a police report showing that the vehicle had been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation.

(c) A violation for which a civil warning or a civil penalty is imposed pursuant to this Code section shall not be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil warning or civil penalty pursuant to this Code section shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(d) If a person issued and mailed a citation pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section fails to pay the penalty for the violation or has not filed a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section in no less than 30 nor more than 60 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency, the agent or law enforcement agency shall send to such person by first class mail a second notice of any unpaid civil penalty, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil penalty shall be imposed. The second notice shall include all information required in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and shall include a new date of return which shall be no less than 30 days after such mailing as determined and noticed by the law enforcement agency. If such person notified by second notice again fails to pay the penalty or file a police report or notarized statement pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this Code section by the new date of return, such person shall have waived the right to contest the violation and shall be liable for the civil monetary penalty provided for under this Code section, except in cases where there is an adjudication that no violation occurred or there is otherwise a lawful determination that no civil penalty shall be imposed.

(e) Notices mailed by first class mail pursuant to this Code section shall be adequate notification of the fees and penalties imposed by this Code section. No other notice shall be required for the purposes of this Code section.

(f) Any court having jurisdiction over violations of the speed limit in the school zone shall have jurisdiction over cases arising under this Code section and shall be authorized to impose the civil monetary penalty. The provisions of law governing jurisdiction, procedure, defenses, adjudication, appeal, and payment and distribution of penalties otherwise applicable to violations of the speed limit in the school zone shall apply to enforcement under this Code section, except as otherwise provided in this Code section; provided, however, that any appeal from superior or state court shall be by application in the same manner as that provided by Code Section 5-6-35.

(g) Recorded images made for purposes of this Code section shall not be a public

record for purposes of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

(h) A civil warning or penalty under this Code section on the owner of a motor vehicle shall not be imposed if the operator of the vehicle was arrested or issued a citation and notice to appear by a peace officer for the same violation."

**PART IV**  
**SECTION 4-1.**

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

Senator Cowser of the 46th requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the substitute.

The President ruled the substitute not germane.

No appeal was taken and, pursuant to Senate Rule 7-10.1(d), the Senate disagreed to the House substitute to SB 3.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:

*Amend SB 104 (SB104/FA) by inserting after "provision;" on line 5 the following:*  
to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, so as to prohibit the use of a device to film underneath or through an individual's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions;

*By revising lines 10 through 14 with the following:*  
kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, is amended by repealing subsection (e), adding a new subsection, and revising subsections (a), (b), and (d) of Code Section 16-5-47, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in businesses and on Internet and termination, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:



*By adding a quotation mark to the end of lines 93 and 130 and to the beginning of line 112.*

*By deleting lines 94 through 111 and 131 and 132.*

*By inserting between lines 133 and 134 the following:*

Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to invasions of privacy, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-11-91.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Device' means an instrument or apparatus used for observing, photographing, videotaping, recording, or transmitting visual images, including but not limited to a camera, photographic equipment, video equipment, mobile phone, or other similar equipment.

(2) 'Intimate parts' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-6-22.1.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-90, it shall be unlawful for any person to, knowingly and without the consent of the individual observed, use or install a device for the purpose of surreptitiously observing, photographing, videotaping, filming, or video recording such individual underneath or through such individual's clothing, for the purpose of viewing the intimate parts of the body of or the undergarments worn by such individual, under circumstances in which such individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy, regardless of whether it occurs in a public place.

(2) It shall be unlawful to disseminate any image or recording with knowledge that it was taken or obtained in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) Any person convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both, or in the discretion of the court, as for a misdemeanor.

(d) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The lawful activities of law enforcement and prosecution agencies; or

(2) A business's or entity's surveillance device used in the ordinary course of its business, provided that signage conspicuously warns of such surveillance and the use of such device is primarily designed to detect unlawful activity.

(e) Any violation of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense and shall not merge with any other crimes set forth in this title."

### **SECTION 3.**

Senator Cowser of the 46th requested a ruling of the Chair as to the germaneness of the amendment.

The President ruled the amendment not germane.

No appeal was taken and, pursuant to Senate Rule 7-10.1(d), the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to SB 104.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 340.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 340.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 329.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 329.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 205 (HB 205/SCSFA) by striking lines 7 through 10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

governments; to provide for a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

*By striking lines 618 through 629.*

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 205.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 205.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend HB 222 (LC 36 3400S) by striking "to amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by Governor, appropriations by General Assembly, and shortfall reserve*

subaccount, so as to establish the percentage of the lottery proceeds for each fiscal year which must equal the net proceeds to be transferred to the state treasury for credit to the Lottery for Education Account; to provide for exceptions; to provide for verification of certain information by the Department of Audits and Accounts;" *on lines 5 through 10 and by striking lines 40 through 79.*

Senator Cowsert of the 46th asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 222.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 222.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 4. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies' cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies' cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Enhancing Mental Health Treatment in Georgia Act."

**SECTION 2.**

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) It is important to understand the needs of Georgia residents with serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, to assess the ability of the state's health system to meet these needs effectively, and to understand the impact of untreated mental illness and substance abuse disorders on state budgets, hospitals, emergency rooms, jails, prisons, law enforcement, and related institutions and services;
- (2) Access to acute care and crisis intervention is vitally important to the citizens of Georgia, and scenarios involving law enforcement, emergency medical service personnel, and other first responders deserve careful consideration and support to ensure resources are utilized in an efficient and safe manner;
- (3) There is a vital need for this state to assess its ability to provide appropriate and necessary programs and services to Georgia's citizens, and determine where gaps may exist, as well as where the private sector, public sector, and nonprofit and faith-based communities' resources may be leveraged to ensure each citizen has access to the right care, at the right time, at the right place;
- (4) Nationally, 4.1 percent of the population suffers from serious mental illness;
- (5) While 92,118 adults with serious mental illness are currently served by the state mental health authority, there are an estimated 306,000 adults with serious mental illness in Georgia;
- (6) Substance abuse and dependence on alcohol and drugs in Georgia mirrors national rates;
- (7) Untreated serious mental illness prevents individuals from functioning normally in society and leading productive, fulfilled lives;
- (8) Hospitals and emergency rooms can become overrun when individuals with untreated serious mental illness conflate emergency care with proper mental health treatment;
- (9) Valuable law enforcement resources across the state are often diverted to attending to the mentally ill;
- (10) Untreated mental illness can lead to institutionalization, prison, and otherwise worse health outcomes;
- (11) Early, comprehensive, and regular treatment of individuals with mental illness can prevent adverse effects upon an individual, the health care system, and society at large;
- (12) Untreated substance abuse has dire consequences on individuals' and families' lives;
- (13) Because mental illness can increase vulnerability to drug abuse and substance

addiction, effective treatment of mental illness may also necessitate treatment for a substance abuse disorder;

(14) There is a need to study the effectiveness of the services and health care programs currently available to individuals with, or at risk for, serious mental illness; and

(15) An understanding of the feasibility and consequences of using a Medicaid waiver to improve treatment for those with serious mental illness would enable the General Assembly to make an informed decision as to whether the state should seek a Section 1115 waiver from the Department of Health and Human Services or apply for Medicaid block grant funding for mental health treatment and services, if appropriate.

### SECTION 3.

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-142.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Mental illness' means a disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life that affects an individual's mood, thinking, or behavior.

(2) 'Serious and persistent mental illness' means a serious mental illness that requires ongoing treatment and management and causes severe impairment over time.

(3) 'Serious mental illness' means a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or other emotional disorder that results in serious functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits one or more of an individual's major life activities. It includes the subset population of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.

(4) 'Substance abuse disorder' means a pattern of use of an intoxicating substance leading to clinically significant impairment or distress.

(b) There is created the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force to be composed of three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate; three members to be appointed by the Governor who may appoint any three of the advisory council members to the task force or any other individual or individuals the Governor deems qualified to be a member of such task force. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each select a cochairperson. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the task force. Administrative support for the task force shall be provided by the staff of the Department of Community Health, as appropriate.

(c) There is created the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Advisory Council to be composed of 21 nonvoting members to be appointed by the Governor to include the following:

(1) The commissioner of community health or his or her designee;

- (2) The commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities or his or her designee;
  - (3) The commissioner of public health or his or her designee;
  - (4) The commissioner of human services or his or her designee;
  - (5) The commissioner of community affairs or his or her designee;
  - (6) The commissioner of corrections or his or her designee;
  - (7) The commissioner of community supervision or his or her designee;
  - (8) The commissioner of public safety or his or her designee;
  - (9) One board licensed psychiatrist in private practice;
  - (10) One board licensed psychiatrist practicing in an acute care hospital that maintains in-patient psychiatric beds;
  - (11) One board licensed psychiatrist practicing in a private free-standing psychiatric institution;
  - (12) Two representatives each from two separate boards representing the state's community service boards;
  - (13) One licensed psychologist;
  - (14) One licensed social worker;
  - (15) One licensed professional counselor;
  - (16) Two active post certified members of law enforcement;
  - (17) One consumer who has a mental illness diagnosis;
  - (18) One family member of a consumer who has a mental illness diagnosis; and
  - (19) One licensed emergency medical technician or paramedic.
- (d) The legislative members of the task force shall be entitled to receive the compensation and allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8. Members of the task force who are state officials, other than legislative members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the task force but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the task force in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.
- (e) The task force may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Code section.
- (f) The task force shall perform the following by December 31, 2017:
- (1) Examine the current mental health landscape in the state with particular attention to the number of residents affected by serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders and their health insurance coverage status, both public and private;
  - (2) Assess whether the current Medicaid program provides adequate and effective mental health care services to the portion of the population suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders;
  - (3) Assess how other, non-Medicaid, services work to provide effective health care services to the portion of the population suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders;

- (4) Determine the impact on the state's hospitals, emergency rooms, law enforcement, prisons, jails, and related institutions and services resulting from a lack of treatment of those with mental illness and substance abuse disorders;
- (5) Understand the link between substance abuse disorders and serious mental illness in order to provide comprehensive, effective treatment to persons suffering from either or both;
- (6) Assess which services and practices work best to prevent further deterioration within the mentally ill and substance abuse disorder populations, including, but not limited to, supportive housing, crisis stabilization programs, community residential rehabilitation, assertive community treatment services, telemedicine, data integration, and addiction treatment programs;
- (7) Determine what changes could be made to the state's Medicaid program that would increase its ability to provide effective care and services to those suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, with an assessment of the costs and benefits of such changes to the state;
- (8) Determine what changes could be made outside of the state's Medicaid program to increase the state's ability to provide effective care and services to those suffering from, and at risk for, serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, with an assessment of the costs and benefits of such changes to the state;
- (9) Work within guidelines established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan for appropriate distribution of funding for mental health and substance abuse services in Georgia. Specifically:
- (A) Develop a complete application for a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver targeted at mental illness and substance abuse disorders that would be substantially ready for submission to the Department of Health and Human Services upon the General Assembly's subsequent authorization to submit said waiver pursuant to Code Section 49-4-142.1 and in compliance with Code Section 49-4-142.2 in an upcoming session; and
- (B) If appropriate, develop a complete application for Medicaid block grant funding for mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment that would be substantially ready for submission to the Department of Health and Human Services upon the General Assembly's subsequent authorization to submit said application; and
- (10) Submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the task force's findings and recommendations, including whether to submit a Section 1115 waiver application to the Department of Health and Human Services or apply for a block grant for the provision of services related to serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders.
- (g) Pursuant to Code Sections 49-4-142.1 and 49-4-142.2, neither the task force nor any representative of the state shall submit a waiver application to the Department of Health and Human Services without legislative approval. Creation of this task force shall not constitute such approval.
- (h) All relevant agencies, including the Department of Community Health, the



Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Community Affairs, shall work cooperatively with the task force to provide timely and relevant information as requested by the task force.

(i) The task force shall stand abolished and this Code section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2018."

#### SECTION 4.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

#### SECTION 5.

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

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 4 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to SB 4 (LC 37 2440S) by deleting "21" and replacing with "20" on line 84.*

*By deleting line 95 and redesignating paragraphs (10) through (19) as paragraphs (9) through (18), respectively.*

*By inserting after "enforcement" on line 105 the following:  
with experience managing mental health issues during the detention or transport of individuals*

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman

Y Harbin  
 Y Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 Y Henson

Y McKoon  
 Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Walker  
 Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 4 as amended by the Senate.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 186. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Millar of the 40th, Brass of the 28th, Sims of the 12th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to clarify language relating to the effect of dual credit courses on HOPE scholarship and grant applicability; to provide that students who earned a high school diploma through certain dual credit coursework are eligible for a HOPE grant toward an associate degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:

*Amend the committee substitute to SB 186 (LC 33 6979S) by striking line 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

an associate degree; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general education provisions, so as to provide for a kinship caregiver to give legal consent in the form of an affidavit for a child residing with such kinship caregiver to receive educational services and medical services directly related to academic enrollment and to participate in curricular or extracurricular activities for which parental consent is usually required; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that falsifying a kinship caregiver's affidavit shall constitute false swearing; to provide an affidavit form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other

*By inserting between lines 24 and 25 the following:*

Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general education provisions, is amended by enacting a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 1A

20-1-14.

This article shall be known and may be cited as 'The Caregiver Educational Consent Act.'

20-1-15.

(a) As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Child' means any individual under 18 years of age.

(2) 'Fictive kin' means an individual who is known to a child as a relative but is not in fact related by blood or marriage to such child and with whom such child has resided or had significant contact.

(3) 'Kinship caregiver' means a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, cousin, sibling, or fictive kin who has assumed responsibility for raising a child in an informal, noncustodial, or guardianship capacity upon the parents or legal custodians of such child:

(A) Losing or abdicating the ability to care for such child; or

(B) Being unable to ensure that the child will attend school for reasons, including, but not limited to:

(i) A parent or legal custodian being unable to provide care due to the death of a parent or legal custodian;

(ii) A serious illness or terminal illness of a parent or legal custodian;

(iii) The physical or mental condition of the parents or legal custodians such that proper care and supervision of the child cannot be provided;

(iv) The incarceration of a parent or legal custodian;

(v) The inability to locate the parents or legal custodians;

(vi) The loss or uninhabitability of the child's home as the result of a natural disaster; or

(vii) A period of active military duty of the parents or legal custodians exceeding 24 months.

(4) 'Legal custodian' means a person that has been awarded permanent custody of a child by court order.

(5) 'Parent' means the legal father or the legal mother of a child.

(6) 'Reasonable efforts' means actions that a reasonable individual would find sufficient to determine whether one conclusion is more likely than the other.

20-1-16.

(a) A kinship caregiver shall be authorized, on behalf of a child residing with the kinship caregiver, which child is not in the custody of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, to give legal consent for such child to:

(1) Receive any educational services;

(2) Receive medical services directly related to academic enrollment; or

(3) Participate in any curricular or extracurricular activities

for which parental consent is usually required by executing the affidavit described in Code Section 20-1-18. The affidavit shall not be valid for more than one year after the date on which it is executed.

(b) Upon transmitting to a school an executed affidavit described in Code Section 20-1-18, the kinship caregiver shall serve as the school's point of contact for the child

regarding truancy, discipline, and educational progress for as long as such affidavit shall continue to be in effect.

(c) The decision of a kinship caregiver to consent to or refuse educational services or medical services directly related to academic enrollment or any curricular or extracurricular activities for a child residing with the kinship caregiver shall be superseded by any contravening decision of a parent or a person having legal custody of the child, provided that the decision of the parent or legal custodian does not jeopardize the life, health, safety, or welfare of the child.

(d) Reasonable efforts shall be made by the kinship caregiver to locate at least one of the child's parents prior to the notarization and submission of the affidavit set forth in Code Section 20-1-18.

(e) Nothing in this Code section shall apply to, or give authority for, an abortion as provided in Code Section 15-11-682 or any other provision of law.

20-1-17.

(a) No person that acts in good faith reliance on a properly executed kinship caregiver's affidavit, having no actual knowledge of any facts contrary to those stated in the affidavit, shall be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution, or to professional disciplinary procedure, for any action which would have been proper if the facts had been as they believed them to be. This subsection shall apply even if educational services or medical services directly related to academic enrollment or any curricular or extracurricular activities are rendered to a child in contravention of the wishes of the parent or legal custodian of such child; provided, however, that the person rendering the educational services or medical services directly related to academic enrollment or any curricular or extracurricular activities shall not have actual knowledge of the wishes of the parent or legal custodian.

(b) A person that relies on a properly executed kinship caregiver's affidavit has no obligation to make further inquiry or investigation. Nothing in this article shall relieve any person of responsibility for violations of other provisions of law, rules, or regulations.

(c) If a child ceases to reside with a kinship caregiver for a period in excess of 30 days, such kinship caregiver shall, not later than 30 days after such period, notify all parties to whom he or she has transmitted the affidavit or to whom he or she has caused the affidavit to be transmitted.

(d) Any individual who knowingly provides false information in executing the affidavit required by this article commits the offense of false swearing within the meaning of Code Section 16-10-71 and shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by such Code section.

20-1-18.

(a) A kinship caregiver's affidavit shall be invalid unless it substantially contains, in not less than ten-point boldface type or a reasonable equivalent thereof, the form set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section. The warning statement shall be enclosed in

a box with three-point rule lines.

(b) The kinship caregiver's affidavit shall be substantially in the following form:

'KINSHIP CAREGIVER'S AFFIDAVIT

Use of this affidavit is authorized by O.C.G.A. Section 20-1-16.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print clearly.

I hereby certify that the child named below lives in my home and I am 18 years of age or older.

1. Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Child's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. My full name (kinship caregiver giving authorization): \_\_\_\_\_

4. My home address: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  I am a kinship caregiver.

6. I have assumed kinship caregiver status because of one or more of the following circumstances (check at least one):

A parent being unable to provide care due to the death of the other parent;

A serious illness or terminal illness of a parent;

The physical or mental condition of the parent or the child such that proper care and supervision of the child cannot be provided by the parent;

The incarceration of a parent;

The loss or uninhabitability of the child's home as the result of a natural disaster;

A period of active military duty of a parent exceeding 24 months; or

I am unable to locate a parent or parents at this time to notify them of my intended authorization because (list reasons):

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Names of parent(s) or legal custodian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

8. Address of parent(s) or legal custodian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Phone numbers and email addresses of parent(s) or legal custodian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Kinship caregiver's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Kinship caregiver's State of Georgia driver's license number or identification card number: \_\_\_\_\_

WARNING: DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM IF ANY OF THE STATEMENTS ABOVE ARE INCORRECT OR YOU WILL BE COMMITTING A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A FINE, IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH.

I recognize that if I knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit, I will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Kinship caregiver's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Kinship caregiver's printed name)

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
 day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary public (SEAL)  
 My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTICES:

1. This declaration does not affect the rights of the named child's parent or legal guardian regarding the care, custody, and control of the child and does not mean that the kinship caregiver has legal custody of the child.
2. A person that relies on this affidavit has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.
3. This affidavit is not valid for more than one year after the date on which it is executed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

TO KINSHIP CAREGIVERS:

1. If the child stops living with you for a period of more than 30 days, you are required to provide notice not later than 30 days after such period to anyone to whom you have given this affidavit as well as anyone of whom you have actual knowledge who received the affidavit from a third party.
2. If you do not have the information in item 11 of the affidavit (State of Georgia driver's license or identification card), you must provide another form of identification such as your social security number.

TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

The school system may require additional reasonable evidence that the kinship caregiver resides at the address provided in item 4 of the affidavit.

TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE SERVICE PLANS:

1. No person that acts in good faith reliance upon a kinship caregiver's affidavit to render educational services or medical services directly related to academic enrollment or any curricular or extracurricular activities, without actual knowledge of facts contrary to those stated in the affidavit, shall be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability to any person, or subject to any professional disciplinary action, for such reliance if the applicable portions of the form are completed.
2. This affidavit does not confer dependency for health care coverage purposes.'

20-1-19.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to supersede Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 19, the 'Power of Attorney for the Care of a Minor Child Act.'"

### SECTION 3.

Senator Tippins of the 37th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to SB 186.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to SB 186.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 193. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Burke of the 11th, Thompson of the 14th and Kirk of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, so as to revise the program mission and practice; to remove certain references to medically indigent

women; to revise the definition of contract management agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Code Section 26-4-80 and Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prescription drug orders and health, respectively, so as to revise provisions to promote healthy pregnancies; to revise the program mission and practice of the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program; to repeal legislative authority; to remove certain references to medically indigent women; to revise certain definitions; to remove the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program from the Indigent Care Trust Fund; to provide for expedited partner therapy for patients with chlamydia or gonorrhea; to provide for definitions; to revise provisions relating to dispensing prescription drugs; to provide for immunity; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**PART I  
SECTION 1-1.**

The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Untreated chlamydial infection has been linked to problems during pregnancy, including preterm labor, premature rupture of membranes, and low birth weight. The newborn may also become infected during delivery as the baby passes through the birth canal. Exposed newborns can develop eye and lung infections; and
- (2) Untreated gonococcal infection in pregnancy has been linked to miscarriages, premature birth and low birth weight, premature rupture of membranes, and chorioamnionitis. Gonorrhea can also infect an infant during delivery as the infant passes through the birth canal. If untreated, infants can develop eye infections.

**PART II  
SECTION 2-1.**

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by repealing Code Section 31-2A-30, relating to legislative authority for the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, and designating said Code section as reserved.



**SECTION 2-2.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-2A-31, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (3), (5), and (8) as follows:

"(3) 'Contract management agency' or 'agency' means a nongovernmental charitable organization in this state which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and whose mission and practice is to ~~provide~~ promote alternatives to abortion services ~~to medically indigent women~~ at no cost."

"(5) '~~Medically indigent~~' ~~means a person who is without health insurance or who has health insurance that does not cover pregnancy or related conditions for which treatment and services are sought and whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget~~ Reserved."

"(8) '~~Trust fund~~' ~~means the Indigent Care Trust Fund created by Code Section 31-8-452~~ Reserved."

**SECTION 2-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-2A-32, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, as follows:

"31-2A-32.

There is established within the department the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program. The purpose of the ~~grant~~ program shall be to ~~promote healthy pregnancies and childbirth~~ develop a state-wide effort that promotes healthy pregnancies and childbirth by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that provide pregnancy support services."

**SECTION 2-4.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-2A-33, relating to administration and duties, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) The contract management agency selected by the department shall meet the definition of a contract management agency as defined in paragraph (3) of Code Section 31-2A-31 and shall:

- (1) Create a grant application process;
- (2) Evaluate grant applications and make recommendations to the department;
- (3) Communicate acceptance or denial of grant applications to direct client service providers;
- (4) Monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant;
- (5) Maintain records for each grant applicant and award; and
- (6) Coordinate activities and correspondence between the department and direct client service providers."

**SECTION 2-5.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-2A-35, relating to grants, as follows:

"31-2A-35.

(a) Grants shall be awarded annually on a competitive basis to direct client service providers who display competent experience in providing any of the services included in Code Section 31-2A-34 pursuant to guidelines and criteria established pursuant to this article.

(b) The department shall, with input from the agency, determine the maximum grant amount to be awarded to each direct client service provider, and such grant amount shall not exceed 85 percent of the annual revenue for the prior year of any provider.

(c) The grant agreement entered into between the agency and a direct client service provider shall stipulate that the grant shall be used to provide any or all pregnancy support services at the discretion of the service provider pursuant to Code Section 31-2A-34. The agreement shall further stipulate that a direct client service provider shall not perform, promote, or act as a referral for an abortion, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (9) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-2A-36, and that grant funds shall not be used to promote or be otherwise expended for political or religious purposes, including, but not limited to, counseling or written material. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit any direct client service provider from promoting or expending nongrant funds for a political or religious purpose."

#### SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 31-8-154, relating to authorized expenditure of contributed funds from the Indigent Care Trust Fund, as follows:

"31-8-154.

All moneys contributed and revenues deposited and transferred to the trust fund pursuant to this article and any interest earned on such moneys shall be appropriated to the department for only the following purposes:

- (1) To expand Medicaid eligibility and services;
- (2) For programs to support rural and other health care providers, primarily hospitals, who serve the medically indigent;
- (3) For primary health care programs for medically indigent citizens and children of this state; or
- ~~(4) For the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program established under Article 2 of Chapter 2A of this title; or~~
- ~~(5)~~(4) Any combination of purposes specified in paragraphs (1) through ~~(4)~~ (3) of this Code section."

#### SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-8-156, relating to appropriation of state funds by the General Assembly, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) An appropriation pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall specify each purpose, if any, as specified in paragraphs (1) through ~~(5)~~ (4) of Code Section 31-8-154, for which the trust funds are appropriated thereby."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

Code Section 26-4-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prescription drug orders, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (c) as follows:

- "(2) Prescription drug orders transmitted by facsimile or computer shall include:
- (A) In the case of a prescription drug order for a dangerous drug, the complete name and address of the practitioner;
  - (B) In the case of a prescription drug order for a controlled substance, the complete name, address, and DEA registration number of the practitioner;
  - (C) The telephone number of the practitioner for verbal confirmation;
  - (D) The name and address of the patient, unless the prescription drug order is prescribed pursuant to expedited partner therapy in accordance with Code Section 31-17-7.1 for use by a sexual partner of a patient clinically diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea, in which case, the name and address of such sexual partner of the patient;
  - (E) The time and date of the transmission;
  - (F) The full name of the person transmitting the order; and
  - (G) The signature of the practitioner in a manner as defined in regulations promulgated by the board or, in the case of a controlled substances prescription, in accordance with 21 C.F.R. 1301.22;"

**SECTION 3-2.**

Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in Chapter 17, relating to control of venereal disease, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-17-7.1.

- (a) As used in this Code section, the term:
- (1) 'Expedited partner therapy' means the practice of prescribing, ordering, or dispensing antibiotic drugs to the sexual partner or partners of a patient clinically diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea without physical examination of such partner or partners.
  - (2) 'Licensed practitioner' means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant acting pursuant to delegated authority by a physician in accordance with Code Section 43-34-23 or 43-34-25 or subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103, or a registered professional nurse employed by the department or a county board of health.
- (b) A licensed practitioner who diagnoses a patient to be infected with chlamydia or gonorrhea may utilize expedited partner therapy in accordance with any rules and regulations established by the department for the management of the health of such patient's sexual partner or partners.
- (c) Any licensed practitioner who, reasonably and in good faith, prescribes antibiotic drugs for expedited partner therapy in accordance with this Code section and any rules

and regulations established by the department shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability and shall not be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct by such practitioner's licensing board.

(d) Any pharmacist licensed in this state who, reasonably and in good faith, dispenses antibiotic drugs pursuant to a prescription for expedited partner therapy in accordance with this Code section and any rules and regulations established by the department shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability and shall not be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct by the State Board of Pharmacy.

(e) The department shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section."

**PART IV  
SECTION 4-1.**

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

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 193.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 193.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 206. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Albers of the 56th, Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for a short title and findings; to require health plans to provide coverage for hearing aids for certain individuals; to provide for the frequency of replacing hearing aids; to provide for coverage of services and supplies; to provide options for higher priced devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for a short title and findings; to require health plans to provide coverage for hearing aids for certain individuals; to provide for the frequency of replacing hearing aids; to provide for coverage of services and supplies; to provide options for higher priced devices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.21.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Act.'

(b) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The language development of children with partial or total hearing loss may be impaired due to the hearing loss. Children learn the concept of spoken language through auditory stimuli, and the language skills of children who have hearing loss improve when they are provided with hearing aids and access to visual language upon the discovery of hearing loss; and

(2) Providing hearing aids to children with hearing loss will reduce the costs borne by this state, including special education, alternative treatments that would otherwise be necessary if a hearing aid were not provided, and other costs associated with such hearing loss.

(c) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Health benefit policy' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for health care services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state which provides major medical benefits, including those contracts executed by the State of Georgia on behalf of indigents and on behalf of state employees under Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45, by a health care corporation, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, accident and sickness insurer, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, or any similar entity and any self-insured health care plan not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.

(2) 'Hearing aid' means any nonexperimental and wearable instrument or device offered to aid or compensate for impaired human hearing that is worn in or on the body. The term 'hearing aid' includes any parts, ear molds, repair parts, and replacement parts of such instrument or device, including, but not limited to, nonimplanted bone anchored hearing aids, nonimplanted bone conduction hearing aids, and frequency modulation systems. Personal sound amplification products shall not qualify as hearing aids.

(d) Every health benefit policy that is delivered, issued, executed, or renewed in this state or approved for issuance or renewal in this state by the Commissioner on or after January 1, 2018, shall provide coverage for the billed charges of one hearing aid per hearing impaired ear not to exceed \$3,000.00 per hearing aid for covered individuals 18 years of age or under. Such coverage shall provide the replacement for one hearing aid per hearing impaired ear every 48 months for covered individuals. The parent or guardian of such individual is responsible for billed charges in excess of such benefits. This subsection shall not prohibit an entity subject to this Code section from providing coverage that is greater or more favorable to an insured or enrolled individual than the coverage required under this Code section.

(e) In the event that a hearing aid or aids cannot adequately meet the needs of the covered individual and the hearing aid or aids cannot be adequately repaired or adjusted, the hearing aid or aids shall be replaced. Coverage for the replacement shall be offered within two months from the date it is determined that the hearing aid or aids cannot be repaired or adjusted.

(f) The coverage provided by this Code section shall include the following:

(1) Medically necessary services and supplies, including the initial hearing aid evaluation, fitting, dispensing, programming, servicing, repairs, follow-up maintenance, adjustments, ear molds, ear mold impressions, auditory training, and probe microphone measurements to ensure appropriate gain and output, as well as verifying benefit from the system selected according to accepted professional standards. Such services shall be covered on a continuous basis, as needed, during each 48 month coverage period not to exceed \$3,000.00 per hearing impaired ear or for the duration of the hearing aid warranty, whichever time period is longer;

(2) An option for the covered individual to choose a higher priced hearing aid or aids

and to pay the difference between the price of the hearing aid or aids and the benefit amount as referenced in subsection (d) of this Code section, without financial or contractual penalty to the insured or to the provider of the hearing aid; and

(3) An option for the covered individual to purchase his or her hearing aid or aids through any licensed audiologist or licensed hearing aid dealer or dispenser in this state.

(g) A health benefit policy shall not deny or refuse coverage of, refuse to contract with, or refuse to renew or reissue or otherwise terminate or restrict coverage of a covered individual solely because he or she is or has been previously diagnosed with hearing loss.

(h) The benefits covered under this Code section shall be subject to the same annual deductible, coinsurance or copayment, or utilization review applicable to other similar covered benefits under the health benefit policy.

(i) An insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization, or governmental entity providing coverage for a hearing aid or aids pursuant to this Code section is exempt from providing coverage for children's hearing aids required under this Code section and not covered by the insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization, or governmental entity providing coverage for such treatment pursuant to this Code section as of January 1, 2019, if:

(1) An actuary affiliated with the insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization, or governmental entity who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and who meets the American Academy of Actuaries' professional qualification standards for rendering an actuarial opinion related to health insurance rate making certifies in writing to the Commissioner that:

(A) Based on an analysis to be completed no more frequently than one time per year by each insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization, or governmental entity for the most recent experience period of at least one year's duration, the costs associated with coverage of children's hearing aids required under this Code section, and not covered as of January 1, 2019, exceeded 1 percent of the premiums charged over the experience period by the insurer, corporation, or health maintenance organization; and

(B) Such costs solely would lead to an insurance in average premiums charged of more than 1 percent for all insurance policies, subscription contracts, or health care plans commencing on inception or the next renewal date, based on the premium rating methodology and practices the insurer, corporation, health maintenance organization, or governmental entity employs; and

(2) The Commissioner approves the certification of the actuary.

(j) Beginning January 1, 2018, to the extent that this Code section requires benefits that exceed the essential health benefits required under Section 1302(b) of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P. L. 111-148, the specific benefits that exceed the required essential health benefits shall not be required of a qualified health plan as defined in such act when the qualified health plan is offered in this state through the exchange. Nothing in this subsection shall nullify the application of this Code

section to plans offered outside the state's exchange.

(k) This Code section shall not apply to any accident and sickness contract, policy, or benefit plan offered by any employer with ten or fewer employees."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Martin of the 9th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 206.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 5; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 206.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 16. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and



waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Sections 16-12-191 and 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of low THC oil, and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the possession of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions and eligibility; to provide a definition; to change certain reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 16-12-191 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of low THC oil, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, it shall be lawful for any person to possess or have under his or her control 20 fluid ounces or less of low THC oil if such substance is in a pharmaceutical container labeled by the manufacturer indicating the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol therein and:

(A) Such person is registered with the Department of Public Health as set forth in Code Section 31-2A-18; and

~~(B) Such person has in his or her possession a registration card issued by the Department of Public Health; and or~~

~~(C)(B) Such person has in his or her possession a registration card issued by another state that allows the same possession of low THC oil as provided by this state's law; provided, however, that such registration card shall not be lawful authority when such person has been present in this state for 45 days or more. Such substance is in a pharmaceutical container labeled by the manufacturer indicating the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol therein.~~

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 13 of this title, any person who possesses or has under his or her control 20 fluid ounces or less of low THC oil without complying with ~~subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C)~~ of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punished as for a misdemeanor."

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) and subsections (c) through (e) as follows:

"(3) 'Condition' means:

- (A) Cancer, when such ~~diagnosis is~~ disease is diagnosed as end stage or the treatment produces related wasting illness; or recalcitrant nausea and vomiting;
- (B) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, when such ~~diagnosis is~~ disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage;
- (C) Seizure disorders related to a diagnosis of epilepsy or trauma related head injuries;
- (D) Multiple sclerosis, when such ~~diagnosis is~~ disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage;
- (E) Crohn's disease;
- (F) Mitochondrial disease;
- (G) Parkinson's disease, when such ~~diagnosis is~~ disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage; ~~or~~
- (H) Sickle cell disease, when such ~~diagnosis is~~ disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage;
- (I) Tourette's syndrome, when such syndrome is diagnosed as severe;
- (J) Autism spectrum disorder, when such disorder is diagnosed for a patient who is at least 18 years of age, or severe autism, when diagnosed for a patient who is less than 18 years of age;
- (K) Epidermolysis bullosa;
- (L) Alzheimer's disease, when such disease is diagnosed as severe or end stage;
- (M) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome, when such syndrome is diagnosed as severe or end stage; or
- (N) Peripheral neuropathy, when such symptoms are diagnosed as severe or end stage."

"(c) The purpose of the registry is to provide a registration of individuals and caregivers who have been issued registration cards. The department shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for the establishment and operation of the registration process and dispensing of registry cards to individuals and caregivers. ~~Only individuals residing in this state for at least one year or a child born in this state less than one year old shall be eligible for registration under this Code section. Nothing in this Code section shall apply to any Georgia residents living temporarily in another state for the purpose of securing THC oil for treatment of any condition under this Code section.~~

(d) The department shall issue a registration card to individuals ~~and caregivers as soon as practicable but no later than September 1, 2015, when an individual has~~ who have been certified to the department by his or her physician as being diagnosed with a condition or is an inpatient or outpatient in a hospice program and ~~has~~ have been

authorized by such physician to use low THC oil as treatment ~~for such condition~~. The department shall issue a registration card to a caregiver when the circumstances warrant the issuance of such card. The board shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations to assist physicians in providing required uniform information relating to certification and any other matter relating to the issuance of certifications. In promulgating such rules and regulations, the board shall require that physicians have a doctor-patient relationship when certifying an individual as needing low THC oil and physicians shall be required to be treating ~~an~~ such individual for the specific condition requiring such treatment or be treating such individual in a hospice program.

(e) The board shall require physicians to issue ~~quarterly~~ semiannual reports to the board. Such reports shall require physicians to provide information, including, but not limited to, dosages recommended for a particular condition, patient clinical responses, levels of tetrahydrocannabinol or tetrahydrocannabinolic acid present in test results, compliance, responses to treatment, side effects, and drug interactions."

### SECTION 3.

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

Senator Watson of the 1st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 16.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 45, nays 6; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 16.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 16. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Greg Kirk  
District 13

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Parent of the 42nd                      Rhett of the 33rd

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 109. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the O.C.G.A., relating to emergency management, so as to provide for the enactment of the "Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact" ("REPLICA"); to establish the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice; to provide for a coordinated database; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for contingent effectiveness of the compact; to provide for construction and severability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:

*Amend SB 109 by inserting after "severability" on line 12 the following:*

to amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Nurse Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to exercise certain powers with respect to the compact; to provide for a short title; to provide for findings and declarations of purpose of the compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for general provisions and jurisdiction; to provide for applications for licensure in a party state; to provide for additional authorities invested in party state licensing boards; to provide for a coordinated licensure information system and exchange of information between the party states; to provide for the establishment of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement; to provide for an effective date, withdrawal, and amendment of the compact; to provide for construction and severability;

*By redesignating Section 2 as Section 4 and inserting between lines 586 and 587 the following:*

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, is amended by revising Code Section 43-26-5, relating to general powers and responsibilities of the Georgia Board of Nursing, as follows:

"43-26-5.

(a) The board shall:

- (1) Be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and shall be specifically granted all of the necessary duties, powers, and authority to carry out this responsibility;
- (2) Be authorized to draft, adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules as it deems necessary for the administration and enforcement of this chapter in the protection of public health, safety, and welfare;
- (3) Enforce qualifications for licensure under this article or Article 2 or Article 4 of this chapter;
- (4) Develop and enforce reasonable and uniform standards for nursing education and nursing practice;
- (5) Periodically evaluate nursing education programs and approve such programs as meet the board's requirements;
- (6) Deny or withdraw approval from noncompliant nursing education programs;
- (7) License duly qualified applicants under this article or Article 2 of this chapter by examination, endorsement, or reinstatement;
- (8) Be authorized to issue temporary permits;
- (9) Renew licenses of registered professional nurses, licensed undergraduate nurses, and licensed practical nurses in accordance with this article or Article 2 of this chapter;
- (10) Be authorized to set standards for competency of licensees under this article or Article 2 of this chapter continuing in or returning to practice;
- (11) Set standards for and regulate advanced nursing practice;
- (12) Be authorized to enact rules and regulations for registered professional nurses in their performing acts under a nurse protocol as authorized in Code Section 43-34-23 and enact rules and regulations for advanced practice registered nurses in performing acts as authorized in Code Section 43-34-25;
- (13) Implement the disciplinary process;
- (14) Be authorized to issue orders when a license under this article or Article 2 of this chapter is surrendered to the board while a complaint, investigation, or disciplinary action against such license is pending;
- (15) Issue a limited license to practice nursing or licensed practical nursing subject to such terms and conditions as the board may impose;
- (16) Provide consultation and conduct conferences, forums, studies, and research on nursing education and nursing practice;
- (17) Approve the selection of a qualified person to serve as executive director;

(18) Be authorized to appoint standing or ad hoc committees as necessary to inform and make recommendations to the board about issues and concerns and to facilitate communication amongst the board, licensees under this article or Article 2 of this chapter, and the community;

(19) Maintain membership in the national organization which develops and regulates the nursing licensing examination and the practical nursing licensing examination;

(20) Be authorized to collect data regarding existing nursing and licensed practical nursing resources in Georgia and coordinate planning for nursing education and nursing practice;

(21) Determine fees;

(22) Adopt a seal which shall be in the care of the executive director and shall be affixed only in such a manner as prescribed by the board; ~~and~~

(23) Be authorized to enforce all investigative and disciplinary orders issued by the former Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses;

(24) Issue and renew multistate licenses pursuant to Article 4 of this chapter; and

(25) Take any action with respect to a multistate license issued by this state pursuant to Article 4 of this chapter and with respect to the privilege to practice in this state under a multistate license issued by another party state pursuant to the compact in Code Section 43-26-61 in the same manner as is authorized with respect to a license issued pursuant to this article or Article 2 of this chapter.

(b) The board shall be the sole professional licensing board for determining if a registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, or any other person has engaged illegally in the practice of nursing. If a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse is charged with the unauthorized practice of any other health profession by any other board, such board shall notify the Georgia Board of Nursing before conducting any hearing. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to limit any powers of any other board.

(c) Chapter 1 of this title is expressly adopted and incorporated by reference into this chapter as if all the provisions of such chapter were included in this chapter."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

#### "ARTICLE 4

43-26-60.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Nurse Licensure Compact.'

43-26-61.

The Nurse Licensure Compact is enacted into law and entered into by the State of Georgia with any and all other states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I  
Findings and Declaration of Purpose

(a) The party states find that:

- (1) The health and safety of the public are affected by the degree of compliance with and the effectiveness of enforcement activities related to state nurse licensure laws;
- (2) Violations of nurse licensure and other laws regulating the practice of nursing may result in injury or harm to the public;
- (3) The expanded mobility of nurses and the use of advanced communication technologies as part of our nation's health care delivery system require greater coordination and cooperation among states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;
- (4) New practice modalities and technology make compliance with individual state nurse licensure laws difficult and complex;
- (5) The current system of duplicative licensure for nurses practicing in multiple states is cumbersome and redundant for both nurses and states; and
- (6) Uniformity of nurse licensure requirements throughout the states promotes public safety and public health benefits.

(b) The general purposes of this Compact are to:

- (1) Facilitate the states' responsibility to protect the public's health and safety;
- (2) Ensure and encourage the cooperation of party states in the areas of nurse licensure and regulation;
- (3) Facilitate the exchange of information between party states in the areas of nurse regulation, investigation and adverse actions;
- (4) Promote compliance with the laws governing the practice of nursing in each jurisdiction;
- (5) Invest all party states with the authority to hold a nurse accountable for meeting all state practice laws in the state in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered through the mutual recognition of party state licenses;
- (6) Decrease redundancies in the consideration and issuance of nurse licenses; and
- (7) Provide opportunities for interstate practice by nurses who meet uniform licensure requirements.

ARTICLE II  
Definitions

As used in this Compact:

- (a) 'Adverse action' means any administrative, civil, equitable or criminal action permitted by a state's laws which is imposed by a licensing board or other authority against a nurse, including actions against an individual's license or multistate licensure privilege such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice, or any other encumbrance on licensure

affecting a nurse's authorization to practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action.

(b) 'Alternative program' means a non-disciplinary monitoring program approved by a licensing board.

(c) 'Coordinated licensure information system' means an integrated process for collecting, storing and sharing information on nurse licensure and enforcement activities related to nurse licensure laws that is administered by a nonprofit organization composed of and controlled by licensing boards.

(d) 'Current significant investigative information' means:

(1) Investigative information that a licensing board, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the nurse to respond, if required by state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction, or

(2) Investigative information that indicates that the nurse represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the nurse has been notified and had an opportunity to respond.

(e) 'Encumbrance' means a revocation or suspension of, or any limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of nursing imposed by a licensing board.

(f) 'Home state' means the party state which is the nurse's primary state of residence.

(g) 'Licensing board' means a party state's regulatory body responsible for issuing nurse licenses.

(h) 'Multistate license' means a license to practice as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse issued by a home state licensing board that authorizes the licensed nurse to practice in all party states under a multistate licensure privilege.

(i) 'Multistate licensure privilege' means a legal authorization associated with a multistate license permitting the practice of nursing as either a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse in a remote state.

(j) 'Nurse' means a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse, as those terms are defined by each party state's practice laws.

(k) 'Party state' means any state that has adopted this Compact.

(l) 'Remote state' means a party state, other than the home state.

(m) 'Single-state license' means a nurse license issued by a party state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not include a multistate licensure privilege to practice in any other party state.

(n) 'State' means a state, territory or possession of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(o) 'State practice laws' means a party state's laws, rules and regulations that govern the practice of nursing, define the scope of nursing practice, and create the methods and grounds for imposing discipline. 'State practice laws' do not include requirements necessary to obtain and retain a license, except for qualifications or requirements of the home state.



ARTICLE III  
General Provisions and Jurisdiction

(a) A multistate license to practice as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse issued by a home state to a resident in that state will be recognized by each party state as authorizing a nurse to practice as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse, under a multistate licensure privilege, in each party state.

(b) A state must implement procedures for considering the criminal history records of applicants for initial multistate license or licensure by endorsement. Such procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records.

(c) Each party state shall require the following for an applicant to obtain or retain a multistate license in the home state:

(1) Meets the home state's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as, all other applicable state laws;

(2)(i) Has graduated or is eligible to graduate from a licensing board-approved registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse prelicensure education program; or

(ii) Has graduated from a foreign registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse prelicensure education program that (a) has been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country and (b) has been verified by an independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a licensing board-approved prelicensure education program;

(3) Has, if a graduate of a foreign prelicensure education program not taught in English or if English is not the individual's native language, successfully passed an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing and listening;

(4) Has successfully passed an NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® Examination or recognized predecessor, as applicable;

(5) Is eligible for or holds an active, unencumbered license;

(6) Has submitted, in connection with an application for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement, fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records;

(7) Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony offense under applicable state or federal criminal law;

(8) Has not been convicted or found guilty, or has entered into an agreed disposition, of a misdemeanor offense related to the practice of nursing as determined on a case-by-case basis;

(9) Is not currently enrolled in an alternative program;

(10) Is subject to self-disclosure requirements regarding current participation in an

alternative program; and

(11) Has a valid United States Social Security number.

(d) All party states shall be authorized, in accordance with existing state due process law, to take adverse action against a nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice such as revocation, suspension, probation or any other action that affects a nurse's authorization to practice under a multistate licensure privilege, including cease and desist actions. If a party state takes such action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system. The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the home state of any such actions by remote states.

(e) A nurse practicing in a party state must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the client is located at the time service is provided. The practice of nursing is not limited to patient care, but shall include all nursing practice as defined by the state practice laws of the party state in which the client is located. The practice of nursing in a party state under a multistate licensure privilege will subject a nurse to the jurisdiction of the licensing board, the courts and the laws of the party state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.

(f) Individuals not residing in a party state shall continue to be able to apply for a party state's single-state license as provided under the laws of each party state. However, the single-state license granted to these individuals will not be recognized as granting the privilege to practice nursing in any other party state. Nothing in this Compact shall affect the requirements established by a party state for the issuance of a single-state license.

(g) Any nurse holding a home state multistate license, on the effective date of this Compact, may retain and renew the multistate license issued by the nurse's then-current home state, provided that:

(1) A nurse, who changes primary state of residence after this Compact's effective date, must meet all applicable Article III(c) requirements to obtain a multistate license from a new home state.

(2) A nurse who fails to satisfy the multistate licensure requirements in Article III(c) due to a disqualifying event occurring after this Compact's effective date shall be ineligible to retain or renew a multistate license, and the nurse's multistate license shall be revoked or deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators ('Commission').

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Applications for Licensure in a Party State

(a) Upon application for a multistate license, the licensing board in the issuing party state shall ascertain, through the coordinated licensure information system, whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of, a license issued by any other state, whether there are any encumbrances on any license or multistate licensure privilege held by the applicant, whether any adverse action has been taken against any license

or multistate licensure privilege held by the applicant and whether the applicant is currently participating in an alternative program.

(b) A nurse may hold a multistate license, issued by the home state, in only one party state at a time.

(c) If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving between two party states, the nurse must apply for licensure in the new home state, and the multistate license issued by the prior home state will be deactivated in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the Commission.

(1) The nurse may apply for licensure in advance of a change in primary state of residence.

(2) A multistate license shall not be issued by the new home state until the nurse provides satisfactory evidence of a change in primary state of residence to the new home state and satisfies all applicable requirements to obtain a multistate license from the new home state.

(d) If a nurse changes primary state of residence by moving from a party state to a non-party state, the multistate license issued by the prior home state will convert to a single-state license, valid only in the former home state.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Additional Authorities Invested in Party State Licensing Boards

(a) In addition to the other powers conferred by state law, a licensing board shall have the authority to:

(1) Take adverse action against a nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice within that party state.

(i) Only the home state shall have the power to take adverse action against a nurse's license issued by the home state.

(ii) For purposes of taking adverse action, the home state licensing board shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a remote state as it would if such conduct had occurred within the home state. In so doing, the home state shall apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action.

(2) Issue cease and desist orders or impose an encumbrance on a nurse's authority to practice within that party state.

(3) Complete any pending investigations of a nurse who changes primary state of residence during the course of such investigations. The licensing board shall also have the authority to take appropriate action(s) and shall promptly report the conclusions of such investigations to the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system. The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the new home state of any such actions.

(4) Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, as well as, the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a licensing board in a party state for the attendance and testimony of

witnesses or the production of evidence from another party state shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the state in which the witnesses or evidence are located.

(5) Obtain and submit, for each nurse licensure applicant, fingerprint or other biometric-based information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background checks, receive the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search on criminal background checks and use the results in making licensure decisions.

(6) If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the affected nurse the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that nurse.

(7) Take adverse action based on the factual findings of the remote state, provided that the licensing board follows its own procedures for taking such adverse action.

(b) If adverse action is taken by the home state against a nurse's multistate license, the nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice in all other party states shall be deactivated until all encumbrances have been removed from the multistate license. All home state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action against a nurse's multistate license shall include a statement that the nurse's multistate licensure privilege is deactivated in all party states during the pendency of the order.

(c) Nothing in this Compact shall override a party state's decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action. The home state licensing board shall deactivate the multistate licensure privilege under the multistate license of any nurse for the duration of the nurse's participation in an alternative program.

## ARTICLE VI

### Coordinated Licensure Information System and Exchange of Information

(a) All party states shall participate in a coordinated licensure information system of all registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses. This system will include information on the licensure and disciplinary history of each nurse, as submitted by party states, to assist in the coordination of nurse licensure and enforcement efforts.

(b) The Commission, in consultation with the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system, shall formulate necessary and proper procedures for the identification, collection and exchange of information under this Compact.

(c) All licensing boards shall promptly report to the coordinated licensure information system any adverse action, any current significant investigative information, denials of applications (with the reasons for such denials) and nurse

participation in alternative programs known to the licensing board regardless of whether such participation is deemed nonpublic or confidential under state law.

(d) Current significant investigative information and participation in nonpublic or confidential alternative programs shall be transmitted through the coordinated licensure information system only to party state licensing boards.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all party state licensing boards contributing information to the coordinated licensure information system may designate information that may not be shared with non-party states or disclosed to other entities or individuals without the express permission of the contributing state.

(f) Any personally identifiable information obtained from the coordinated licensure information system by a party state licensing board shall not be shared with non-party states or disclosed to other entities or individuals except to the extent permitted by the laws of the party state contributing the information.

(g) Any information contributed to the coordinated licensure information system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the party state contributing that information shall also be expunged from the coordinated licensure information system.

(h) The Compact administrator of each party state shall furnish a uniform data set to the Compact administrator of each other party state, which shall include, at a minimum:

(1) Identifying information;

(2) Licensure data;

(3) Information related to alternative program participation; and

(4) Other information that may facilitate the administration of this Compact, as determined by Commission rules.

(i) The Compact administrator of a party state shall provide all investigative documents and information requested by another party state.

## ARTICLE VII

### Establishment of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators

(a) The party states hereby create and establish a joint public entity known as the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators.

(1) The Commission is an instrumentality of the party states.

(2) Venue is proper, and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively, in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

(3) Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(b) Membership, Voting and Meetings

(1) Each party state shall have and be limited to one administrator. The head of the state licensing board or designee shall be the administrator of this Compact for each party state. Any administrator may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from which the Administrator is appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the Commission shall be filled in accordance with the laws of the party state in which the vacancy exists.

(2) Each administrator shall be entitled to one (1) vote with regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the Commission. An administrator shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for an administrator's participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

(3) The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the bylaws or rules of the commission.

(4) All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in Article VIII.

(5) The Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the Commission must discuss:

(i) Noncompliance of a party state with its obligations under this Compact;

(ii) The employment, compensation, discipline or other personnel matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the Commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

(iii) Current, threatened or reasonably anticipated litigation;

(iv) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods, services or real estate;

(v) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

(vi) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

(vii) Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(viii) Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

(ix) Disclosure of information related to any reports prepared by or on behalf of the Commission for the purpose of investigation of compliance with this Compact;

or

(x) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or state statute.

(6) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the Commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision. The Commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefor, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and

- documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (c) The Commission shall, by a majority vote of the administrators, prescribe bylaws or rules to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and exercise the powers of this Compact, including but not limited to:
- (1) Establishing the fiscal year of the Commission;
  - (2) Providing reasonable standards and procedures:
    - (i) For the establishment and meetings of other committees, and
    - (ii) Governing any general or specific delegation of any authority or function of the Commission;
  - (3) Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting meetings of the Commission, ensuring reasonable advance notice of all meetings and providing an opportunity for attendance of such meetings by interested parties, with enumerated exceptions designed to protect the public's interest, the privacy of individuals, and proprietary information, including trade secrets. The Commission may meet in closed session only after a majority of the administrators vote to close a meeting in whole or in part. As soon as practicable, the Commission must make public a copy of the vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of each administrator, with no proxy votes allowed;
  - (4) Establishing the titles, duties and authority and reasonable procedures for the election of the officers of the Commission;
  - (5) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the Commission. Notwithstanding any civil service or other similar laws of any party state, the bylaws shall exclusively govern the personnel policies and programs of the Commission; and
  - (6) Providing a mechanism for winding up the operations of the Commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may exist after the termination of this Compact after the payment or reserving of all of its debts and obligations;
- (d) The Commission shall publish its bylaws and rules, and any amendments thereto, in a convenient form on the website of the Commission.
- (e) The Commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws.
- (f) The Commission shall meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this Compact and the bylaws.
- (g) The Commission shall have the following powers:
- (1) To promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all party states;
  - (2) To bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;
  - (3) To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;
  - (4) To borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but not

limited to, employees of a party state or nonprofit organizations;

(5) To cooperate with other organizations that administer state compacts related to the regulation of nursing, including but not limited to sharing administrative or staff expenses, office space or other resources;

(6) To hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of this Compact, and to establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel and other related personnel matters;

(7) To accept any and all appropriate donations, grants and gifts of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and to receive, utilize and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

(8) To lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, whether real, personal or mixed; provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

(9) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or otherwise dispose of any property, whether real, personal or mixed;

(10) To establish a budget and make expenditures;

(11) To borrow money;

(12) To appoint committees, including advisory committees comprised of administrators, state nursing regulators, state legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and other such interested persons;

(13) To provide and receive information from, and to cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

(14) To adopt and use an official seal; and

(15) To perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Compact consistent with the state regulation of nurse licensure and practice.

(h) Financing of the Commission

(1) The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing activities.

(2) The Commission may also levy on and collect an annual assessment from each party state to cover the cost of its operations, activities and staff in its annual budget as approved each year. The aggregate annual assessment amount, if any, shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the Commission, which shall promulgate a rule that is binding upon all party states.

(3) The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of any of the party states, except by, and with the authority of, such party state.

(4) The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and



disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.

(i) Qualified Immunity, Defense and Indemnification

(1) The administrators, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred, within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional, willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

(2) The Commission shall defend any administrator, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided further that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from that person's intentional, willful or wanton misconduct.

(3) The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any administrator, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from the intentional, willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

ARTICLE VIII  
Rulemaking

(a) The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this Article and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment and shall have the same force and effect as provisions of this Compact.

(b) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.

(c) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the Commission,

and at least sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the Commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

(1) On the website of the Commission; and

(2) On the website of each licensing board or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

(d) The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:

(1) The proposed time, date and location of the meeting in which the rule will be considered and voted upon;

(2) The text of the proposed rule or amendment, and the reason for the proposed rule;

(3) A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and

(4) The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the Commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

(e) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the Commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

(f) The Commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment.

(g) The Commission shall publish the place, time and date of the scheduled public hearing.

(1) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing. All hearings will be recorded, and a copy will be made available upon request.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the Commission at hearings required by this section.

(h) If no one appears at the public hearing, the Commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule.

(i) Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held, the Commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.

(j) The Commission shall, by majority vote of all administrators, take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the rule.

(k) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment or hearing, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in this Compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

(1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare;

- (2) Prevent a loss of Commission or party state funds; or
- (3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is required by federal law or rule.
- (1) The Commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the Commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty (30) days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing, and delivered to the Commission, prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the Commission.

## ARTICLE IX

### Oversight, Dispute Resolution and Enforcement

#### (a) Oversight

- (1) Each party state shall enforce this Compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate this Compact's purposes and intent.
- (2) The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding that may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the Commission, and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process in such proceeding to the Commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the Commission, this Compact or promulgated rules.

#### (b) Default, Technical Assistance and Termination

- (1) If the Commission determines that a party state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this Compact or the promulgated rules, the Commission shall:
  - (i) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other party states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of curing the default or any other action to be taken by the Commission; and
  - (ii) Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.
- (2) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state's membership in this Compact may be terminated upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the administrators, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this Compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.
- (3) Termination of membership in this Compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to

suspend or terminate shall be given by the Commission to the governor of the defaulting state and to the executive officer of the defaulting state's licensing board and each of the party states.

(4) A state whose membership in this Compact has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

(5) The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default or whose membership in this Compact has been terminated unless agreed upon in writing between the Commission and the defaulting state.

(6) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Commission by petitioning the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district in which the Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

(c) Dispute Resolution

(1) Upon request by a party state, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the Compact that arise among party states and between party and non-party states.

(2) The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes, as appropriate.

(3) In the event the Commission cannot resolve disputes among party states arising under this Compact:

(i) The party states may submit the issues in dispute to an arbitration panel, which will be comprised of individuals appointed by the Compact administrator in each of the affected party states and an individual mutually agreed upon by the Compact administrators of all the party states involved in the dispute.

(ii) The decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall be final and binding.

(d) Enforcement

(1) The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this Compact.

(2) By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district in which the Commission has its principal offices against a party state that is in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of this Compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

(3) The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the Commission. The Commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or state law.

ARTICLE XEffective Date, Withdrawal and Amendment

(a) This Compact shall become effective and binding on the earlier of the date of legislative enactment of this Compact into law by no less than twenty-six (26) states or December 31, 2018. All party states to this Compact, that also were parties to the prior Nurse Licensure Compact, superseded by this Compact, ('Prior Compact'), shall be deemed to have withdrawn from said Prior Compact within six (6) months after the effective date of this Compact.

(b) Each party state to this Compact shall continue to recognize a nurse's multistate licensure privilege to practice in that party state issued under the Prior Compact until such party state has withdrawn from the Prior Compact.

(c) Any party state may withdraw from this Compact by enacting a statute repealing the same. A party state's withdrawal shall not take effect until six (6) months after enactment of the repealing statute.

(d) A party state's withdrawal or termination shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing or terminated state's licensing board to report adverse actions and significant investigations occurring prior to the effective date of such withdrawal or termination.

(e) Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any nurse licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a party state and a non-party state that is made in accordance with the other provisions of this Compact.

(f) This Compact may be amended by the party states. No amendment to this Compact shall become effective and binding upon the party states unless and until it is enacted into the laws of all party states.

(g) Representatives of non-party states to this Compact shall be invited to participate in the activities of the Commission, on a nonvoting basis, prior to the adoption of this Compact by all states.

ARTICLE XIConstruction and Severability

This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this Compact shall be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this Compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States, or if the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this Compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any party state, this Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party state affected as to all severable matters.

43-26-62.

The Georgia Board of Nursing shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this article.

43-26-63.

The executive director of the Georgia Board of Nursing shall serve as the Nurse Licensure Compact administrator for this state.

43-26-64.

A registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse practicing in this state under a multistate license issued by another party state shall be subject to all requirements and duties applicable to registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses who are licensed pursuant to Article 1 or Article 2 of this chapter, respectively.

43-26-65.

This article shall only be applicable to registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses whose home states are determined by the Georgia Board of Nursing to have licensure requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those of this state."

Senator Williams of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to SB 109.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	E Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	E Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson

Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Henson

Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to SB 109.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 109. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

/s/ Michael Rhett  
District 33

Senator Orrock of the 36th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 160. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to revise the jurisdiction, definition, and penalties for certain crimes and offenses; to add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault or aggravated battery upon a peace officer while the peace officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties; to clarify the definition of a class A designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide for increased punishment when certain crimes are committed against public safety officers; to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15, Title 16, and Code Section 45-9-85 of

the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, crimes and offenses, and payment of indemnification for death or disability of certain public safety officers, respectively, so as to provide the superior court with exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving aggravated assault upon a public safety officer involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer; to allow a superior court the discretion to transfer such cases back to juvenile court; to clarify the definitions of a class A or class B designated felony act in light of the jurisdictional changes; to provide for definitions; to change provisions relating to aggravated assault and aggravated battery and provide for mandatory terms of imprisonment and fines under certain circumstances; to earmark money collected from certain fines to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund; to change provisions relating to obstructing or hindering law enforcement officers and increase the punishment for subsequent convictions; to provide for the offense of, and criminal penalties for, placing human or animal excreta upon law enforcement officers; to change provisions relating to a riot in a penal institution; to increase the amount of payment of indemnification for death or disability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Back the Badge Act of 2017."

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, is amended by revising subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (12) and subparagraph (A) of paragraph (13) of Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(A)(i) ~~Aggravated assault in violation of paragraph (1), (3), or (4) of subsection (b) or subsection (d), (e), (f), (j), or (m) of (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-5-21;~~

(ii) Aggravated assault in violation of paragraph (1) or (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-5-21 other than upon a public safety officer as such acts are prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21, not involving a firearm;

or

(iii) Aggravated assault upon an individual or situation described in subsection (d), (h), or (k) of Code Section 16-5-21 or assault with a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, actually does result in serious bodily injury, provided that such deadly weapon is



not a firearm; and provided, further, that such injured person is not a public safety officer as defined in Code Section 16-5-19 and such acts are not prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21;

(B) Aggravated battery not upon a public safety officer as such acts are prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-24;"

"(A)(i) Aggravated assault in violation of subsection ~~(g), (h), or (k)~~ (e), (f), or (i) of Code Section 16-5-21; or

(ii) Aggravated assault involving an assault with a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, would be likely to result in serious bodily injury but which did not result in serious bodily injury;"

### SECTION 2-2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 15-11-560, relating to concurrent and original jurisdiction of superior court, by revising subsection (b) and paragraph (1) of subsection (e) and adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(b) The superior court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction over the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed any of the following offenses:

- (1) Murder;
- (2) Murder in the second degree;
- (3) Voluntary manslaughter;
- (4) Rape;
- (5) Aggravated sodomy;
- (6) Aggravated child molestation;
- (7) Aggravated sexual battery; ~~or~~
- (8) Armed robbery if committed with a firearm;
- (9) Aggravated assault if committed with a firearm upon a public safety officer as such acts are prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-21; or
- (10) Aggravated battery upon a public safety officer as such acts are prohibited under subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-24."

"(e)(1) After indictment, the superior court may after investigation transfer to the juvenile court any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed ~~voluntary manslaughter, aggravated sodomy, aggravated child molestation, or aggravated sexual battery~~ any act described in paragraph (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), or (10) of subsection (b) of this Code section. In considering the transfer of such case, the court shall consider the criteria set forth in Code Section 15-11-562. Any such transfer shall be appealable by the State of Georgia pursuant to Code Section 5-7-1. Upon such a transfer by the superior court, jurisdiction shall vest in the juvenile court and jurisdiction of the superior court shall terminate."

"(h) As used in this Code section, the term 'firearm' means a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge."

**SECTION 2-3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-561, relating to waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction and transfer to superior court, as follows:

"(a) After a petition alleging delinquency has been filed but before the adjudication hearing, on its own motion or on a motion by a prosecuting attorney, the court may convene a hearing to determine whether to transfer the offense to the appropriate superior court for criminal trial if the court determines that:

- (1) There is probable cause to believe that a child committed the alleged offense;
- (2) Such child is not committable to an institution for the developmentally disabled or mentally ill; and
- (3) The petition alleges that such child:
  - (A) Was at least 15 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense and committed an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult; or
  - (B) Was 13 or 14 years of age and either committed an act for which the punishment is loss of life or confinement for life in a penal institution or committed aggravated battery resulting in serious bodily injury to ~~a victim~~ an alleged victim who is not a public safety officer as such term is defined in Code Section 16-5-19."

**SECTION 2-4.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-562, relating to transfer criteria, as follows:

"(a) The criteria that the juvenile court shall consider in determining whether to transfer an alleged delinquent child as set forth in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-561 to superior court and the criteria that the superior court shall consider in determining whether to transfer any case involving a child 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed ~~voluntary manslaughter, aggravated sodomy, aggravated child molestation, or aggravated sexual battery~~ any act described in paragraph (3), (5), (6), (7), (9), or (10) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-560 to juvenile court as set forth in subsection (e) of Code Section 15-11-560 includes, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) The age of such child;
- (2) The seriousness of the alleged offense, especially if personal injury resulted;
- (3) Whether the protection of the community requires transfer of jurisdiction;
- (4) Whether the alleged offense involved violence or was committed in an aggressive or premeditated manner;
- (5) The impact of the alleged offense on the alleged victim, including the permanence of any physical or emotional injury sustained, health care expenses incurred, and lost earnings suffered;
- (6) The culpability of such child including such child's level of planning and participation in the alleged offense;
- (7) Whether the alleged offense is a part of a repetitive pattern of offenses which indicates that such child may be beyond rehabilitation in the juvenile justice system;
- (8) The record and history of such child, including experience with the juvenile justice system, other courts, supervision, commitments to juvenile institutions, and

other placements;

(9) The sophistication and maturity of such child as determined by consideration of his or her home and environmental situation, emotional condition, and pattern of living;

(10) The program and facilities available to the juvenile court in considering disposition; and

(11) Whether or not a child can benefit from the treatment or rehabilitative programs available to the juvenile court."

### PART III SECTION 3-1.

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended in Article 2 of Chapter 5, relating to assault and battery, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-5-19.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Correctional officer' means any person who is authorized to exercise the power of arrest and who is employed or appointed by the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

(2) 'Emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel.

(3) 'Firefighter' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 25-4-2.

(4) 'Highway emergency response operator' means an individual employed by the Department of Transportation who operates a towing or recovery vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle.

(5) 'Jail officer' means any person who is employed or appointed by a county or a municipality and who has the responsibility of supervising inmates who are confined in a municipal or county detention facility.

(6) 'Juvenile correctional officer' means any person employed or appointed by the Department of Juvenile Justice who has the primary responsibility for the supervision and control of youth confined in its programs and facilities.

(7) 'Officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, or court interpreter.

(8) 'Probation officer' means a community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

(9) 'Public safety officer' means peace officer, correctional officer, emergency health worker, firefighter, highway emergency response operator, jail officer, juvenile correctional officer, or probation officer.

(10) 'Public transit vehicle' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-5-20.

(11) 'Strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of

another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person."

### SECTION 3-2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, as follows:

"16-5-21.

~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'strangulation' means impeding the normal breathing or circulation of blood of another person by applying pressure to the throat or neck of such person or by obstructing the nose and mouth of such person.~~

~~(b)~~(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated assault when he or she assaults:

(1) With intent to murder, to rape, or to rob;

(2) With a deadly weapon or with any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in serious bodily injury;

(3) With any object, device, or instrument which, when used offensively against a person, is likely to or actually does result in strangulation; or

(4) A person or persons without legal justification by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle toward a person or persons.

~~(e)~~(b) Except as provided in subsections ~~(d)~~ (c) through ~~(n)~~ (k) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated assault shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

~~(d)~~(c)(1) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a ~~peace~~ public safety officer while ~~the peace officer~~ he or she is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as follows:

(A) When such assault occurs by the discharge of a firearm by a person who is at least 17 years of age, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years and shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten years and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may depart from such mandatory minimum sentence when the prosecuting attorney and defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such mandatory minimum;

(B) When such assault does not involve the discharge of a firearm by a person who is at least 17 years of age, and does not involve only the use of the person's body, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years and, for persons who are at least 17 years of age, shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of three years and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may depart from such mandatory minimum sentence when the prosecuting attorney and defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such

mandatory minimum; or

(C) When such assault occurs only involving the use of the person's body, by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

(2) A person convicted under this subsection shall be punished, in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed, by a fine as provided by law which shall be at least \$2,000.00. With respect to \$2,000.00 of the fine imposed, after distributing the surcharges and deductions required by Chapter 21 of Title 15, Code Sections 36-15-9 and 42-8-34, and Title 47, it shall be earmarked for the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for purposes of payment of indemnification for death or disability as provided for in Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45.

(3) As used in this subsection, the term 'firearm' means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, or similar device or weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge.

~~(e)~~(d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault against a person who is 65 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.~~

~~(2) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.~~

~~(g)~~(e) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault in a public transit vehicle or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years. ~~For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has the same meaning as in subsection (e) of Code Section 16-5-20.~~

~~(h)~~(f) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault upon a person in the course of violating Code Section 16-8-2 where the property that was the subject of the theft was a vehicle engaged in commercial transportation of cargo or any appurtenance thereto, including without limitation any such trailer, semitrailer, container, or other associated equipment, or the cargo being transported therein or thereon, shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years, a fine not less than \$50,000.00 nor more than \$200,000.00, or both such fine and imprisonment. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'vehicle' includes without limitation any railcar.

~~(i)~~(g) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, a A person convicted

of an offense described in paragraph (4) of subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of this Code section shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(j)~~(h) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(k)~~(i) If the offense of aggravated assault is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(l)~~(j) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault with intent to rape against a child under the age of 14 years shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 25 nor more than 50 years. Any person convicted under this subsection shall, in addition, be subject to the sentencing and punishment provisions of Code Section 17-10-6.2.

~~(m)~~(k) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon an officer of the court while such officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. ~~As used in this subsection, the term 'officer of the court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, court interpreter, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, or probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.~~

~~(n) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated assault upon an emergency health worker while the worker is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel."~~

### SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, as follows:

"16-5-24.

(a) A person commits the offense of aggravated battery when he or she maliciously causes bodily harm to another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through ~~(f)~~ (g) of this Code section, a person convicted of the offense of aggravated battery shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years.

(c)(1) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a

peace public safety officer while the public safety officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years; provided, however, that for persons who are at least 17 years of age, a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of three years shall be imposed and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or otherwise withheld by the sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may depart from such mandatory minimum sentence when the prosecuting attorney and defendant have agreed to a sentence that is below such mandatory minimum.

(2) A person convicted under this subsection shall be punished, in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed, by a fine as provided by law which shall be at least \$2,000.00. With respect to \$2,000.00 of the fine imposed, after distributing the surcharges and deductions required by Chapter 21 of Title 15, Code Sections 36-15-9 and 42-8-34, and Title 47, it shall be earmarked for the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for purposes of payment of indemnification for death or disability as provided for in Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45.

(d) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery against a person who is 65 years of age or older shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.

~~(e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'correctional officer' shall include superintendents, wardens, deputy wardens, guards, and correctional officers of state, county, and municipal penal institutions who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice who are known to be employees of the department or who have given reasonable identification of their employment. The term 'correctional officer' shall also include county jail officers who are certified or registered by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35.~~

~~(2) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a correctional officer while the correctional officer is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years.~~

~~(f)(e) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery in a public transit vehicle or station shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. For purposes of this Code section, 'public transit vehicle' has the same meaning as in subsection (c) of Code Section 16-5-20.~~

~~(g)(f) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years.~~

~~(h)(g) If the offense of aggravated battery is committed between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents~~

and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons excluding siblings living or formerly living in the same household, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 20 years.

~~(i) A person who knowingly commits the offense of aggravated battery upon an emergency health worker while the worker is engaged in, or on account of the performance of, his or her official duties shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years. As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency health worker' means hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel."~~

#### SECTION 3-4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-10-24, relating to obstructing or hindering law enforcement officers, as follows:

"16-10-24.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, a person who knowingly and willfully obstructs or hinders any law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or conservation ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties ~~is~~ shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes any law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or conservation ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties by offering or doing violence to the person of such officer or legally authorized person ~~is~~ shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon a first conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years. Upon a second conviction for a violation of this subsection, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two years nor more than ten years. Upon a third or subsequent conviction for a violation of this subsection, such person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three years nor more than 15 years.

(c) Whoever knowingly and willfully resists, obstructs, or opposes any law enforcement officer, prison guard, jailer, correctional officer, community supervision officer, county or Department of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, probation officer serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, or conservation ranger in the lawful discharge of his or her official duties by knowingly and willfully throwing, projecting, or expelling human or animal blood, urine, feces, vomitus, or seminal fluid on or at such individual shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years.

(d) A person convicted under this Code section shall be punished, in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed, by a fine as provided by law which shall be at least \$300.00. With respect to \$300.00 of the fine imposed, after distributing the surcharges



and deductions required by Chapter 21 of Title 15, Code Sections 36-15-9 and 42-8-34, and Title 47, it shall be earmarked for the Georgia State Indemnification Fund for purposes of payment of indemnification for death or disability as provided for in Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 9 of Title 45."

#### **SECTION 3-5.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-10-56, relating to riot in a penal institution, as follows:

"16-10-56.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'penal institution' means any place of confinement for persons accused of or convicted of violating a law of this state or an ordinance of a municipality or political subdivision of this state.

~~(a)(b) No Any person legally confined to any a penal institution of this state or of any political subdivision of this state who commits shall commit~~ an unlawful act of violence or any other act in a violent or tumultuous manner ~~commits the offense of riot~~ in a penal institution.

~~(b)(c)~~ Any person who violates ~~subsection (a) of this Code section is~~ shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than 20 years."

#### **PART IV SECTION 4-1.**

Code Section 45-9-85 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability, procedure for making payments, and appeal, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

"(3) In the case of death or organic brain damage suffered in the line of duty by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, emergency management specialist, state highway employee, or prison guard, payment shall be made to the surviving unremarried spouse or the dependents of the spouse or deceased person as shown in his or her most recent tax return or to the legal guardian of the organically brain damaged person. The surviving unremarried spouse, dependents, or the legal guardian may elect to receive payment in a lump sum payment of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$150,000.00 paid in equal monthly installments for five years or a lump sum of such amount reduced to its present value upon the basis of interest calculated at the rate of 6 percent per annum."

#### **PART V SECTION 5-1.**

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

Senator Harper of the 7th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 160.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	E Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 160.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 121. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to provide for immunity; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change the definition of a dangerous drug; to add a drug to Schedule V; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, Code Section 26-4-116.2, and Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous drugs, the authority of licensed health practitioners to prescribe opioid antagonists and immunity from liability, and general provisions for health, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to provide for immunity for the state health officer under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the state health officer; to provide for his or her authority in connection to certain dangerous drugs; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act."

**SECTION 2.**

Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous drugs, is amended by revising paragraph (635) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of a dangerous drug, as follows:

"(635) Naloxone — See exceptions;"

**SECTION 3.**

Said article is further amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (c) of Code Section 16-13-71, relating to the definition of a dangerous drug, to read as follows:

"(14.25) Naloxone — shall also be exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose prevention and when supplied by a dispenser as follows:

- (A) Nasal adaptor rescue kits containing a minimum of two prefilled 2 ml. luer-lock syringes with each containing 1 mg./ml. of naloxone;
- (B) Prepackaged nasal spray rescue kits containing single-use spray devices with each containing up to 4 mg./0.1 ml. of naloxone;
- (C) Muscle rescue kits containing a 10 ml. multidose fliptop vial or two 1 ml. vials with a strength of 0.4 mg./ml. of naloxone; or
- (D) Prepackaged kits of two muscle autoinjectors with each containing up to 0.4 mg./ml. of naloxone;"

**SECTION 4.**

Code Section 26-4-116.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the authority of licensed health practitioners to prescribe opioid antagonists and immunity from liability, is amended by revising subsections (c) through (e) and adding a new

subsection to read as follows:

"(c) A pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to pharmacists may dispense opioid antagonists pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section or Code Section 31-1-10.

(d) A person acting in good faith and with reasonable care to another person whom he or she believes to be experiencing an opioid related overdose may administer an opioid antagonist that was prescribed pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section in accordance with the protocol specified by the practitioner or pursuant to Code Section 31-1-10.

(e) The following individuals ~~are~~ shall be immune from any civil ~~or criminal~~ liability, criminal responsibility, or professional licensing sanctions for the following actions authorized by this Code section:

(1) Any practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner who prescribes an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section;

(2) Any practitioner or pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner or pharmacist who dispenses an opioid antagonist pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section; ~~and~~

(3) The state health officer acting in good faith and as provided in Code Section 31-1-10; and

~~(3)~~(4) Any person acting in good faith, other than a practitioner, who administers an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section.

(f) Every pharmacy in this state shall retain a copy of the standing order issued under Code Section 31-1-10."

### SECTION 5.

Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for health, is amended by revising Code Section 31-1-10, relating to the state health officer, as follows:

"31-1-10.

(a) The position of state health officer is created. The Governor may appoint the commissioner of public health to serve simultaneously as the state health officer or may appoint another individual to serve as state health officer. Such officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. An individual appointed to serve as state health officer shall be licensed to practice medicine in this state.

(b) The state health officer shall ~~perform:~~

(1) Perform such health emergency preparedness and response duties as assigned by the Governor; and

(2) Be authorized to issue a standing order prescribing an opioid antagonist, as such term is defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, on a state-wide basis under conditions that he or she determines to be in the best interest of this state."

**SECTION 6.**

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

Senator Miller of the 49th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 121 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil substitute to SB 121 (LC29 7532S) by inserting after "matters;" on line 8 the following:*  
to provide for an effective date;

*By replacing "up to" with "a minimum of" on lines 26 and 29.*

*By inserting between lines 75 and 76 the following:*

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 7.**

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 121 as amended by the Senate.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

03/30/2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 121. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Harold V. Jones  
District 22

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 88. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Harbison of the 15th, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for regulation of narcotic treatment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for regulation of narcotic treatment programs; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for department authorization to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for minimum standards of quality and services for narcotic treatment programs; to provide for licensure of programs; to provide for an application review committee; to provide for application review requirements; to provide for the creation of regions; to prohibit certain free services and financial incentives; to provide for zoning compliance; to provide for record requirements; to provide for inspections; to provide for license application denial, license revocation, and license suspension; to provide for appeal; to provide for penalties; to provide for priority admission for drug dependent pregnant females; to provide for central registry compliance; to provide for background investigation; to provide for continuation of rules and regulations; to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, is amended by designating the existing provisions of Chapter 5 as Article 1 of said chapter and adding a new article to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE 2****26-5-40.**

This article shall be known and may be cited as the 'Narcotic Treatment Programs Enforcement Act.'

**26-5-41.**

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health, or its successor.
- (2) 'Governing body' means the county board of health, the partnership, the corporation, the association, or the person or group of persons who maintains and controls a narcotic treatment program, who is legally responsible for its operation, and who holds the license to operate that program.
- (3) 'License' means the official permit issued by the department that authorizes the holder to operate a narcotic treatment program for the term provided therein.
- (4) 'Licensee' means any person holding a license issued by the department under this article.
- (5) 'Narcotic treatment program' means any system of treatment provided for chronic heroin or opiate-like drug-dependent individuals that administers narcotic drugs under physicians' orders either for detoxification purposes or for maintenance treatment in a rehabilitative context offered by any county board of health, partnership, corporation, association, or person or groups of persons engaged in such administration.
- (6) 'Patient' means any individual who undergoes treatment in a narcotic treatment program.

**26-5-42.**

The department shall create and promulgate reasonable and necessary minimum standards of quality and services for narcotic treatment programs. At least the following areas shall be covered in the rules and regulations:

- (1) Adequate and safe buildings or housing facilities where programs are offered;
- (2) Adequate equipment for the delivery of programs;
- (3) Sufficient trained or experienced staff who are competent in the duties they are to perform;
- (4) The content and quality of services to be provided;
- (5) Requirements for intake, discharge, and aftercare of drug dependent persons;
- (6) Referral to other appropriate agencies;
- (7) Continuing evaluation of the effectiveness of programs;
- (8) Maintenance of adequate records on each drug dependent person treated or advised;

(9) A formal plan of cooperation with other programs in the state to allow for continuity of care for drug dependent persons; and

(10) Criteria for providing priority in access to services and admissions to programs for drug dependent pregnant females.

26-5-43.

The department is authorized and directed to create and promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this article.

26-5-44.

No governing body shall operate a narcotic treatment program without having a valid license or provisional license issued pursuant to this article.

26-5-45.

(a) Application for a license to operate a narcotic treatment program shall be submitted by the governing body to the department in the manner prescribed by rules and regulations and shall contain a comprehensive outline of the program to be offered by the applicant.

(b) Proof of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws for the handling and dispensing of drugs and all state and local health, safety, sanitation, building, and zoning codes shall be attached to the narcotic treatment application submitted to the department.

26-5-46.

(a) The department shall establish an annual or biannual open enrollment period to accept applications for narcotic treatment programs.

(b) The department shall establish an information forum for potential applicants prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period that shall be no less than 14 days prior to the start of the open enrollment period. It shall be mandatory for a representative of a prospective applicant for such open enrollment period to attend the information forum. Failure to attend and comply with such record of attendance requirements shall disqualify any applicant from consideration during open enrollment.

(c) It shall be mandatory for an applicant to submit a letter of intent stating such applicant's intention to apply for a narcotic treatment program license. Such letter of intent shall include the intended address and region location. The letter shall be delivered to the department at least seven days prior to the beginning of the open enrollment period.

(d) The first open enrollment period shall be held December 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, and the department shall not accept any applications for licensure until December 1, 2017.

(e) After the first open enrollment period, the department shall administratively determine the annual or biannual open enrollment period no later than December 1 of the preceding calendar year.



26-5-47.

(a) The department shall, consistent with the requirements of this Code section, establish an application review process committee. The members of the committee shall include representation from department staff members and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(b) Application requirements shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Data and details regarding treatment and counseling plans;

(2) Biographical and qualifications of owners, medical directors, counselors, and other required staff;

(3) Data as determined by the department on currently licensed narcotic treatment programs within the region of the proposed location and within a 75 mile radius, whether or not such other programs are outside of the region;

(4) Patient levels of currently licensed programs in the proposed region of care and within 75 miles, including:

(A) The number of patients admitted to current narcotic treatment programs in the most recent month; and

(B) The number of patients served by current narcotic treatment programs in the most recent month;

(5) Data on demographic, social, health, economic, alcohol and drug related crimes, alcohol and drug overdoses, and hospital and emergency department admission of individuals addicted to opioids for the program location;

(6) Applicant experience operating a narcotic treatment program or working at such program, including a complete history of such experience both within this state and in any other state;

(7) Program ownership in other locations, if any, including a complete and accurate description of narcotic treatment program experience, including whether the applicant currently holds, has held, or had revoked any licenses, registrations, enrollments, accreditations, contracts, and network memberships. The applicant shall disclose any adverse actions against the applicant while employed by or as a result of ownership of a narcotic treatment program;

(8) Evidence the applicant sought community input for the proposed location from substance abuse advocacy organizations, civic organizations, neighborhood associations, locally elected officials, and other groups;

(9) Proof of notification of intent to file an application with all law enforcement offices within a 25 mile radius of the program location;

(10) Proof of notification of intent to file an application with all drug courts within a 75 mile radius of the program location;

(11) A narrative description of and information about adjoining businesses and occupancies within 200 feet of the facility, including a description of transportation access, traffic patterns, security features, local area police and crime reports, and neighborhood safety; and

(12) A complete description of the facility's staff and patient parking.

(c)(1) A program license shall be nontransferable for a change of a governing body.

The department shall require currently operating programs that have a change of governing body to submit an application for such change in accordance with its rules and regulations. However, the department shall waive Code Section 26-5-46, all other requirements under this Code section, and Code Section 26-5-48 if such governing body is in good standing with the department.

(2) A program license shall be nontransferable for a change of location. The department shall require currently operating programs that have a change of location to submit an application for such change in accordance with its rules and regulations. However, the department shall waive the application requirements for a change of location of a currently operating program pursuant to Code Section 26-5-46, all other requirements under this Code section, and Code Section 26-5-48 if such governing body is in good standing with the department, provided the change of location is within such program's current region established by this article.

(d) Upon application for an additional program by a current licensee, each location operated by such licensee shall be inspected. Any such location inspected within the preceding 36 months shall be exempt from such inspection requirement of this subsection. Such inspections are in addition to all other application requirements for an additional program application by such licensee.

(e) In the event an applicant is unable to obtain patient information from current programs as required by subsection (b) of the Code section, the department may direct current narcotic treatment programs to provide such information to the applicant.

26-5-48.

(a) Prior to the department issuing a license to a governing body for any narcotic treatment program, the program shall demonstrate the following:

(1) Compliance with all state and federal law and regulations;

(2) Compliance with all applicable standards of practice;

(3) Program structure for successful service delivery; and

(4) Impact on the delivery of opioid treatment services of the applicant in the applicable population.

(b) The department shall issue a license to a governing body for any narcotic treatment program which meets all the rules and regulations for such program and the licensing of such program does not exceed four licensed treatment programs per region pursuant to subsection (h) of this Code section.

(c) The department will evaluate the applications based on data submitted as required by Code Section 26-5-47.

(d) Applications for licensure submitted to the department prior to June 1, 2016, shall not be subject to Code Section 26-5-46 or 26-5-47.

(e) Programs licensed on or before June 30, 2017, are not subject to the regional maximum allowable program limitations pursuant to this Code section. However, if a region has four or more licensed programs on or after July 1, 2017, such region shall be considered to have reached its maximum allowable programs.

(f) The department shall establish a review process to determine if a waiver should be

granted to an applicant and allow an application to be submitted for review in a region that has four or more licensed narcotic treatment programs. The department shall have full authority to determine the requirements that must be met for a waiver to be considered for review.

(g) In the event that the department receives multiple letters of intent before an open enrollment period for a specific region and the ensuing applications will lead to the regional license limit being exceeded, the department shall have the authority to develop a scoring system for the applications submitted and approve a program or programs determined to be most fit for licensure. The department shall develop an appeal process for those applications not selected under such scoring system.

(h) For the purpose of narcotic treatment program application evaluation for the department and delivery of services by narcotic treatment programs in communities and to citizens of this state and for the purpose of establishing narcotic treatment programs regional boundaries, there are created 49 regions with those counties designated as follows:

- (1) Region 1 shall be composed of Dade, Catoosa, Walker, and Chattooga counties;
- (2) Region 2 shall be composed of Whitfield and Murray counties;
- (3) Region 3 shall be composed of Gordon and Bartow counties;
- (4) Region 4 shall be composed of Floyd County;
- (5) Region 5 shall be composed of Polk and Haralson counties;
- (6) Region 6 shall be composed of Paulding County;
- (7) Region 7 shall be composed of Cobb County;
- (8) Region 8 shall be composed of Douglas County;
- (9) Region 9 shall be composed of Fulton County;
- (10) Region 10 shall be composed of Cherokee County;
- (11) Region 11 shall be composed of Forsyth County;
- (12) Region 12 shall be composed of Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens counties;
- (13) Region 13 shall be composed of Towns, Union, Lumpkin, and White counties;
- (14) Region 14 shall be composed of Rabun, Habersham, and Stephens counties;
- (15) Region 15 shall be composed of Hart, Franklin, Elbert, Oglethorpe, and Madison counties;
- (16) Region 16 shall be composed of Banks, Jackson, and Barrow counties;
- (17) Region 17 shall be composed of Hall and Dawson counties;
- (18) Region 18 shall be composed of Gwinnett County;
- (19) Region 19 shall be composed of DeKalb County;
- (20) Region 20 shall be composed of Clayton County;
- (21) Region 21 shall be composed of Henry County;
- (22) Region 22 shall be composed of Rockdale County;
- (23) Region 23 shall be composed of Clarke and Oconee counties;
- (24) Region 24 shall be composed of Walton and Newton counties;
- (25) Region 25 shall be composed of Wilkes, Lincoln, Taliaferro, McDuffie, Warren, and Glascock counties;
- (26) Region 26 shall be composed of Columbia, Richmond, and Burke counties;

- (27) Region 27 shall be composed of Greene, Morgan, Hancock, Putnam, Jasper, Jones, Baldwin, and Wilkinson counties;
- (28) Region 28 shall be composed of Butts, Lamar, and Monroe counties;
- (29) Region 29 shall be composed of Fayette, Spalding, Pike, and Upson counties;
- (30) Region 30 shall be composed of Carroll, Heard, Troup, Coweta, and Meriwether counties;
- (31) Region 31 shall be composed of Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Marion, and Chattahoochee counties;
- (32) Region 32 shall be composed of Bibb, Crawford, and Twiggs counties;
- (33) Region 33 shall be composed of Houston and Peach counties;
- (34) Region 34 shall be composed of Laurens, Johnson, and Treutlen counties;
- (35) Region 35 shall be composed of Washington, Jefferson, Emanuel, Candler, and Toombs counties;
- (36) Region 36 shall be composed of Jenkins, Screven, Bulloch, and Effingham counties;
- (37) Region 37 shall be composed of Chatham County;
- (38) Region 38 shall be composed of Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, Long, Tattnall, and Evans counties;
- (39) Region 39 shall be composed of Glynn, Camden, Wayne, Appling, and Jeff Davis counties;
- (40) Region 40 shall be composed of Dodge, Telfair, Montgomery, Wheeler, Bleckley, and Pulaski counties;
- (41) Region 41 shall be composed of Charlton, Ware, Brantley, Pierce, Bacon, and Coffee counties;
- (42) Region 42 shall be composed of Clinch, Atkinson, Lanier, Berrien, and Cook counties;
- (43) Region 43 shall be composed of Lowndes, Colquitt, Echols, Brooks, and Thomas counties;
- (44) Region 44 shall be composed of Tift, Turner, Irwin, and Worth counties;
- (45) Region 45 shall be composed of Dooly, Crisp, Ben Hill, and Wilcox counties;
- (46) Region 46 shall be composed of Dougherty County;
- (47) Region 47 shall be composed of Lee, Sumter, Macon, Schley, Webster, and Stewart counties;
- (48) Region 48 shall be composed of Calhoun, Baker, Mitchell, Decatur, and Grady counties; and
- (49) Region 49 shall be composed of Terrell, Randolph, Quitman, Clay, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties.

26-5-49.

(a) Narcotic treatment programs shall not provide a bounty, free services, free medication, or other rewards for patient referral to such program.

(b) Narcotic treatment programs shall not provide temporary discounted financial incentives to a potential patient that does not conform to the schedule of fees

established by such program as required by the department's rules and regulations.

(c) Narcotic treatment programs shall not provide discounted fees for services during the first 90 days of treatment.

(d) This Code section shall not apply to drug dependent pregnant females or indigent patients.

26-5-50.

Narcotic treatment programs shall fully comply with local zoning requirements.

26-5-51.

Subject to the limitations of Code Section 26-5-56, the department may require at reasonable intervals that each licensee shall furnish copies of complete records of each person treated or advised by the narcotic treatment program; provided, however, that patient identifying information shall be redacted from such records prior to submission to the department.

26-5-52.

Each licensee shall permit the authorized department representatives to enter upon and inspect any and all premises upon or in which a program is to be conducted or for which a license has been applied so that verification of compliance with all relevant laws or regulations can be made.

26-5-53.

The department may deny any license applied for under this article that does not fulfill the minimum requirements which the department shall prescribe by rules and regulations and may suspend or revoke a license which has been issued if an applicant or a licensee violates any of such rules and regulations; provided, however, that before any order is entered denying a license applied for or suspending or revoking a license previously granted, the applicant or licensee, as the case may be, shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

26-5-54.

Notice of a proposed suspension or revocation of a license shall be provided in writing by the department to any licensee so affected within 90 days after the open enrollment period has closed or the grounds are discovered. Within ten days from receipt of such notice, the licensee so affected may request a hearing before the department. Upon receipt of such request for hearing in proper form, the department shall schedule a hearing within a reasonable time, but not later than 90 days.

26-5-55.

The promulgation of reasonable and necessary rules and regulations, the conduct of administrative hearings, and judicial review of the department's actions shall be subject to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

26-5-56.

For the purpose of providing more effective treatment and rehabilitation, the records and name of any drug dependent person who seeks or obtains treatment, therapeutic advice, or counsel from any program licensed under this chapter shall be confidential and shall not be revealed except to the extent authorized in writing by the drug dependent person affected; furthermore, any communication by such drug dependent person to an authorized employee of any holder of a license shall be deemed confidential; provided, however, that, except for matters privileged under other laws of this state, the records of such person and information about such person shall be produced in response to a valid court order of any court of competent jurisdiction after a full and fair show-cause hearing and in response to a departmental request for access for licensing purposes when such request is accompanied by a written statement that no record of patient identifying information will be made.

26-5-57.

The department is authorized to enforce this article and the rules and regulations promulgated under this article by injunction. Any violation of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated under this article shall be a nuisance per se; and it shall not be necessary to allege or prove the exhaustion of remedies at law to obtain an injunction under this Code section.

26-5-58.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

26-5-59.

Any program licensed or funded by the department under this article shall implement a priority admissions policy for the treatment of drug dependent pregnant females which provides for immediate access to services for any such female applying for admission, which access shall be contingent only upon the availability of space.

26-5-60.

To prevent simultaneous enrollment of a patient in more than one program, all programs shall comply with the policies and participate in the central registry operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Programs shall comply with the rules and regulations of the department regarding the central registry.

26-5-61.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Administrator' means the individual designated by the program's governing body who is responsible for the on-going and day-to-day operations of the program, for overall compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the operation of narcotic treatment programs, and for all program employees including

practitioners, agents, or other persons providing services at the program.

(2) 'Applicant' means any individual affiliated with a partnership, corporation, association or individuals or groups of individuals submitting an application to operate a narcotic treatment program under this article.

(3) 'Conviction' means a finding or verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty regardless of whether an appeal of the conviction has been sought.

(4) 'Criminal record' means any of the following:

(A) Conviction of a crime;

(B) Arrest, charge, and sentencing for a crime where:

(i) A plea of nolo contendere was entered to the charge;

(ii) First offender treatment without adjudication of guilt pursuant to the charge was granted; or

(iii) Adjudication or sentence was otherwise withheld or not entered on the charge; or

(C) Arrest and being charged for a crime if the charge is pending, unless the time for prosecuting such crime has expired pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 17.

(5) 'Program' means a narcotic treatment program required to be licensed under this article.

(6) 'GCIC' means the Georgia Crime Information Center established under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35.

(7) 'GCIC information' means criminal history record information as defined in Code Section 35-3-30.

(8) 'Records check application' means fingerprints in such form and of such quality as prescribed by the Georgia Crime Information Center and under standards adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a records search fee to be established by the department by rule and regulation, payable in such form as the department may direct to cover the cost of obtaining criminal background information pursuant to this Code section.

(b)(1) Prior to approving any license for a new program and periodically as established by the department by rules and regulations, the department shall require an administrator and applicant to submit a records check application. The department shall establish a uniform method of obtaining an administrator's and applicant's records check application.

(2)(A) Unless the department contracts pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the department shall transmit to the GCIC the fingerprints and records search fee from each fingerprint records check application in accordance with Code Section 35-3-35. Upon receipt thereof, the GCIC shall promptly transmit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and an appropriate report and shall promptly conduct a search of its records and records to which it has access. Within ten days after receiving fingerprints acceptable to the GCIC and the fee, the GCIC shall notify the department in writing of any criminal record or if there is no such finding. After a search of Federal Bureau of Investigation records and fingerprints and upon receipt of the bureau's

report, the department shall make a determination about an administrator's and applicant's criminal record and shall notify the administrator or applicant in writing as to the department's determination as to whether such administrator or applicant has or does not have a criminal record.

(B) The department may either perform criminal background checks under agreement with the GCIC or contract with the GCIC and appropriate law enforcement agencies which have access to the GCIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation information to have those agencies perform for the department criminal background checks for administrators and applicants. The department or the appropriate law enforcement agencies may charge reasonable fees for performing criminal background checks.

(3) The department's determination regarding an administrator's or an applicant's criminal record, or any action by the department revoking or refusing to grant a license based on such determination, shall constitute a contested case for purposes of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' except that any hearing required to be held pursuant thereto may be held reasonably expeditiously after such determination or action by the department.

(4) Neither the GCIC, the department, any law enforcement agency, nor the employees of any such entities shall be responsible for the accuracy of information nor have any liability for defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, or any other claim in connection with any dissemination of information or determination based thereon pursuant to this Code section.

(c) All information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the GCIC shall be for the exclusive purpose of approving or denying the granting of a license to a new program and shall not be released or otherwise disclosed to any other person or agency. All such information collected by the department shall be maintained by the department pursuant to laws regarding and the rules or regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the GCIC, as is applicable. Penalties for the unauthorized release or disclosure of any such information shall be as prescribed pursuant to laws regarding and rules or regulations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the GCIC, as is applicable.

(d) The requirements of this Code section are supplemental to any requirements for a license application or other requirements imposed by this article.

(e) The department shall promulgate written rules and regulations reasonable and necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.

26-5-62.

Unless otherwise provided, this article shall not invalidate or affect any rules or regulations which were in effect upon its effective date, promulgated pursuant to authority given by law, and such rules and regulations shall remain in force until repealed, replaced, or invalidated."



**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by replacing "chapter" with "article" wherever the former word occurs in:

- (1) Code Section 26-5-1, relating to the short title;
- (2) Code Section 26-5-2, relating to legislative intent;
- (3) Code Section 26-5-3, relating to definitions regarding drug abuse treatment and education programs;
- (4) Code Section 26-5-6, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations;
- (5) Code Section 26-5-7, relating to license required;
- (6) Code Section 26-5-9, relating to provisional licenses;
- (7) Code Section 26-5-10, relating to issuance of license and revocation or suspension;
- (8) Code Section 26-5-17, relating to confidentiality of records, names, and communications;
- (9) Code Section 26-5-18, relating to injunctions and nuisances per se;
- (10) Code Section 26-5-19, relating to penalty;
- (11) Code Section 26-5-20, relating to priority admissions policy for drug dependent pregnant females; and
- (12) Code Section 26-5-21, relating to the State Commission on Narcotic Treatment Programs.

**SECTION 3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 26-5-14, relating to denial, suspension, or revocation of license, as follows:

"26-5-14.

The department may deny any license applied for under this ~~chapter~~ article that does not fulfill the minimum requirements which the department may prescribe by rules and regulations and may suspend or revoke a license which has been issued if an applicant or a licensee violates any of such rules and regulations; provided, however, that before any order is entered denying a license applied for or suspending or revoking a license previously granted, the applicant or license holder, as the case may be, shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing as provided for in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

**SECTION 4.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 5.**

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

Senator Mullis of the 53rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 88 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House substitute to SB 88 (LC 33 7039S) by striking lines 262 and 263 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section shall not apply to drug dependent pregnant females.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 5; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 88 as amended by the Senate.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

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Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 88. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes".

/s/ Greg Kirk  
District 13

Senator Mullis of the 53rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 180. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as delete an income tax deduction for certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians; to create a new income tax credit for taxpayers who are licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, or physician assistants who provide uncompensated preceptorship training to medical students, advanced practice registered nurse students, or physician assistant students for certain periods of time; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to change certain amounts eligible for the credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, is amended by repealing Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to tax credits for donations to certain rural hospitals, and adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-8-9.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical access hospital' means a hospital that meets the requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be designated as a critical access hospital and that is recognized by the department as a critical access hospital for purposes of Medicaid.

(2) 'Rural county' means a county having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and medicare and accepts both Medicaid and medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Has at least 10 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law.

(b)(1) By December 1 of each year, the department shall approve a list of rural hospital organizations eligible to receive contributions from the tax credit provided pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 and transmit such list to the Department of Revenue.

(2) Before any rural hospital organization is included on the list as eligible to receive contributions from the tax credit provided pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20, it shall submit to the department a five-year plan detailing the financial viability and stability of the rural hospital organization. The criteria to be included in the five-year plan shall be established by the department.

(c)(1) A rural hospital organization that receives donations pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 shall:

(A) Utilize such donations for the provision of health care related services for residents of a rural county or for residents of the area served by a critical access hospital; and

(B) Report on a form provided by the department;

- (i) All contributions received from individual and corporate donors pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 detailing the manner in which the contributions received were expended by the rural hospital organization; and
  - (ii) Any payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received by the rural hospital organization pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 48-7-29.20. In no event shall payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received pursuant to this Code section exceed 3 percent of the total amount of the donations.
- (2) The department shall annually prepare a report compiling the information received pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection for the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee."

## SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, is amended by revising paragraph (13.2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, as follows:

~~"(13.2)(A) An amount equal to \$1,000.00 for any physician who served as the community based faculty physician for a medical core clerkship provided by community based faculty.~~

~~(B) An amount equal to \$1,000.00 for any physician who served as the community based faculty physician for a physician assistant core clerkship provided by community based faculty.~~

~~(C) An amount equal to \$1,000.00 for any physician who served as the community based faculty physician for a nurse practitioner core clerkship provided by community based faculty.~~

~~(D) As used in this paragraph, the term:~~

~~(i) 'Community based faculty physician' means a noncompensated physician who provides a minimum of three and a maximum of ten clerkships within a calendar year.~~

~~(ii) 'Medical core clerkship,' 'physician assistant core clerkship,' or 'nurse practitioner core clerkship' means a clerkship for a student who is enrolled in a Georgia medical school, a Georgia physician assistant school, or a Georgia nurse practitioner school and who completes a minimum of 160 hours of community based instruction in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, psychiatry, or general surgery under the guidance of a community based faculty physician.~~

~~(E) The state wide Area Health Education Centers Program Office at Georgia Regents University shall administer the program and certify rotations for the department.~~

~~(F) This paragraph shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014;"~~

**SECTION 3.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsections (b), (c), and (e) of Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, as follows:

"(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$2,500.00~~ \$5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less.

(c) A corporation or other entity shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses in an amount not to exceed ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or 75 percent of the corporation's income tax liability, whichever is less."

"(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~\$50~~ \$60 million in 2017, \$60 million in 2018, and ~~\$70~~ \$60 million in 2019.

(2)(A) No more than \$4 million of the aggregate limit established by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be contributed to any individual rural hospital organization in any taxable year. From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, the commissioner shall only preapprove contributions submitted by individual taxpayers in an amount not to exceed \$2 million, and from corporate donors in an amount not to exceed \$2 million. From July 1 to December 31 each taxable year, subject to the aggregate limit in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit in this paragraph, the commissioner shall approve contributions submitted by individual taxpayers and corporations or other entities.

(B) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that has received the maximum amount of contributions for that taxable year, the Department of Community Health shall provide the individual or corporate donor with a list, ranked in order of financial need, as determined by the Department of Community Health, of rural hospital organizations still eligible to receive contributions for the taxable year.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural hospital organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a rural hospital organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contribution that the taxpayer intends to make to the rural hospital organization. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount ~~with~~ within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide written notice to the taxpayer and rural hospital organization of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 60 days after receiving notice

from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limits prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4)(A) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section shall retain their approval in the event the credit percentage in subsection (b) of this Code section is modified for the year in which the taxpayer was preapproved.

(C) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section shall receive the full benefit of the income tax credit established by this Code section even though the rural hospital organization to which the taxpayer made a donation does not properly comply with the reports or filings required by this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to rural hospital organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the rural hospital organization is removed from the Department of Community Health list pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection."

#### SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Advanced practice registered nurse student' means an individual participating in a training program in this state that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body for advanced practice registered nursing programs for the training of individuals to become advanced practice registered nurses as defined in paragraph (1.1) of Code Section 43-26-3.

(2) 'Community based faculty preceptor' means an individual who is a physician as defined in paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-34-21, an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in paragraph (1.1) of Code Section 43-26-3, or a physician assistant as defined in paragraph (7) of Code Section 43-34-102.

(3) 'Medical student' means an individual participating in his or her third or fourth year of a program in this state that is approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board for the training of doctors of medicine or doctors of osteopathic medicine.

(4) 'Physician assistant student' means an individual participating in a training program in this state that is approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board for the training of individuals to become physician assistants as defined in paragraph (7)

of Code Section 43-34-102.

(5) 'Preceptorship rotation' means a period of preceptorship training of one or more medical students, physician assistant students, or advanced practice registered nurse students that in aggregate totals 160 hours.

(6) 'Preceptorship training' means uncompensated community based training of a medical student, advanced practice registered nurse student, or physician assistant student in Georgia.

(b)(1) A community based faculty preceptor shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by Code Section 48-7-20 if he or she conducts a preceptorship rotation.

(2) Such credit shall be accrued on a per preceptorship rotation basis in the amount of \$500.00 for the first, second, or third preceptorship rotation and \$1,000.00 for the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, or tenth preceptorship rotation completed in one calendar year by a community based faculty preceptor who is a physician as defined in paragraph (2) of Code Section 43-34-21 and \$375.00 for the first, second, or third preceptorship rotation and \$750.00 for the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, or tenth preceptorship rotation completed in one calendar year by a community based faculty preceptor who is an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in paragraph (1.1) of Code Section 43-26-3 or a physician assistant as defined in paragraph (7) of Code Section 43-34-102.

(3) An individual shall not accrue credit for more than ten preceptorship rotations in one calendar year.

(c)(1) A community based faculty preceptor shall not be eligible to earn hours credited toward preceptorship training if he or she has not registered with the state-wide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program Office at Augusta University.

(2) The AHEC Program Office at Augusta University shall administer the program and certify preceptorship rotations for the department.

(d) To receive the credit allowed by this Code section, a community based faculty preceptor shall claim such credit on his or her return for the tax year in which he or she completed the preceptorship rotation, shall certify that he or she did not receive payment during such tax year from any source for the training of a medical student, advanced practice registered nurse student, or physician assistant student and shall submit supporting documentation as prescribed by the commissioner.

(e) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. No such tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior or succeeding years' tax liability.

(f)(1) On August 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall issue a report to the Governor, the chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee, and the chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means concerning the tax credit created by this Code section.

(2) Such report shall include, for the prior calendar year, the:

(A) Number of individuals claiming a credit pursuant to this Code section; and

(B) Total value of all credits claimed pursuant to this Code section.

(g) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations



necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this Code section."

#### **SECTION 5.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017; provided, however, that paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to tax credits for donations to certain rural hospitals, shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

#### **SECTION 6.**

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

Senator Burke of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 180 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House substitute to SB 180 (LC 34 5234S) by deleting all matter from line 1 through the end and substituting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to change certain amounts eligible for the rural hospital organization income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### **SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, is amended by repealing Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to tax credits for donations to certain rural hospitals, and enacting a new Code Section 31-8-9.1 to read as follows:

"31-8-9.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Critical access hospital' means a hospital that meets the requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be designated as a critical access hospital and that is recognized by the department as a critical access hospital for purposes of Medicaid.

(2) 'Rural county' means a county having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military

personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 7 of this title that:

(A) Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and medicare and accepts both Medicaid and medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Has at least 10 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 of this title or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law.

(b)(1) By December 1 of each year, the department shall approve a list of rural hospital organizations eligible to receive contributions from the tax credit provided pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 and transmit such list to the Department of Revenue.

(2) Before any rural hospital organization is included on the list as eligible to receive contributions from the tax credit provided pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20, it shall submit to the department a five-year plan detailing the financial viability and stability of the rural hospital organization. The criteria to be included in the five-year plan shall be established by the department.

(c)(1) A rural hospital organization that receives donations pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 shall:

(A) Utilize such donations for the provision of health care related services for residents of a rural county or for residents of the area served by a critical access hospital; and

(B) Report on a form provided by the department:

(i) All contributions received from individual and corporate donors pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.20 detailing the manner in which the contributions received were expended by the rural hospital organization; and

(ii) Any payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received by the rural hospital organization pursuant to this Code section or Code Section 48-7-29.20. In no event shall payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received pursuant to this Code section exceed 3 percent of the total amount of the donations.

(2) The department shall annually prepare a report compiling the information

received pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection for the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee."

## SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising subsections (b), (c), and (e) of Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations, as follows:

"(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$2,500.00~~ \$5,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less.

(c) A corporation or other entity shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified rural hospital organization expenses in an amount not to exceed ~~70~~ 90 percent of the actual amount expended or 75 percent of the corporation's income tax liability, whichever is less."

"(e)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed ~~\$50~~ \$60 million in 2017, \$60 million in 2018, and ~~\$70~~ \$60 million in 2019.

(2)(A) No more than \$4 million of the aggregate limit established by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be contributed to any individual rural hospital organization in any taxable year. From January 1 to June 30 each taxable year, the commissioner shall only preapprove contributions submitted by individual taxpayers in an amount not to exceed \$2 million, and from corporate donors in an amount not to exceed \$2 million. From July 1 to December 31 each taxable year, subject to the aggregate limit in paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit in this paragraph, the commissioner shall approve contributions submitted by individual taxpayers and corporations or other entities.

(B) In the event an individual or corporate donor desires to make a contribution to an individual rural hospital organization that has received the maximum amount of contributions for that taxable year, the Department of Community Health shall provide the individual or corporate donor with a list, ranked in order of financial need, as determined by the Department of Community Health, of rural hospital organizations still eligible to receive contributions for the taxable year.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a rural hospital organization shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a contribution to a rural hospital organization, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner specified by the department, of the total amount of contribution that the taxpayer intends to make to the rural hospital organization. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount ~~with~~ within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide written

notice to the taxpayer and rural hospital organization of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the contribution to the rural hospital organization within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved contribution amount when calculating the limits prescribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4)(A) Preapproval of contributions by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the individual rural hospital organization limit established under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section shall retain their approval in the event the credit percentage in subsection (b) of this Code section is modified for the year in which the taxpayer was preapproved.

(C) Upon the rural hospital organization's confirmation of receipt of donations that have been preapproved by the department, any taxpayer preapproved by the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section shall receive the full benefit of the income tax credit established by this Code section even though the rural hospital organization to which the taxpayer made a donation does not properly comply with the reports or filings required by this Code section.

(5) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the department shall not take any adverse action against donors to rural hospital organizations if the commissioner preapproved a donation for a tax credit prior to the date the rural hospital organization is removed from the Department of Community Health list pursuant to Code Section 31-8-9.1, and all such donations shall remain as preapproved tax credits subject only to the donor's compliance with paragraph (3) of this subsection."

### SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017; provided, however, that paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to tax credits for donations to certain rural hospitals, shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

### SECTION 4.

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

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	E Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 42, nays 9; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 180 as amended by the Senate.

At 1:07 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 2:00 p.m.

At 2:27 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 6th                      Martin of the 9th

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 246. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Millar of the 40th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for a final report; to provide for the abolishment of such charter commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To create the DeKalb County Charter Review Commission; to provide for its membership, officers, purpose, meetings, hearings, functions, powers, expenses, and duties; to provide for final reports; to provide for the abolishment of each such charter commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Definitions.

- (a) "Organizational Act" as used in this act refers to the Organizational Act of DeKalb County, Georgia, Georgia Laws 1981, p. 4304, et seq., and all properly enacted amendments thereto.
- (b) "Governing Authority" as used in this act refers to the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, as defined in Section 1 of the Organizational Act.
- (c) Any reference to the members of the General Assembly from DeKalb County, or to members of either the Senate or House of Representatives from DeKalb County refers to members of both houses, or of the identified house, whose senatorial or representative districts lie wholly or partially in DeKalb County.

**SECTION 2.**

Charter commission creation.

- (a) There is hereby created the DeKalb County Government Charter Review Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Charter Commission."
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Charter Commission to review the Organizational Act and to make such recommendations as the Charter Commission deems appropriate to ensure that the government of DeKalb County, Georgia is:
  - (1) Representative of all of the citizens of DeKalb County;
  - (2) Responsive to the needs and demands of the citizens of DeKalb County; and
  - (3) Delivering governmental services to all of the citizens of DeKalb County in an efficient and effective way.
- (c) It shall further be the duty of the Charter Commission to make such recommendations as it may deem necessary to harmonize all parts of the Organizational Act.
- (d) The Charter Commission shall refer to all previous studies of the DeKalb County government. It shall specifically consider the reports of the two previous charter commissions created by the General Assembly: the Local Government Commission (1954), the DeKalb County Government Reorganization Commission (1979).

(e) In addition to the foregoing resources and within budgetary limitations, the Charter Commission shall have complete authority to gather information from whatever source it deems necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its duties outlined in this Act. Officials and employees of the State of Georgia shall be authorized to provide information and assistance to the Charter Commission to enable the Charter Commission to carry out its duties under this Act. Should any official of the State of Georgia or DeKalb County refuse the reasonable request of the Charter Commission, or undertake, directly or indirectly, to hinder the Charter Commission in the proper performance of its duties, the Charter Commission, by majority vote, may refer the matter to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of DeKalb County who may be asked to order the information released.

(f) The Charter Commission, within budgetary limitations, shall hold such number of public meetings and hearings as the Charter Commission deems necessary to obtain the opinions of the citizens of DeKalb County relative to the organization and functioning of the government of DeKalb County, and to inform the citizens of DeKalb County of the work of the Charter Commission. The Charter Commission shall hold at least one public hearing, and all meetings of the Charter Commission shall occur in DeKalb County. The Charter Commission shall publicize the time, place, date, and purpose of each such public hearing in advance of the date of such public hearing.

(g) The initial Charter Commission shall be formed in 2017, and a new Charter Commission shall be formed decennially thereafter in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Act.

### **SECTION 3.**

#### **Membership.**

(a) Because a legitimate government can exist only by the consent of the governed, it is the intention of the General Assembly that the Charter Commission shall be composed of 13 citizens of DeKalb County who have been residents of DeKalb County for at least one year immediately preceding the date of taking office and who remain residents of DeKalb County while in office; each residing in a separate district of commissioner Districts 1 through 5.

(b) The members of the Charter Commission shall be selected as follows:

- (1) One member shall be appointed by the board of education of DeKalb County;
- (2) Three members; each residing in a separate district of commissioner Districts 1 through 5, shall be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, who shall appoint two of said members as cochairpersons;
- (3) Three members; each residing in a separate district of commissioner Districts 1 through 5, shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, which shall determine the manner in which it shall act to elect its members to the Charter Commission; provided that it shall consider a prospective member's skills, knowledge, training, and experience which are directly related to the stated duties of the Charter Commission;

- (4) Two members shall be appointed by the DeKalb County delegation in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly, and one may be a member of the DeKalb County delegation in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly;
  - (5) Two members shall be appointed by the DeKalb County delegation in the Senate of the General Assembly and one may be a member of the DeKalb County delegation in the Senate of the General Assembly; and
  - (6) The chairpersons of the DeKalb County delegation of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly and Senate of the General Assembly shall be members ex officio.
- (c) The board of education of DeKalb County shall determine the manner in which it shall act to elect its member to the Charter Commission; provided that it shall consider a prospective member's skills, knowledge, training, and experience which are directly related to the stated duties of the Charter Commission. The board of education of DeKalb County shall act to elect its member prior to July 1 of the year of appointment of the Charter Commission, and shall notify the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County and the presiding officer of the county commission of the name and address of the member elected not later than July 1 of each such year.
- (d) All members shall be appointed no later than July 1.
- (e) In the event any member of the Charter Commission, without good cause, fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Charter Commission, such member's position on the Charter Commission shall become vacant.
- (f) After proper notice, the authority which originally elected or appointed the member shall fill a vacancy within 45 days.
- (g) Members shall serve without compensation, but, subject to budgetary limitations, the Charter Commission may authorize reimbursement for travel expenses at not more than that rate per mile at which members of the General Assembly are reimbursed.

#### **SECTION 4.** Organization.

- (a) By August 1 of the year of appointment of the Charter Commission, it shall be the duty of the appointed cochairpersons to call an organizational meeting of the Charter Commission. The cochairpersons shall convene the meeting and shall preside over the election of a secretary, and such other officers as the Charter Commission deems necessary, by majority vote.
- (b) The cochairpersons shall have full authority to preside over meetings, to lead and direct the Charter Commission and its activities, and act for the Charter Commission when so authorized by the Charter Commission. The presence of at least one cochairperson shall be necessary for the transaction of any business by the Charter Commission.
- (c) Eight members of the Charter Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, any recommendation from the Charter Commission to add, eliminate, modify, or change any provision of the Organizational Act must be



approved by at least ten members of the Charter Commission. No vacancy on the Charter Commission shall impair the authority of the Charter Commission to carry out its duties under this Act.

(d) Unless expressly provided herein to the contrary, the Charter Commission shall have the authority to adopt bylaws, rules, or regulations governing its own operation, and it may organize itself into such committees and subcommittees as it deems necessary and appropriate.

#### **SECTION 5.**

Funding, expenses, and budget.

(a) The funds necessary for the operation of the Charter Commission may come from funds of DeKalb County, and it is hereby declared that the expenditure of such funds is for a public purpose and for a necessary governmental function.

(b) Subject to budgetary limitations, the Charter Commission shall be authorized to employ such staff and clerical personnel as may be necessary for it to efficiently and effectively carry out its duties and responsibilities under this Act.

(c) As soon as practicable following its organization, the Charter Commission shall prepare a budget, showing in detail anticipated expenditures for staff, employees, rent, equipment, supplies, printing, travel, and other incidental expenses. DeKalb County is requested to financially assist in the operation of the Charter Commission during its entire period of operation. The Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia is also requested to assist in the operation of the Charter Commission. If available, funds from other public sources may be utilized.

(d) When prepared, the budget shall be submitted to the Governing Authority for approval. At any time prior to final approval, the budget may be returned to the Charter Commission with comments. Once adopted, the budget may be amended from time to time, if necessary, but only any such amendment must be approved by the Governing Authority.

#### **SECTION 6.**

Final report; future charter commissions.

(a) The Charter Commission shall complete its review and deliberations, and shall issue its final report to the General Assembly not later than December 1 of the year following its appointment.

(b) The final report shall set forth the Charter Commission's recommendations and any suggested changes to the Organizational Act of DeKalb County.

(c) A copy of the final report shall be presented to each member of the General Assembly from DeKalb County.

(d) During the month following the issuance of its final report, the Charter Commission shall meet at least once with the members of the General Assembly from DeKalb County. The cochairpersons of the Charter Commission shall coordinate the date, time, and place

of such meetings with the chairpersons of the Senate and House delegations, who shall issue the formal call of such meetings to the members of the respective delegations.

(e) The initial Charter Commission, and each Charter Commission appointed decennially thereafter, shall stand abolished on December 31 of the year following its appointment.

#### SECTION 7.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

#### SECTION 8.

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

Senator Butler of the 55th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 246 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation substitute to SB 246 (LC 44 0493ERS) by replacing "13" with "15" on line 58.*

*By replacing "Three" with "Two" on line 64.*

*By replacing "Three" with "Four" on line 67.*

*By replacing "Two" with "Three" on line 73.*

*By replacing "Two" with "Three" on line 76.*

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Y Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Heath  
 Y Henson

Y Millar  
 Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 40, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 246 as amended by the Senate.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SR 95. By Senators Black of the 8th, Tippins of the 37th, Burke of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for distribution of the net proceeds of a sales and use tax for educational purposes between a county school system and one or more independent school systems located in such county; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:

*Amend SR 95 (LC 33 6843S) by striking lines 37 and 38 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

districts in the county or upon such other formula for distribution as may be authorized by local law. For purposes of this subparagraph, student enrollment shall be based on the

Senator Black of the 8th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to SR 95.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers  
 Y Anderson, L  
 Y Anderson, T  
 Y Beach  
 Y Black  
 Y Brass  
 Y Burke  
 N Butler  
 Y Cowsert  
 Y Davenport  
 Y Dugan  
 Fort

E Hill, H  
 Y Hill, Ja  
 Y Hufstetler  
 Y Jackson  
 James  
 Y Jeffares  
 Y Jones, B  
 Y Jones, E  
 Y Jones, H  
 Y Kennedy  
 Y Kirk  
 N Ligon

Orrock  
 Parent  
 Y Payne  
 Rhett  
 Y Seay  
 Y Shafer  
 Y Sims  
 Y Stone  
 N Tate  
 Y Thompson, B  
 Thompson, C  
 Y Tillery

Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 41, nays 6; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to SR 95.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 88. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Powell of the 171st, Quick of the 117th, Holcomb of the 81st and Evans of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding superior court judges, so as to revise the qualifications for superior court judges; to provide for the vacation of such office under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 88/SCSFA by replacing lines 3 through 4 with the following:*

such offices under certain circumstances; to provide for related

*By deleting lines 21 through 33.*

*By deleting lines 73 through 75 and redesignating Section 5 as Section 3.*

Senator Stone of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 88.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay

Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 88.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 268. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Rynders of the 152nd, Burns of the 159th, Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the time period for certification of election officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 268 (LC 28 8464S) by striking lines 310 through 318 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

- (E) Other documents or methods of proof that are established pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (P. L. 99-603);
- (F) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card ~~number~~, tribal treaty card ~~number~~, or tribal enrollment ~~number~~ card; and
- (G) For residents of this state who are United States citizens but are not in possession of any of the documents or methods of proof enumerated under subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph, other documents or methods of proof for establishing evidence of United States citizenship which shall be promulgated by rule and regulation of the State Election Board."

*By striking lines 330 and 331 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

voter registration application upon penalty of law and such application shall be processed without regard to the procedures outlined in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this Code section.

(b) For those voter registration applicants who have a Georgia driver's license number or identification card number for an identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40, or the last four digits of a social security number, a voter registration application may be accepted as valid only after the board of

*By striking lines 344 through 349 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(2) The applicant providing sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the applicant's identity, which sufficient evidence includes, but is not limited to, providing one of the forms of identification listed in subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-417.

*By striking lines 355 through 359 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

verified and that the applicant must provide sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the applicant's identity in order to have his or her application processed by the board of registrars.

*By striking lines 369 through 373 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the applicant's identity, by the end of the time period set forth in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-419.

*By striking lines 377 through 381 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

applicant is not verified and the applicant fails to present sufficient evidence to the board of registrars to verify the applicant's identity within 26 months following the date of the application.

*By striking lines 596 through 598 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

for any petition ~~or conduct any exit poll or public opinion poll with voters~~, nor shall any person, other than election officials discharging their duties, establish or set up any tables or booths on any day in which ballots are being cast:

*By striking "officers" on line 609 and inserting in lieu thereof "managers".*

Senator Burke of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 268.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	N Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 268.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SR 228. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of certain state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

#### A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Baldwin County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Camden County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Chatham County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Clinch County; authorizing the ground lease of certain state owned real property located in Coffee County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Crawford County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Dougherty County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Fannin County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Gordon County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Hall County; authorizing the conveyance

for exchange of certain state owned real property located in Houston County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Lincoln County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Muscogee County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Seminole County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Tattnall County; authorizing the ground lease of certain state owned real property located in Washington County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Worth County; authorizing the ground lease of certain state owned real property located in Bartow, Catoosa, Cobb, Fulton, Gordon, and Whitfield Counties, Georgia, and Hamilton County, Tennessee; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS:

- (1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Baldwin County, Georgia; and
- (2) Said property being approximately 2,134 acres of State property inventoried as of February 3, 2014 and on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission as Real Property Record 5171, known as the Central State Hospital campus (CSH Campus), founded in the mid-1800's when Milledgeville was the State Capitol, and to comply with the United States Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead decision regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act, in 1999 Central State Hospital began moving its consumers to community-based services leading to significant vacancies in CSH Campus buildings; and
- (3) Approximately 1,862 acres of certain improved and unimproved parcels, being a portion of the CSH Campus, in the custody of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Georgia Department of Corrections, were authorized for conveyance by the General Assembly of 2014 in Resolution Act 59 (SR 788); and
- (4) In spite of best efforts to convey the property authorized for conveyance, only 4 tracts, totaling approximately 17 acres, have been committed for conveyance, and 61 acres, including 2 other tracts, have been transferred to other State agencies on the CSH Campus; and
- (5) Numerous years of vacancy in buildings has allowed existing aged improvements to fall further into extreme disrepair, minimizing the State's ability to attract a purchaser for the remaining surplus property; and
- (6) The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Corrections have resolved to retain a total of 90 improved and unimproved acres and to surplus and convey by current legislative action the remaining 1,966 acres; and
- (7) Based on maintenance costs and building condition information provided by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the State Properties Commission staff believes the surplus property has a negative value to the State of Georgia; and



(8) The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority ("Authority") is a State-Chartered Authority which can issue its own revenue bonds and which has as its mission to convert land and/or buildings of the CSH Campus to economic commercial or industrial uses, or education, transportation or recreation uses; and

(9) The Authority desires to acquire the approximately 1,966 acres of improved and unimproved real property in order to carry out its mission, in accordance with a master plan to provide increased economic benefit to the State and said conveyance shall be "as is, where is, and with all faults"; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Baldwin County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract being approximately 10.60 acres lying and being in Land Lots 253 and 264 in the 1st Land District of the 321st GMD in Baldwin County, Georgia acquired by land transfer on February 15, 1952 from the State Department of Public Welfare as authorized by Resolution Act Number 121 (H.R. No. 237-908f) and approved by the Governor; and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission and was operated as the Commission's Oconee District Office; and

(4) By Resolution dated August 24, 2016, the Georgia Forestry Commission resolved to surplus the approximately 10.60 acres of improved real property to its current and future needs, and resolved to surplus the above-described property; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia ("State") is the owner by presumption of law of certain marshlands on a marsh island consisting of approximately 1,720 acres, now known as Raccoon Key located in the 33rd District of Camden County, Georgia, such marshlands being regulated by the Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") pursuant to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et seq., and the Governor's powers to regulate public property, O.C.G.A. 50-16-61; and

(2) Mapache, LLC ("Mapache") claims to own the above-referenced marshlands, including approximately 171 acres of currently diked freshwater ponds and approximately 3 acres of naturally occurring upland in fee simple based upon its predecessors' claim of title and pursuant to a warranty deed from Moser Financial LLC dated June 18, 2014 recorded in Deed Book 1717 Pages 384-386 of the Camden County Clerk of Superior Court and described on an aerial drawing of approximately 1,720 acres dated December 23, 2014 by Thomas and Hutton Engineering, which may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered

land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and  
(3) Mapache, pursuant to U. S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") Permit Application #SAS-2012-00938, desires to establish, construct, operate, maintain and monitor a proposed approximately 174-acre tidal marsh wetland mitigation bank on property described on that drawing titled "Settlement Proposal" by Resource and Land Consultants dated February 14, 2017 which is divided into Areas 1 through 9 ("the Mitigation Bank Property"), which may be further described by a survey to be submitted to the State Properties Commission, and Mapache desires to commercially sell mitigation credits from such bank in accordance with a mitigation banking instrument approved by USACE and the compensatory mitigation rules and regulations of USACE (33 C.F.R. 325 and 33 C.F.R. 332) and Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA", 40 C.F.R. Part 230); and

(4) To resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced marshlands, the State, as part of a settlement, seeks authorization to quitclaim to Mapache approximately 174 acres of the State's interest in the Mitigation Bank Property, of which title to approximately 105 acres located in Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the "Settlement Proposal" drawing shall immediately be subject to use restrictions, and approximately 69 acres in Areas 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the "Settlement Proposal" drawing shall be held in escrow for not more than five years, unless extended by the State Properties Commission, until such time as the mitigation bank is approved by USACE, after which time Mapache shall promptly cause the quitclaim deed to be recorded and shall promptly transfer to the State 15 percent of each credit release granted to the approved mitigation bank, under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission may stipulate; and

(5) In exchange for and in consideration of the above-referenced quitclaim from the State and in order to resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced marshlands, Mapache as part of a settlement, shall:

(A) Quitclaim to the State approximately 1,546 acres of marshlands which lie outside of the diked area of Raccoon Key shown on the eastern portion of the site on the aerial drawing of approximately 1,720 acres dated December 23, 2014 by Thomas and Hutton Engineering; and

(B) If no license or permit is issued to Mapache for a mitigation bank within the 5 year time limit (unless the time limit is extended by the State Properties Commission), Mapache shall return to the State the escrowed quitclaim deed of approximately 69 acres in Areas 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Settlement Proposal drawing. If a portion of Areas 6 through 9 is approved by USACE for a mitigation bank, Mapache shall record the escrowed quitclaim from the State and immediately convey to the State that portion of Areas 6 through 9 which was not approved by USACE for a mitigation bank; and

**WHEREAS:**

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner by presumption of law of certain marshlands and water bottoms lying and being in the 2nd Georgia Militia District of Lamar Ward,

City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and bounded north by a line running along the south side of a sheetpile bulkhead on the south side of the Savannah River, between property now or formerly owned by East Coast Associates, LLC of Harbor Street in the City of Savannah, on the east, and property now or formerly owned by Columbia Properties Savannah, LLC of 100 General McIntosh Boulevard in the City of Savannah, also known as the Marriott Hotel property, on the west, and otherwise on the east, south, and west by a line consisting of links 1 through 72, as shown on a plat prepared by Robert K. Morgan, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, R.L.S. # 3087, which marshland property is subject to regulation pursuant to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et seq. and the Governor's powers to regulate State-owned property, O.C.G.A. §50-16-61, and is hereinafter referred to as the "Property;" and

(2) The Property consists of State-owned marshlands that have been previously filled pursuant to Coastal Marshlands Protection Act Permits 512 and 524; and

(3) MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC, claims to own approximately 57.76 acres of land in fee simple lying immediately south of the sheetpile bulkhead previously described herein pursuant to a warranty deed from ALR Oglethorpe, LLC dated February 16, 2010 and recorded in Deed Book 358-Z Pages 132-161 of the Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court, which 57.76 acre tract is claimed to include the Property, and may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(4) MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC desires to construct a proposed development on this 57.76 acre tract adjacent to the Savannah River, which is claimed to include the Property; and

(5) To resolve any and all disputes as to ownership of the Property and all present or former littoral, wharfing, and other rights and privileges in and to the Property and adjoining tidally influenced water bottoms and tidal waters, the State seeks authorization to convey its interest in the Property to MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC in exchange for the conveyance of certain property from MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC, which property shall include a strip of land measuring three feet in width adjoining the sheetpile bulkhead described hereinabove for the length thereof, and the receipt of payment in an amount sufficient for the State to receive fair market value for any real property it may convey, and such other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia; provided nothing herein shall affect any rights or privileges in and to the Property and adjoining waters claimed by the City of Savannah; and

**WHEREAS:**

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Clinch County; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract being approximately

16.14 acres lying and being in Land Lot 497 of the 7th Land District of Clinch County, Georgia, as shown on a plat of survey entitled Proposed Department of Corrections Rehabilitation Center dated November 19, 1989 prepared by Privett and Associates, Inc., Surveyors & Land Planners, more particularly Park D. Privett, Jr., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor #2218, and on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission, and may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and was used as Homerville State Prison; and

(4) By Resolution dated November 5, 2009, the Georgia Department of Corrections resolved to surplus the approximately 16.14 acres of improved real property to its current and future needs; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Coffee County; and

(2) Said real property is all of that parcel or tract of approximately 22.06 acres described as Wiregrass Technical College - Coffee County lying and being in the City of Douglas in the original Land Lot 176, 6th Land District and acquired on May 12, 1995 for a consideration of \$0 from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and recorded at Deed Book 534, Page 85-88 and Plat Book 74, Page 69 of the Superior Court of Coffee County and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 08647, and may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Said real property was further improved with a 64,290 square foot building known as Wiregrass Regional College & Career Academy which was constructed with State funds for the Technical College System of Georgia and completed in 2016; and

(4) The Coffee County Board of Education is desirous of leasing approximately 15,635 square foot portion of the above-referenced one story building for use as the Academy portion of the Wiregrass Regional College and Career Academy, City of Douglas, Coffee County, Georgia for a term of 30 years for a consideration of \$10.00 per year (the Premises, and use of approximately 0.609 of an acre of shared parking area and an appurtenant 1.337 acre ingress/egress easement area (the Access Area as described on drawings on file at the State Properties Commission) and may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(5) The Technical College System of Georgia resolved on November 3, 2016 to support Coffee County Board of Education's leasing and use of the above-described property; and

## WHEREAS:

- (1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Crawford County, Georgia; and
- (2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract of approximately 20.72 acres lying and being in Land Lot 161, 7th Land District of Crawford County acquired on February 5, 2002 for \$10.00 from Crawford County, Georgia which is recorded at Deed Book 205, Page 384-386, and Plat Book 14, Page 318 of the Superior Court of Crawford County and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 09649, and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and
- (3) Said real property is under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is the former Crawford County Center of the Central Georgia Technical College; and
- (4) Said real property is improved with an approximately 20,000 square foot building which the Technical College System of Georgia would like to continue to use approximately 3,200 square feet of classroom space for teaching; and
- (5) The Technical College System of Georgia on November 3, 2016 resolved that the approximately 20.72 acres of property is surplus to its current and future needs due to decline in student enrollment, provided that the Technical College System of Georgia lease back approximately 3,200 square feet of classroom space for the consideration of \$10.00 per year from any grantee; and

## WHEREAS:

- (1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Dougherty County; and
- (2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract of approximately 5.03 acres described as the Department of Juvenile Justice's Albany Regional Youth Detention Center lying and being in Land Lot 361, 1st Land District, Dougherty County and acquired on January 24, 1966 for a consideration of \$10.00 from the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Dougherty County, Georgia, which is recorded at Deed Book 346, Page 332-335 of the Superior Court of Dougherty County and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record #004676, and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and
- (3) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice; and
- (4) By official action dated February 23, 2017, the Board of Juvenile Justice declared the approximately 5.03 acres of improved real property surplus to its current and future needs, and resolved to surplus the above-described property; and

## WHEREAS:

- (1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a reversionary interest in a certain parcel of

improved real property located in Fannin County; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract of approximately 3.56 acres described as the former Blue Ridge State Farmers' Market lying and being in Land Lot 315 of the 8th Land District, 2nd Section Blue Ridge, Fannin County, Georgia; and

(3) The State of Georgia conveyed the above described real property to the City of Blue Ridge on November 29, 2007 for \$1.00 subject to a restriction of public purpose use with a clause requiring the property to automatically revert should the public purpose use be discontinued; and

(4) By Letter, the City of Blue Ridge expressed interest to acquire the Property free of the public purpose use restriction; and

(5) With regard to the above-described real property, the State is desirous of releasing the public purpose use restriction and conveying the reversionary interest to the City of Blue Ridge for the consideration of \$14,000.00; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Gordon County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract being approximately 2 acres lying and being in Land Lot 191, 14th District, 3rd Section - acquired for the consideration of \$1.00 by way of Warranty Deeds from Gordon County dated February 16, 1961 and June 14, 1968, which are recorded in Deed Book 49, page 346 and Deed Book 12 pages 82-83, of the Superior Court of Gordon County, and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Records 001521 and 003816, respectively, and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and was used by the Law Enforcement and Wildlife Resources Divisions; and

(4) By letter dated December 6, 2016, Gordon County expressed interest in acquiring the property for the consideration of \$10.00 for public purpose in order to construct a new public health department; and

(5) By Commissioner's letter dated December 14, 2016, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources declared the approximately 2 acres of improved real property surplus to its current and future needs, and requested the authorization to convey the property to Gordon County, Georgia for the consideration of \$10.00 and the requirement that Gordon County use the property for solely public purposes in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Hall County; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract of approximately 3.07 acres described as a portion of State Patrol Post 6 lying and being in Land Lots 135, 136, and 138, 10th Land District, Hall County and acquired on January 21, 1958 for a consideration of \$10.00 from the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Hall County, Georgia, which is recorded at Deed Book 181, Page 568 of the Superior Court of Hall County and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record #02422, and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Department of Public Safety; and

(4) By official action dated January 6, 2017, the Department of Public Safety declared the approximately 0.253 of an acre of improved real property surplus to its current and future needs, and resolved to surplus the above-described property; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia ("State") is the owner of approximately 84.74 acres of real property located in Land Lots 187, 204, 205, 214, and 215 of the 5th District of Houston County, Georgia, in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, known as the Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project ("the property") at Echeconee Creek Wildlife Management Area; and

(2) The State acquired the property to expand its Echeconee Creek Wildlife Management Area and to buffer the Robins Air Force Base in order to protect it from any Base Realignment and Closure Commission issues; and

(3) That the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority desires, at its cost and expense, to establish and protect property as buffer for Robins Air Force Base; and

(4) By letter dated February 17, 2017 from the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources the approximately 84.74 acres were declared surplus to the Department's current and future needs, and authorization was requested for conveyance of the property to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority for the consideration of the payment of fair market value or exchange of real property, or a combination thereof, and such other conditions as the State Properties Commission may stipulate; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Lincoln County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract being approximately 0.453 acres lying and being in the 186th GMD and acquired on July 8, 1956 for the consideration of \$1.00 from M.P. Pope, which is recorded at Deed Book 18, Page 399, and Plat Book 1, Page 147 of the Superior Court of Lincoln County and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record 004800, and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission

for approval; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission and was operated as the Lincoln County Unit; and

(4) By Resolution dated February 23, 2016, the Georgia Forestry Commission resolved that the approximately 0.453 acres of improved real property is surplus to its current and future needs; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract being approximately 14.7 acres lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia acquired by Warranty Deed on December 30, 1949 from the City of Columbus, which is recorded at Deed Book 334 and Page 13 in the Clerk's Office of Superior Court of Muscogee County, and inventoried at the State Properties Commission as Real Property Record 01029, being the same property conveyed to the Georgia Building Authority (Markets) in two separate deeds totaling approximately 14.7 acres in 1967 and 1970 and inventoried at the State Properties Commission as Real Property Records 03473 and 04179 respectively, and being the same property that was conveyed to the State of Georgia on June 23, 2009 from the Georgia Building Authority, as successor to the Georgia Building Authority (Markets), which is recorded at Deed Book 09796 and Pages 192-197 in the Clerk's Office of Superior Court of Muscogee County and inventoried at the State Properties Commission as Real Property Record 10665; and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(3) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture and was operated as the Columbus Farmers Market until December 31, 2016; and

(4) By letter dated January 26, 2017, the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture declared the approximately 14.7 acres of improved real property surplus to the Department of Agriculture's current and future needs; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Seminole County, Georgia; and

(2) Said real property is all of that improved parcel or tract being approximately 4.67 acres lying and being in Land Lot 74 of the 14th Land District; and

(3) The State of Georgia previously conveyed said improved property to Seminole County, Georgia on May 6, 2006 for the consideration of \$10.00 subject to a restriction of public purpose use with a clause causing the property to automatically revert should the public purpose use be discontinued; and

(4) By Resolution dated November 8, 2016, Seminole County, Georgia determined the property was no longer needed and wished to revert the property to the State; and



- (5) Said real property has reverted to the State of Georgia with custody in the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and
- (6) By Resolution dated November 1, 2016, the City of Donalsonville approved a request to acquire the Property for the consideration of \$10.00 and public purpose and the requirement that the property be used solely for public purposes in perpetuity, specifically as a fire training facility for firefighters; and
- (7) The Georgia Department of Agriculture has resolved that said real property is surplus to its current and future needs and the State is desirous of conveying the property to the City of Donalsonville for \$10.00 subject to the inclusion of a public purpose use restriction; and

**WHEREAS:**

- (1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of real property located in Tattnall County, Georgia; and
- (2) Said improved real property is all that parcel or tract being approximately 5.23 acres lying and being in 1432nd G.M. District, Tattnall County, Georgia commonly known as the Tattnall Institute Building and the Allied Health Building and parking area at Southeastern Technical College-Glenville Campus, acquired by virtue of General Warranty Deed between the City of Glennville, Georgia, as the Grantor, and the State of Georgia, as the Grantee, dated June 14, 2001, for consideration of \$10.00 as recorded in Deed Book 432, Pages 451-453 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Tattnall County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission inventoried as Real Property Record 09498, and accompanying plat as recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Tattnall County, Georgia and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission; and
- (3) Said property is under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia; and
- (4) The Tattnall County Industrial Development Authority is desirous of acquiring approximately 4.6 acres of the improved property for the consideration of \$10.00 and the economic benefit to the State and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia; and
- (5) The Technical College System of Georgia resolved that the Property is surplus to its current and future needs; and

**WHEREAS:**

- (1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of improved real property located in Washington County, Georgia; and
- (2) Said real property is all of that parcel or tract consisting of approximately 45.6 acres lying and being in the 1488th GMD and located in Sandersville and acquired for consideration of \$10.00 from Washington County Board of Education; and
- (3) Said real property is improved with a 16,875 square foot building and a paved

truck driving range; and

(4) Washington County is desirous of leasing approximately 3,000 square feet of the building for the operation of a "911 Center" for a term of 20 years for the consideration of \$10.00 and payment of a prorated share of approximately 20 percent of the maintenance and utility costs of the building; and

(5) The Technical College System of Georgia resolved on November 3, 2016 to lease 3,000 square feet of the above-described property to Washington County; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of a certain parcel of real property located in Worth County; and

(2) Said real property is all of that parcel or tract of approximately 15 acres described as the Possum Poke in Possum Lane Tract located in Land Lot 337 of the 7th District of Worth County; and

(3) The State acquired the land on March 24, 1948 for \$0 from Stellanova Brunt Osborn, which is recorded at Deed Book 83, Page 298, of the Superior Court of Worth County and in the State Properties Commission inventory as Real Property Record #00146 ("the Property"); and said property may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval; and

(4) Said real property is under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources; however, an Executive Order was executed on December 12, 1966 and inventoried in the State Properties Commission as Real Property Record #11872 to transfer use of the Property to the Board of Regents University System of Georgia and a portion of the Property has since been used as part of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College for historical and horticultural purposes; and

(5) By Commissioner's letter dated December 14, 2015, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources declared the approximately 15 acres of real property surplus in order to clear title to the Property to the Board of Regents University System of Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

(1) The State of Georgia is the owner of certain parcels of improved real property located in Bartow, Catoosa, Cobb, Fulton, Gordon, and Whitfield Counties, Georgia, and Hamilton County, Tennessee; and

(2) Said property is defined as the Western and Atlantic Railroad and is approximately 137.33 miles in length with an accompanying rail corridor of approximately 66 feet in width and 23 feet above the top of the rack together with appurtenances, depots, sheds, buildings, bridges, sidings and spurs as described in that amended lease dated January 1, 1986, and inventoried in the State Properties Commission records as Real Property Record number 07352; and

(3) The above-described property is in the custody of the State Properties Commission; and

- (4) Said property is the subject of multiple lease agreements between the State of Georgia and CSXT Inc. ("CSXT") or its predecessors for approximately the last 100 years; and
- (5) The current amended lease agreement between the State of Georgia and CSXT expires on December 31, 2019; and
- (6) Pursuant to a solicitation of Class I railroads for sealed proposals, CSXT submitted a proposal for a lease for a term beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2069, for the consideration of base rent of \$12,100,000.00 at commencement escalating at 2.5 percent compounded annually and 50 percent of the revenue generated from existing or new CSXT agreements, subleases, easements, or licenses on the leased property and for such other consideration as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED  
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**ARTICLE I**  
**SECTION 1.**

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described property located in Baldwin County, containing approximately 1,966 acres and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 2.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority the above-described Property for a consideration of \$10.00 in accordance with that valuation of buildings and real property conducted by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and State Properties Commission staff, and said conveyance shall be as is, where is, and with all faults; and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 3.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 4.**

That the deed(s) and plat(s) shall be recorded by the grantee in the Superior Court of Baldwin County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 5.**

That the authorization to convey the above-described property to the Authority shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 6.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Baldwin County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 7.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Corrections until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE II  
SECTION 8.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Baldwin County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 9.**

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 10.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 11.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 12.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Baldwin County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 13.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE III  
SECTION 14.**

That the State of Georgia is the presumptive owner of certain marshlands, located in Camden County, Georgia, as described above, consisting of approximately 1,720 acres, which may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 15.**

That the Georgia General Assembly has declared that activities in the State's coastal marshlands must be regulated to ensure that the values and functions of the coastal marshlands are not impaired and that the Georgia General Assembly has authorized DNR to administer and enforce the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et seq. Furthermore, the Governor has authorized DNR to act on his behalf on all requests to utilize state-owned water bottoms covered by tidal waters which are in his custody and control, O.C.G.A. § 50-16-61.

**SECTION 16.**

That Mapache desires to, at its sole cost and expense, establish, construct, operate, maintain and monitor a tidal marsh wetland mitigation bank on the Mitigation Bank Property in accordance with a mitigation banking instrument approved by USACE and the compensatory mitigation rules and regulations of USACE (33 C.F.R. 325 and 33 C.F.R. 332) and EPA (40 C.F.R. Part 230).

**SECTION 17.**

That to resolve all disputes as to ownership of the above-referenced approximately 1,720 acres of marshland, the State Properties Commission is authorized to:

- (a) Quitclaim to Mapache approximately 174 acres of the State's interest in the Mitigation Bank Property, of which title to approximately 105 acres located in Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the "Settlement Proposal" drawing shall immediately be subject to use restrictions, and approximately 69 acres in Areas 6, 7, 8, and 9 shall be held in escrow for not more than five years, unless extended by the State Properties Commission, until such time as a mitigation bank is approved by USACE, after which time Mapache shall promptly cause the approximately 69 acre quitclaim deed from the State to be recorded and shall promptly transfer to the State 15 percent of each credit release to the approved mitigation bank, under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission may stipulate; and
- (b) In exchange for and in consideration of the above-referenced approximately 174 acre quitclaim from the State and in order to resolve all disputes as to ownership of the

above-referenced marshlands, Mapache, as part of a settlement, shall:

- (1) Quitclaim to the State approximately 1,546 acres of marshlands which lie outside of the diked area of Raccoon Key shown on the eastern portion of the site on the aerial drawing of approximately 1,720 acres dated December 23, 2014 by Thomas and Hutton Engineering; and
- (2) If no license or permit is issued to Mapache for a mitigation bank within the 5-year time limit (unless the time limit is extended by the State Properties Commission), Mapache shall promptly return to the State the escrowed quitclaim deed from the State of approximately 69 acres in Areas 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Settlement Proposal drawing. Or if a portion of Areas 6 through 9 is approved by USACE for a mitigation bank, Mapache shall record the escrowed deed then immediately quitclaim to the State that portion of Areas 6 through 9 which was not approved by USACE for a mitigation bank.

#### **SECTION 18.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized to place restrictions on any of the property to be quitclaimed to Mapache and to require a more particular description of the property that is to be so restricted.

#### **SECTION 19.**

That all quitclaim deeds executed in connection with this resolution, whether conveying property to or from the State, shall be recorded by Mapache in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Camden County, and Mapache shall provide a copy of the recorded deeds promptly to the State Properties Commission to be inventoried and retained by the State Properties Commission.

#### **SECTION 20.**

That the authorization in this resolution shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **SECTION 21.**

That the State of Georgia is the presumptive owner of certain marshlands and water bottoms formerly subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, lying and being located in Chatham County, Georgia, described and referred to as the Property in the premises stated above and shown on a plat of survey prepared by Robert K. Morgan, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, R.L.S. # 3087, a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein, and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 22.**

That MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC claims to own approximately 57.76 acres of land in fee simple lying immediately south of the sheetpile bulkhead, described in the premises stated hereinabove for the length thereof, pursuant to a warranty deed from ALR Oglethorpe, LLC dated February 16, 2010 and recorded in Deed Book 358-Z Pages 132-161 of the Chatham County Clerk of Superior Court, which 57.76 acre tract is claimed to include the Property, and may be more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 23.**

That MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC desires to, at its sole cost and expense, establish, construct, and develop this 57.76 acre tract of property adjacent to the Savannah River which is claimed to include the filled marshlands referred to as Property herein.

**SECTION 24.**

That to resolve any and all disputes as to the ownership of the Property and all present and former littoral, wharfing, and other rights, interests, and privileges in and to the Property and adjoining tidally influenced water bottoms and tidal waters, the State Properties Commission is authorized to convey the State's interest in the Property to MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC in exchange for the conveyance of certain property from MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC, which property shall include a strip of land measuring not less than three feet in width adjoining the sheetpile bulkhead described herein for the length thereof, and receipt of payment in an amount sufficient for the State to receive fair market value for any property it may convey, and such other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia; provided nothing herein shall affect any rights, interests, or privileges in the Property and adjoining waters claimed by the City of Savannah.

**SECTION 25.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized to require a more particular description of present and former property, rights, interests, and privileges that comprise all or part of the exchange authorized by this resolution.

**SECTION 26.**

That any quitclaim deed(s) or documents executed in connection with the sale, or exchange, or combination thereof contemplated by this resolution shall be recorded by MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, and that MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC shall provide a copy of the recorded deed(s) or documents promptly to the State Properties Commission to be inventoried and retained by the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 27.**

That the authorization in this resolution shall expire three years after the date that this resolution.

**ARTICLE V  
SECTION 28.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Clinch County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 29.**

That the above-described real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 30.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 31.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 32.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Clinch County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 33.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE VI  
SECTION 34.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved real property located in Coffee County and that in all matters relating to the leasing and use of the real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.



**SECTION 35.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, is authorized to ground lease the Premises and grant use of the shared parking and an appurtenant easement over the Access Area to Coffee County for a term of 30 years for the use, operation and maintenance of the Academy portion of the Wiregrass Regional College and Career Academy for education purposes for a consideration of \$10.00 per year.

**SECTION 36.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease and use, including the execution of all necessary documents.

**SECTION 37.**

That the lease shall be recorded by the lessee in the Superior Court of Coffee County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 38.**

That the authorization to lease and use the above-described property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 39.**

That custody of the above-described property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia.

**ARTICLE VII****SECTION 40.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Crawford County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 41.**

That the above-described real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 42.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 43.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 44.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Crawford County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 45.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE VIII****SECTION 46.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Dougherty County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 47.**

That the above-described real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the consideration of \$10.00, that title of said property may revert to the State of Georgia if the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia discontinues its use; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose; and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 48.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 49.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 50.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 51.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE IX  
SECTION 52.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Fannin County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 53.**

That the public purpose use restriction may be released and the reversionary interest in the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument from the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the City of Blue Ridge for the consideration of \$14,000.00, and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 54.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 55.**

That the authorization in this resolution to release the public purpose use restriction and convey the reversionary interest in the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 56.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Fannin County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 57.**

That custody of the reversionary interest in the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture until the property interest is conveyed.

**ARTICLE X  
SECTION 58.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Gordon County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 59.**

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to Gordon County, Georgia for \$10.00, so long as the property is used for public purpose; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 60.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 61.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 62.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Gordon County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 63.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE XI****SECTION 64.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Hall County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 65.**

That the above-described real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Department of Transportation for the consideration of \$22,072.00 in fee simple conveyance, \$15,000.00 for site improvements and \$103,345.00 for cost-to-cure to replace the septic system and water vault; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value; or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 66.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 67.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 68.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Hall County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 69.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Department of Public Safety until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE XII****SECTION 70.**

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described approximately 84.74 acres of real property located in Houston County, Georgia, and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 71.**

That the above-described property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority for the consideration of the payment of fair market value or exchange of real property, or a combination thereof, and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 72.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized to require a more particular description and/or survey of the areas that comprise all or part of the exchange.

**SECTION 73.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 74.**

That any deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of

Houston County and of any other applicable county, and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 75.**

That the authorization in this resolution shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 76.**

The custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**SECTION 77.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Lincoln County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 78.**

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 79.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 80.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 81.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Lincoln County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 82.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XIV  
**SECTION 83.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 84.**

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose; or to a local government or State entity for the payment of fair market value or exchange of real property, or a combination thereof; and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 85.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 86.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 87.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 88.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture until the property is conveyed.

ARTICLE XV  
**SECTION 89.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Seminole County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 90.**

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the City of Donalsonville for \$10.00, so long as the property is used for public purpose; or by competitive bid for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10.00 so long as the property is used for public purpose and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 91.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 92.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 93.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Seminole County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 94.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE XVI****SECTION 95.**

The State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described parcel of real property located in Tattnall County, Georgia containing approximately 4.6 acres and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of said real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 96.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through the State Properties Commission, is authorized to convey to the Tattnall County Industrial Development Authority the above-described property for a consideration of the economic benefit to the state as defined by the Department of Economic Development and such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.



**SECTION 97.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 98.**

That the deed(s) of conveyance shall be recorded by the grantee in the Superior Court of Tattnall County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 99.**

That the authorization to convey the above-described property shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 100.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE XVII****SECTION 101.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved real property located in Washington County and that in all matters relating to the leasing of the real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 102.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, is authorized to lease approximately 3,000 square feet of the above-described property to Washington County for use as a "911 Center" for a term of 20 years for a consideration of \$10.00 per year and payment of a prorated share of expenses for utilities and maintenance and other consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 103.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

**SECTION 104.**

That the lease shall be recorded by the lessee in the Superior Court of Washington County and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 105.**

That the authorization to lease and use the above-described property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 106.**

That custody of the above-described property shall remain in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia.

**ARTICLE XVIII****SECTION 107.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described real property located in Worth County and that in all matters relating to the conveyance of the real property, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 108.**

That the above-described improved real property may be conveyed by appropriate instrument by the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, to the Board of Regents University System of Georgia for \$10.00 for title clearing purposes.

**SECTION 109.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such conveyance.

**SECTION 110.**

That the authorization in this resolution to convey the above-described real property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 111.**

That the deed of conveyance shall be recorded by the Grantee in the Superior Court of Worth County, Georgia and a recorded copy shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 112.**

That custody of the above-described real property shall remain in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources until the property is conveyed.

**ARTICLE XIX****SECTION 113.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the above-described improved real property located in Bartow, Catoosa, Cobb, Fulton, Gordon, and Whitfield Counties, Georgia, and Hamilton County, Tennessee and that in all matters relating to the leasing of the real property the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 114.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, is authorized to enter into a lease of the above-described property to CSXT, Inc., provided that such lease does not preclude any authorized uses by the state, for a term of 50 years for a consideration of base rent of \$12,100,000.00 at commencement escalating at 2.5 percent compounded annually, provided that said base rent may be adjusted during the first year of the lease in order to account for expenses of the State Properties Commission related to lease negotiations, and 50 percent of the revenue generated from existing or new CSXT agreements, subleases, easements, or licenses on the leased property and such other consideration as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 115.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect such lease, including the execution of all necessary documents.

**SECTION 116.**

That the lease of the above-described property shall be recorded by the lessee in the Superior Courts of Bartow, Catoosa, Cobb, Fulton, Gordon, and Whitfield Counties, Georgia, and Hamilton County, Tennessee, and recorded copies shall be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 117.**

That the authorization to lease the above-described property shall expire three years after the date this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 118.**

That custody of the above-described property shall remain in the custody of the State Properties Commission.

**ARTICLE XX****SECTION 119.**

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 120.**

That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on SR 228 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8(d). The consent was granted, and Senator Ligon, Jr. was excused.

Senator Jones of the 25th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 228 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House substitute to SR 228 (SR 228/HCSFA) by deleting "and use" on line 1009.*

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SR 228 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SR 229. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 4th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Bleckley, Cherokee, Douglas, Evans, Glynn, Hall, Laurens, Rockdale, Upson, and Walton Counties; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

The House substitute was as follows:

### A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Baldwin, Bleckley, Chatham, Cherokee, Douglas, Effingham, Evans, Fulton, Glynn, Hall, Henry, Laurens, Madison, Rockdale, Upson, Walton, and White Counties; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is the owner of certain real property located in Baldwin, Bleckley, Chatham, Cherokee, Douglas, Effingham, Evans, Fulton, Glynn, Hall, Henry, Laurens, Madison, Rockdale, Upson, Walton, and White Counties; and

WHEREAS, City of Atlanta, Atlanta Gas Light, Bleckley County, Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation, City of Dublin, Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Pacific Consumer Products LP, Georgia Power Company, Greystone Power Company, Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation, Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation, Tribe Transportation, and Walton Electrical Membership Corporation desire to operate and maintain facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in on, over, under, upon, across, or through a portion of said property; and

WHEREAS, these non-exclusive easements, facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through the above-described State property have been requested or approved by the Department of Corrections, Coastal Resources Division, Department of Defense, Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, State Properties Commission, and Technical College System of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### ARTICLE I SECTION 1.

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lots 243 and 244, 5th Land District, 318th G.M. District, Baldwin County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Baldwin State Prison and the property is in the custody of the Department of Corrections which, by official action dated March 2, 2017, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 2.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, maintain, and operate a transmission line and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Baldwin County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.10 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lots 243 and 244, 5th Land District, 318th G.M. District, Baldwin County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 3.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, maintenance, and operation of a transmission line and associated equipment.

**SECTION 4.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the transmission line and associated equipment.

**SECTION 5.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the transmission line and associated equipment that this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transmission line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 6.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 7.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed

or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the road without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 8.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 9.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

#### **SECTION 10.**

That, the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value but not less than \$650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 11.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Baldwin County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 12.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 13.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE II****SECTION 14.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 57, 21st Land District, 1811th G.M. District, Bleckley County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated December 13, 2016, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 15.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Bleckley County, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to widen, pave, and maintain County Road 128 (a.k.a. Roy Bryant Road). Said easement area is located in Bleckley County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.86 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 57, 1811th G.M. District, Bleckley County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Bleckley County, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 16.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of widening, paving, and maintaining County Road 128.

**SECTION 17.**

That Bleckley County shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the widening, paving, and maintaining of County Road 128.

**SECTION 18.**

That, after Bleckley County has put into use the improved road that this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the



State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Bleckley County, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the improved road area shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

#### **SECTION 19.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Bleckley County and, except as herein specifically granted to Bleckley County, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Bleckley County.

#### **SECTION 20.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Bleckley County shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Bleckley County provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Bleckley County or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the road without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 21.**

That the easement granted to Bleckley County shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 22.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Bleckley County shall obtain any and

all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 23.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 24.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Bleckley County in the Superior Court of Bleckley County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 25.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Bleckley County shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 26.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE III**

**SECTION 27.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in 8th G.M. District, City of Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Coastal State Prison and the property is in the custody of the Department of Corrections which, by official action dated February 15, 2017, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 28.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain a power line and associated equipment to serve a new welding shop at Coastal State Prison. Said easement area is located in Chatham County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.02 of an acre, lying and being in the 8th G.M. District, City of Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey

prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 29.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a power line and associated equipment.

**SECTION 30.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said power line and associated equipment.

**SECTION 31.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the power line and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the power line and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 32.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 33.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and

relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 34.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 35.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 36.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 37.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Chatham County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 38.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 39.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**SECTION 40.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 10022, 15th District, 2nd Section, City of Woodstock, Cherokee County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Woodstock Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 2, 2016, does not object to the granting of an easement and, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 41.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Atlanta Gas Light Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain a gas regulator station and associated equipment to serve the Woodstock Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College. Said easement area is located in Cherokee County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.001 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 10022, 15th District, 2nd Section, Cherokee County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Atlanta Gas Light Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 42.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining a gas regulator station and associated equipment.

**SECTION 43.**

That Atlanta Gas Light Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation and maintenance of said gas regulator station and associated equipment.

**SECTION 44.**

That, after Atlanta Gas Light Company has put into use the gas regulator station and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Atlanta Gas Light Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the gas regulator station and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 45.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Atlanta Gas Light Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company.

**SECTION 46.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Atlanta Gas Light Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Atlanta Gas Light Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Atlanta Gas Light Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 47.**

That the easement granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 48.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Atlanta Gas Light Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 49.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 50.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Atlanta Gas Light Company in the Superior Court of Cherokee County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 51.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 52.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE V****SECTION 53.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 886, 18th Land District, 2nd Section, City of Lithia Springs, Douglas County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Sweetwater Creek State Park and that the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated April 27, 2016, does not object to the granting of an easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 54.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Greystone Power Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the park manager's residence at Sweetwater Creek State Park. Said easement area is located in Douglas County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.05 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 886, 18th Land District, 2nd Section, Douglas County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Greystone Power Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 55.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 56.**

That Greystone Power Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 57.**

That, after Greystone Power Corporation has put into use the electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Greystone Power Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the distribution lines and any associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 58.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Greystone Power Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Greystone Power Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Greystone Power Corporation.

**SECTION 59.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Greystone Power Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Greystone Power Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Greystone Power Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its



sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 60.**

That the easement granted to Greystone Power Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 61.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Greystone Power Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 62.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 63.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Greystone Power Corporation in the Superior Court of Douglas County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 64.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Greystone Power Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 65.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**SECTION 66.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner by presumption of law of certain marshlands of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Effingham County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Georgia Pacific Savannah River Mill Maintenance dredging area and the property is regulated by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-280, et seq., and the Governor's powers to regulate public property, O.C.G.A. § 50-16-61, and does not object to the granting of an easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 67.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to expand the current dredging area by 0.52 of an acre. Said easement area is located in Effingham County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.52 of an acre, lying and being in Effingham County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 68.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of expanding the current dredging area by 0.52 of an acre.

**SECTION 69.**

That Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper dredging.

**SECTION 70.**

That after Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP has put into use the easement area this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event any facilities shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 71.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP.

**SECTION 72.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 73.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 74.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 75.**

That, the consideration for such easement shall be \$650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 76.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP in the Superior Court of Effingham County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 77.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Pacific Consumer Products, LP shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 78.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE VII****SECTION 79.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in 401st G.M. District, City of Claxton, Evans County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as Evans County Public Fishing Area in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated October 26, 2016, does not object to the granting of this easement and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 80.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical lines and associated equipment to serve a new picnic pavilion. Said easement area is located in Evans County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.05 of an acre, lying and being in 401st G.M. District, Evans County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 81.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground electrical lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 82.**

That Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said underground electrical lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 83.**

That, after Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical lines and any equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 84.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation.

**SECTION 85.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission

determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 86.**

That the easement granted to Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 87.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

#### **SECTION 88.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 89.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Evans County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

#### **SECTION 90.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Canoochee Electrical Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

#### **SECTION 91.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**SECTION 92.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 17th District, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad in the custody of the State Properties Commission which does not object to the granting of this easement and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 93.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Atlanta, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain a subsurface deep drinking water tunnel and associated equipment as part of the City of Atlanta's Water Supply Program. Said easement area is located in Fulton County, and is more particularly described as follows: That approximately 0.0671 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 17th District, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the City of Atlanta, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 94.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a subsurface deep drinking water tunnel and associated equipment.

**SECTION 95.**

That the City of Atlanta shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of a subsurface deep drinking water tunnel and associated equipment.

**SECTION 96.**

That after the City of Atlanta has put into use the subsurface deep drinking water tunnel and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Atlanta, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the subsurface deep drinking water tunnel and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 97.**

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Atlanta and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Atlanta, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Atlanta.

**SECTION 98.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Atlanta provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Atlanta or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 99.**

That the easement granted to the City of Atlanta shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 100.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Atlanta shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.



**SECTION 101.**

That, the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value in the amount of \$1,403.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 102.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Atlanta in the Superior Court of Fulton County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 103.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Atlanta shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 104.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE IX****SECTION 105.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in 26th G.M. District, City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia, and the property commonly known as the Golden Isles Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated May 7, 2015, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 106.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Atlanta Gas Light Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Golden Isles Campus for construction project TCSG-247. Said easement area is located in Glynn County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.226 of an acre, lying and being in the 26th G.M. District, Glynn County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Atlanta Gas Light Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 107.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 108.**

That Atlanta Gas Light Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 109.**

That after Atlanta Gas Light Company has put into use the underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Atlanta Gas Light Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground gas distribution lines and any associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 110.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Atlanta Gas Light Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company.

**SECTION 111.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Atlanta Gas Light Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Atlanta Gas Light Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Atlanta Gas Light Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its

sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 112.**

That the easement granted to Atlanta Gas Light Company contains such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 113.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Atlanta Gas Light Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 114.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 115.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Atlanta Gas Light Company in the Superior Court of Glynn County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 116.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 117.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE X**  
**SECTION 118.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in the 26th G.M. District, City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia, and the property commonly known as the Golden Isles Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated June 4, 2015, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 119.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment to serve Golden Isles Campus for construction project TCSG-247. Said easement area is located in Glynn County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.0 acres, lying and being in the 26th G.M. District, Glynn County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Georgia Power Company and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 120.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 121.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said electrical transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 122.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use said electrical transmission lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the said electrical transmission lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 123.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 124.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 125.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 126.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 127.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 128.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Glynn County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 129.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 130.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XI****SECTION 131.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in 411th G.M. District, Hall County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Hall County Campus of Lanier Technical College and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, which, by official action dated December 1, 2016, does not object to the granting of an easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 132.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new Hall County Campus of Lanier Technical College (project TCSG-327). Said easement area is located in Hall County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 6.73 acres, lying and being in 411th G.M. District, Hall County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 133.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 134.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation and maintenance of said electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 135.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the electrical distribution lines and any associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 136.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 137.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole

discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 138.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 139.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 140.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 141.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Hall County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 142.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 143.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.



**ARTICLE XII**  
**SECTION 144.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in 411th G.M. District, Hall County, Georgia, and is commonly known as Hall County Campus of Lanier Technical College and the property is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated November 3, 2016, does not object to the granting of an easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 145.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Tribe Transportation, Inc., or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground utility lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Hall County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.176 acres, lying and being in 411th G.M. District, Hall County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Tribe Transportation, Inc., and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 146.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining underground utility lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 147.**

That Tribe Transportation, Inc. shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said underground utility lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 148.**

That, after Tribe Transportation, Inc. has put into use the underground utility lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Tribe Transportation, Inc., or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground utility lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 149.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Tribe Transportation, Inc. and, except as herein specifically granted to Tribe Transportation, Inc., all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Tribe Transportation, Inc.

**SECTION 150.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Tribe Transportation, Inc. shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Tribe Transportation, Inc. provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Tribe Transportation, Inc. or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 151.**

That the easement granted to Tribe Transportation, Inc. shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 152.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Tribe Transportation, Inc. shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 153.**

That, the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value but not less than \$650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 154.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Tribe Transportation, Inc. in the Superior Court of Hall County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 155.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Tribe Transportation, Inc. shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 156.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XIII  
SECTION 157.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 136, 7th District, City of McDonough, Henry County, Georgia, and the property commonly known as the Henry County Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia which, by official action dated February 2, 2017, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 158.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain electrical transmission lines and associated equipment to serve TCSG-317, Industrial Training and Technology Building at the Henry County Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College. Said easement area is located in Henry County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 3.14 acres, lying and being in Land Lot 136, 7th District, City of McDonough, Henry County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 159.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of electrical transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 160.**

That Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said electrical transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 161.**

That, after Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation has put into use said electrical transmission lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the said electrical transmission lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 162.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation.

**SECTION 163.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission

determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 164.**

That the easement granted to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 165.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a county with respect to the county road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 166.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 167.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Henry County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 168.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 169.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**SECTION 170.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 233 of the 1st Land District, Laurens County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as the Dublin Readiness Center in the custody of the Department of Defense which, by official action dated October 18, 2016, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 171.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the City of Dublin, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the replacement, operation, and maintenance of sewer lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located at the Dublin Readiness Center, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.16 of an acre temporary construction and 0.010 of an acre easement, lying and being in Land Lot 233 of the 1st Land District, Laurens County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a City of Dublin drawing and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 172.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the replacement, operation, and maintenance of sewer lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 173.**

That the City of Dublin shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper replacement, operation, and maintenance of sewer lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 174.**

That, after the City of Dublin has put into use the sewer lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the City of Dublin, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the easement area shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 175.**

That no title shall be conveyed to the City of Dublin and, except as herein specifically granted to the City of Dublin, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is

reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the City of Dublin.

#### **SECTION 176.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the City of Dublin shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the City of Dublin provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the City of Dublin or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 177.**

That the easement granted to the City of Dublin shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 178.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The City of Dublin shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

#### **SECTION 179.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 180.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the City of Dublin in the Superior Court of Laurens County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 181.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the City of Dublin shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 182.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XV****SECTION 183.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in 203rd G.M. District, Madison County, Georgia, and is commonly known as the Watson Mill Bridge State Park and the property is in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, which by official action dated January 27, 2017, does not object to the granting of an easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 184.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, and maintain electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve Watson Mill Bridge State Park and surrounding areas. Said easement area is located in Madison County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 2.0 acres, lying and being in 203rd G.M. District, Madison County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a drawing furnished by the Georgia Power Company, and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 185.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, and maintaining electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 186.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for



the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 187.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the electrical distribution lines and any associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 188.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 189.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 190.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission

is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 191.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 192.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00, the conveyance of any interest that Georgia Power Company may have in their existing 8.0 acre easement, and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 193.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Madison County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 194.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 195.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XVI**

**SECTION 196.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 237, of the 16th Land District, Rockdale County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as the Conyers Region 10, Investigative Office in the custody of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation which, by official action dated June 1, 2016, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 197.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of overhead and underground transmission lines and associated equipment to serve a new office modular unit. Said easement area is located in Rockdale County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.0007 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 237 of the 16th Land District, Rockdale County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a Georgia Power engineer drawing and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 198.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead and underground transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 199.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of said overhead and underground transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 200.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the overhead and underground transmission lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the transmission lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 201.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 202.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed

or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 203.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 204.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

#### **SECTION 205.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 206.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Rockdale County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 207.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 208.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XVII****SECTION 209.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 206 of the 15th Land District, Upson County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated September 28, 2016, does not object to the granting of this easement and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 210.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground and overhead power lines and associated equipment. Said easement area is located in Upson County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 1.0 acre, lying and being in Land Lot 206 of the 15th Land District, Upson County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a Georgia Power engineer drawing and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 211.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground and overhead power lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 212.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of said underground and overhead power lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 213.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground and overhead power lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground and overhead power lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 214.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 215.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 216.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 217.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 218.**

That the consideration for such easement shall be for fair market value but not less than \$650.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 219.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of Upson County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 220.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 221.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XVIII****SECTION 222.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 74, 1st District, Walton County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as the Walton Fish Hatchery in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated August 31, 2016, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 223.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Walton Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of

underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment to serve a new Wildlife Resources Division's Maintenance Building. Said easement area is located in Walton County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.08 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 74, 1st District of Walton County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a Walton Electrical Membership Corporation engineer drawing and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 224.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 225.**

That Walton Electrical Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of said underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 226.**

That, after Walton Electrical Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Walton Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical transmission lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 227.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Walton Electrical Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to Walton Electrical Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Walton Electrical Membership Corporation.

**SECTION 228.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with



the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Walton Electrical Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Walton Electrical Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Walton Electrical Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 229.**

That the easement granted to Walton Electrical Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 230.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Walton Electrical Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

#### **SECTION 231.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 232.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Walton Electrical Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of Walton County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 233.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Walton Electrical Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 234.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XIX****SECTION 235.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lots 56 and 73, 3rd Land District, White County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as the Hardman Farm Historic Site in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated January 27, 2017, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 236.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement to construct, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new entrance sign. Said easement area is located at the Hardman Farm Historic Site, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.3 of an acre easement, lying and being in Land Lots 56 and 73, 3rd Land District, White County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation drawing and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 237.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the construction, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new entrance sign.

**SECTION 238.**

That the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper construction, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 239.**

That, after the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation has put into use the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 240.**

That no title shall be conveyed to the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation and, except as herein specifically granted to the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation.

**SECTION 241.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 242.**

That the easement granted to the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State

Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

**SECTION 243.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. The Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

**SECTION 244.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

**SECTION 245.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation in the Superior Court of White County and a recorded copy shall be promptly forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 246.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to the Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 247.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XX**

**SECTION 248.**

That the State of Georgia is the owner of the hereinafter described real property lying and being in Land Lot 6, of the 3rd Land District, White County, Georgia, and the property is commonly known as Unicoi State Park in the custody of the Department of Natural Resources which, by official action dated January 27, 2017, does not object to the granting of this easement, and that, in all matters relating to the easement, the State of Georgia is acting by and through its State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 249.**

That the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, may grant to Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground transmission lines and associated equipment to serve a new archery range restroom building. Said easement area is located in White County, and is more particularly described as follows:

That approximately 0.25 of an acre, lying and being in Land Lot 6, of the 3rd Land District, White County, Georgia, and that portion only as shown on a Georgia Power engineer drawing and being on file in the offices of the State Properties Commission and may be more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by a Georgia registered land surveyor and presented to the State Properties Commission for approval.

**SECTION 250.**

That the above-described premises shall be used solely for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of underground transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 251.**

That Georgia Power Company shall have the right to remove or cause to be removed from said easement area only such trees and bushes as may be reasonably necessary for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of said underground transmission lines and associated equipment.

**SECTION 252.**

That, after Georgia Power Company has put into use the underground transmission lines and associated equipment this easement is granted for, a subsequent abandonment of the use thereof shall cause a reversion to the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein. Upon abandonment, Georgia Power Company, or its successors and assigns, shall have the option of removing their facilities from the easement area or leaving the same in place, in which event the underground transmission lines and associated equipment shall become the property of the State of Georgia, or its successors and assigns.

**SECTION 253.**

That no title shall be conveyed to Georgia Power Company and, except as herein specifically granted to Georgia Power Company, all rights, title, and interest in and to said easement area is reserved in the State of Georgia, which may make any use of said easement area not inconsistent with or detrimental to the rights, privileges, and interest granted to Georgia Power Company.

**SECTION 254.**

That if the State of Georgia, acting by and through its State Properties Commission, determines that any or all of the facilities placed on the easement area should be removed

or relocated to an alternate site on State-owned land in order to avoid interference with the State's use or intended use of the easement area, it may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement to allow placement of the removed or relocated facilities across the alternate site under such terms and conditions as the State Properties Commission shall in its discretion determine to be in the best interests of the State of Georgia, and Georgia Power Company shall remove or relocate its facilities to the alternate easement area at its sole cost and expense without reimbursement by the State of Georgia unless, in advance of any construction being commenced, Georgia Power Company provides a written estimate for the cost of such removal and relocation and the State Properties Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the removal and relocation is for the sole benefit of the State of Georgia. Upon written request from Georgia Power Company or any third party, the State Properties Commission, in its sole discretion, may grant a substantially equivalent non-exclusive easement within the property for the relocation of the facilities without cost, expense, or reimbursement from the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 255.**

That the easement granted to Georgia Power Company shall contain such other reasonable terms, conditions, and covenants as the State Properties Commission shall deem in the best interest of the State of Georgia and that the State Properties Commission is authorized to use a more accurate description of the easement area, so long as the description utilized by the State Properties Commission describes the same easement area herein granted.

#### **SECTION 256.**

That this resolution does not affect and is not intended to affect any rights, powers, interest, or liability of the Georgia Department of Transportation with respect to the State highway system, or of a County with respect to the County road system or of a municipality with respect to the city street system. Georgia Power Company shall obtain any and all other required permits from the appropriate governmental agencies as are necessary for its lawful use of the easement area or public highway right of way and comply with all applicable State and Federal environmental statutes in its use of the easement area.

#### **SECTION 257.**

That, given the public purpose of the project, the consideration for such easement shall be \$10.00 and such further consideration and provisions as the State Properties Commission may determine to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

#### **SECTION 258.**

That this grant of easement shall be recorded by Georgia Power Company in the Superior Court of White County and a recorded copy shall promptly be forwarded to the State Properties Commission.

**SECTION 259.**

That the authorization in this resolution to grant the above-described easement to Georgia Power Company shall expire three years after the date that this resolution becomes effective.

**SECTION 260.**

That the State Properties Commission is authorized and empowered to do all acts and things necessary and proper to effect the grant of the easement area.

**ARTICLE XXI****SECTION 261.**

That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 262.**

That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.

Senator Jones of the 25th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 229.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	E Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SR 229.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 258. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Cowser of the 46th, Burke of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for ineligibility for office for holders of public money of municipalities who refuse or fail to account and pay over such funds to the proper officer; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for ineligibility for office for holders of public money of certain governmental entities who refuse or fail to account and pay over such funds to the proper officer; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for office, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 45-2-1, relating to persons ineligible to hold civil office, vacation of office, and validity of acts performed while in office, as follows:

"(2) All holders or receivers of public money of this state or any county, school district, or municipality thereof who have refused or failed when called upon after reasonable opportunity to account for and pay over the same to the proper officer;"

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

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



Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 258.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 258.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 219. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th and Watson of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with automated driving systems on certain public roads; to provide for submission of certain information to the Department of Revenue to operate motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for the operation of motor vehicles with such systems in certain locations; to provide for notice to local governing authorities; to provide for the collection of data from the operation of such motor vehicles; to provide for the submission of information and data to the General Assembly by the manufacturer of motor vehicles with automated driving systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to exempt persons operating a fully autonomous motor vehicle with the automated driving system engaged from the requirement to hold a driver's license; to provide for satisfaction of requirement to notify law enforcement in certain instances of accidents by fully autonomous motor vehicles; to provide for certain equipment and insurance requirements for fully autonomous motor vehicles; to provide for registration requirements for such vehicles; to provide for exemptions from seat belt requirements; to provide for applicability; to provide for limitations on adoption of certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, is amended in Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions, by revising paragraphs (15.2), (15.3), (17.2), and (38) and adding new paragraphs as follows:

"(5.1) 'Automated driving system' means the hardware and software that are collectively capable of performing the entire dynamic driving task on a sustained basis, regardless of whether it is limited to a specific operational design domain."

"(15.2) 'Dynamic driving task' means all of the real-time operational and tactical functions required to operate a vehicle in on-road traffic, excluding the strategic functions such as trip scheduling and selection of destinations and waypoints, including without limitation:

(A) Lateral vehicle motion control via steering;

(B) Longitudinal motion control via acceleration and deceleration;

(C) Monitoring the driving environment via object and event detection, recognition, classification, and response preparation;

(D) Object and event response execution;

(E) Maneuver planning; and

(F) Enhancing conspicuity via lighting, signaling, and gesturing.

(15.3) 'Electric assisted bicycle' means a device with two or three wheels which has a saddle and fully operative pedals for human propulsion and also has an electric motor. For such a device to be considered an electric assisted bicycle, it shall meet the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Section 571, et seq., and shall operate in such a manner that the electric motor disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied. The electric motor in an electric assisted bicycle shall:

- (A) Have a power output of not more than 1,000 watts;
- (B) Be incapable of propelling the device at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour on level ground; and
- (C) Be incapable of further increasing the speed of the device when human power alone is used to propel the device at or more than 20 miles per hour.

~~(15.3)~~(15.4) 'Electric personal assistive mobility device' or 'EPAMD' means a self-balancing, two nontandem wheeled device designed to transport only one person and having an electric propulsion system with average power of 750 watts (1 horsepower) and a maximum speed of less than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by such propulsion system and ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds."

"(17.2) 'Fully autonomous vehicle' means a motor vehicle equipped with an automated driving system that has the capability to perform all aspects of the dynamic driving task without a human driver within a limited or unlimited operational design domain and will not at any time request that a driver assume any portion of the dynamic driving task when the automated driving system is operating within its operational design domain.

(17.3) 'Golf car' or 'golf cart' means any motorized vehicle designed for the purpose and exclusive use of conveying one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course. For such a vehicle to be considered a golf car or golf cart, its average speed shall be less than 15 miles per hour (24 kilometers per hour) on a level road surface with a 0.5% grade (0.3 ~~degrees~~ degree) comprising a straight course composed of a concrete or asphalt surface that is dry and free from loose material or surface contamination with a minimum coefficient of friction of 0.8 between tire and surface."

"(27.1) 'Minimal risk condition' means a low-risk operating mode in which a fully autonomous vehicle operating without a human driver achieves a reasonably safe state, such as bringing the vehicle to a complete stop, upon experiencing a failure of the vehicle's automated driving system that renders the vehicle unable to perform the entire dynamic driving task."

"(37.1) 'Operational design domain' means a description of the specific operating domains in which an automated driving system is designed to effectively operate, including but not limited to geographic limitations, roadway types, speed range, and environmental conditions such as weather and limited visibility.

(38) 'Operator' means any person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle or who causes a fully autonomous vehicle to move or travel with the automated driving system engaged."

## SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-5-21, relating to exemptions to driver's license requirement, by revising paragraphs (11) and (12) and adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) as follows:

"(11) Any resident who is 15 years of age or over while taking actual in-car training

in a training vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle under the direct personal supervision of a driving instructor when such driving instructor and training vehicle are licensed by the department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 43, 'The Driver Training School License Act.' As used in the previous sentence, the term 'commercial motor vehicle' shall have the meaning specified in Code Section 40-5-142. All vehicles utilized for the in-car training authorized under this paragraph shall be equipped with dual controlled brakes and shall be marked with signs in accordance with the rules of the department clearly identifying such vehicles as training cars belonging to a licensed driving school. A driving instructor shall test the eyesight of any unlicensed person who will be receiving actual in-car training prior to commencement of such training, and no unlicensed driver shall receive in-car training unless such person has at least the visual acuity and horizontal field of vision as is required for issuance of a driver's license in subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-27; ~~and~~

(12) Any person while operating a personal transportation vehicle:

(A) On any way publicly maintained for the use of personal transportation vehicles by the public and no other types of motor vehicles in accordance with a local ordinance adopted pursuant to Part 3 or 6 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of this title; or

(B) When crossing a street or highway used by other types of motor vehicles at a location designated for such crossing pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 40-6-331 or pursuant to a PTV plan authorized by a local authority as described in Part 6 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of this title; ~~and~~

(13) A fully autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged or the operator of a fully autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"40-6-279.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter to the contrary, when an accident involves a fully autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged, the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Sections 40-6-270, 40-6-271, 40-6-272, 40-6-273, and 40-6-273.1 shall be deemed satisfied if such fully autonomous vehicle remains on the scene of such accident as required by law and such fully autonomous vehicle or operator promptly contacts a local law enforcement agency and communicates the information required by this chapter."

"40-8-11.

(a) A person may operate a fully autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged without a human driver being present in the vehicle, provided that such vehicle:

(1) Unless an exemption has been granted under applicable federal or state law, is capable of being operated in compliance with Chapter 6 of this title and this chapter and has been, at the time of its manufacture, certified by the manufacturer as being in

- compliance with applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards;
- (2) Has the capability to meet the requirements of Code Section 40-6-279;
- (3) Can achieve a minimal risk condition in the event of a failure of the automated driving system that renders that system unable to perform the entire dynamic driving task relevant to its intended operational design domain;
- (4)(A) Until December 31, 2019, is covered by motor vehicle liability coverage equivalent to 250 percent of that which is required under:
  - (i) Indemnity and liability insurance equivalent to the limits specified in Code Section 40-1-166; or
  - (ii) Self-insurance pursuant to Code Section 33-34-5.1 equivalent to, at a minimum, the limits specified in Code Section 40-1-166; and
- (B) On and after January 1, 2020, is covered by motor vehicle liability coverage equivalent to, at a minimum:
  - (i) Indemnity and liability insurance equivalent to the limits specified in Code Section 40-1-166; or
  - (ii) Self-insurance pursuant to Code Section 33-34-5.1 equivalent to, at a minimum, the limits specified in Code Section 40-1-166; and
- (5) Is registered in accordance with Code Section 40-2-20 and identified on such registration as a fully autonomous vehicle or lawfully registered outside of this state.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the occupants of a fully autonomous vehicle to comply with the requirements of Code Sections 40-8-76 and 40-8-76.1 regarding the use of safety belts and child passenger restraining systems.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided in this Code section, fully autonomous vehicles, automated driving systems, and any commercial use or operation of fully autonomous vehicles shall be governed by this Code section, Code Sections 40-1-1 and 40-5-21, Chapter 6 of this title, and this chapter notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. No rules or regulations relative to the operation of fully autonomous vehicles or automated driving systems shall be adopted which limit the authority to operate such vehicles or systems conferred by this Code section."

**SECTION 4.**

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

Senator Gooch of the 51st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 219.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

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|---------------|--------------|----------|
| Y Albers      | Y Hill, H    | Y Orrock |
| Y Anderson, L | Y Hill, Ja   | Y Parent |
| Y Anderson, T | Y Hufstetler | Y Payne  |
| Beach         | Y Jackson    | Y Rhett  |
| Y Black       | Y James      | Y Seay   |
| Y Brass       | Y Jeffares   | Y Shafer |

Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 219.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3-30-17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 219. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Brandon L. Beach  
District 21

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 281. By Senator Kennedy of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act formerly known as the "Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act," now known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 2, 1966 (Ga. L. 1966, p. 2737), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), and by an Act approved April 23, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4832), so as to extend the power of the authority to contract with Macon-Bibb County

and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority to acquire, construct, and develop industrial sites and facilities; to provide for the use of certain funds of the authority; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 284. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Trenton in Dade County, approved March 26, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4725), so as to change the position of city clerk from an elective to an appointive position; to provide for the current city clerk to serve out the remainder of his or her term of office; to provide for the appointment of city clerks; to provide for the election of certain city officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 292. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 95. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirk of the 13th, Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selection of jurors, so as to change provisions relating to the collection of data for the compilation of the state-wide master jury list; to amend Code Section 35-3-33 and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center and general provisions for pardons and paroles,

respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 222. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 45, and 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, public officers and employees, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for members, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities; to change certain provisions relating to the remittance of 9-1-1 charges; to provide for payment by service suppliers to the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for legal representation; to provide for penalties and interest for noncompliance; to revise definitions relative to the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 156. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide certain restrictions with regard to equalized homestead option sales and use taxes; to provide for limitations on the collection of certain other taxes while such equalized homestead option sales and use tax is being levied; to provide for the sales on which such tax may be levied; to provide limitation on the use of special purpose local option sales taxes which are levied in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide certain restrictions with regard to equalized



homestead option sales and use taxes; to provide for limitations on the collection of certain other taxes while such equalized homestead option sales and use tax is being levied; to provide for the sales on which such tax may be levied; to change certain provisions relating to administration, collection, and disbursement of the equalized homestead option sales tax; to eliminate a provision providing for the per capita share of certain municipalities to be paid to the county governing authority; to provide limitation on the use of special purpose local option sales taxes which are levied in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, is amended in Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions, by revising subparagraph (D) of paragraph (57) as follows:

"(D)(i) The Except in counties in which a tax authorized under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter in connection with an equalized homestead option sales tax pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter is imposed, the exemption provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any local sales and use tax levied or imposed at any time.

(ii) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'local sales and use tax' shall mean any sales tax, use tax, or local sales and use tax which is levied and imposed in an area consisting of less than the entire state, however authorized, including, but not limited to, such taxes authorized by or pursuant to constitutional amendment; by or pursuant to Section 25 of an Act approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, the 'Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965'; or by or pursuant to any article of this chapter but shall not mean a tax authorized under Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter in connection with an equalized homestead option sales tax pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-8-109.5, relating to administration, collection, and disbursement of the equalized homestead option sales tax, by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary except subsection (f) of this Code section, in any county levying a tax under this part, a tax levied pursuant to the provisions of Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter in a special district in such county shall be strictly divided between the unincorporated portions of the county whose geographical boundary is conterminous with that of the special district and the municipalities wholly or partially located within the special district on a per capita

basis, based on the most recent decennial census, unless altered by an intergovernmental agreement between the county and all municipalities wholly located within the special district. ~~For as long as a municipality located within the special district and incorporated after May 4, 2015, does not maintain the roads, streets, sidewalks, and bicycle paths within its territorial boundaries and relies upon the county governing authority for such maintenance, such municipality's per capita share of the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter shall be paid to the county governing authority.~~ Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department shall disburse directly to the county and each municipality its share of the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to Part 1 of Article 3 of this chapter."

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-8-111, relating to procedure for imposition of tax, resolution or ordinance, notice to county election superintendent, and election with regard to county special purpose local option sales taxes, as follows:

"(a) Prior to the issuance of the call for the referendum and prior to the vote of a county governing authority within a special district to impose the tax under this part, such governing authority may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with any or all of the qualified municipalities within the special district. Any county that desires to have a tax under this part levied within the special district shall deliver or mail a written notice to the mayor or chief elected official in each qualified municipality located within the special district. Such notice shall contain the date, time, place, and purpose of a meeting at which the governing authorities of the county and of each qualified municipality are to meet to discuss the possible projects for inclusion in the referendum, including municipally owned or operated projects. The notice shall be delivered or mailed at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. The meeting shall be held at least 30 days prior to the issuance of the call for the referendum. Following such meeting, the governing authority of the county within the special district voting to impose the tax authorized by this part shall notify the county election superintendent by forwarding to the superintendent a copy of the resolution or ordinance of the governing authority calling for the imposition of the tax. Such ordinance or resolution shall specify eligible expenditures identified by the county and any qualified municipality for use of proceeds distributed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-115. Such ordinance or resolution shall also specify:

(1) The purpose or purposes for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used and may be expended, which purpose or purposes may consist of capital outlay projects located within or outside, or both within and outside, any incorporated areas in the county in the special district or outside the county, as authorized by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph for regional facilities, and which may include any of the following purposes:

(A) A capital outlay project consisting of road, street, and bridge purposes, which purposes may include sidewalks and bicycle paths;

- (B) A capital outlay project or projects in the special district and consisting of a courthouse; administrative buildings; a civic center; a local or regional jail, correctional institution, or other detention facility; a library; a coliseum; local or regional solid waste handling facilities as defined under paragraph (27.1) or (35) of Code Section 12-8-22, as amended, excluding any solid waste thermal treatment technology facility, including, but not limited to, any facility for purposes of incineration or waste to energy direct conversion; local or regional recovered materials processing facilities as defined under paragraph (26) of Code Section 12-8-22, as amended; or any combination of such projects;
- (C) A capital outlay project or projects which will be operated by a joint authority or authorities of the county and one or more qualified municipalities within the special district;
- (D) A capital outlay project or projects, to be owned or operated or both either by the county, one or more qualified municipalities within the special district, one or more local authorities within the special district, or any combination thereof;
- (E) A capital outlay project consisting of a cultural facility, a recreational facility, or a historic facility or a facility for some combination of such purposes;
- (F) A water capital outlay project, a sewer capital outlay project, a water and sewer capital outlay project, or a combination of such projects, to be owned or operated or both by a county water and sewer district and one or more qualified municipalities in the county;
- (G) The retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt of the county, one or more qualified municipalities within the special district, or any combination thereof;
- (H) A capital outlay project or projects within the special district and consisting of public safety facilities, airport facilities, or related capital equipment used in the operation of public safety or airport facilities, or any combination of such purposes;
- (I) A capital outlay project or projects within the special district, consisting of capital equipment for use in voting in official elections or referendums;
- (J) A capital outlay project or projects within the special district consisting of any transportation facility designed for the transportation of people or goods, including but not limited to railroads, port and harbor facilities, mass transportation facilities, or any combination thereof;
- (K) A capital outlay project or projects within the special district and consisting of a hospital or hospital facilities that are owned by a county, a qualified municipality, or a hospital authority within the special district and operated by such county, municipality, or hospital authority or by an organization which is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which operates the hospital through a contract or lease with such county, municipality, or hospital authority;
- (L) The repair of capital outlay projects, including, but not limited to, roads, streets, and bridges, located, in part or in whole, within the special district that have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster;
- (M) A capital outlay project or projects that are owned, operated, or administered

by the state and located, in part or in whole, within the special district; or

(N) Any combination of two or more of the foregoing;

provided, however, that a tax authorized under this part which is submitted to the voters for approval in connection with an equalized homestead option sales tax pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2A of this chapter shall be used for transportation purposes which shall include roads, bridges, public transit, rails, airports, buses, seaports, and including without limitation road, street, and bridge purposes pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 48-8-121, for public safety facilities and related capital equipment used in the operation thereof, for debt service purposes for which a municipality used proceeds from the homestead option sales and use tax, and for the repair of capital outlay projects; provided, however, that the amount of proceeds used for the repair of capital outlay projects shall not exceed 15 percent of the total proceeds which are collected under this part for a capital outlay project or projects authorized under this paragraph;

(2) The maximum period of time, to be stated in calendar years or calendar quarters and not to exceed five years, unless the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of Code Section 48-8-115 are applicable, in which case the maximum period of time for which the tax may be levied shall not exceed six years;

(3) The estimated cost of the project or projects which will be funded from the proceeds of the tax, which estimated cost shall also be the estimated amount of net proceeds to be raised by the tax, unless the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or subparagraph (b)(2)(A) of Code Section 48-8-115 are applicable, in which case the final day of the tax shall be based upon the length of time for which the tax was authorized to be levied by the referendum; and

(4) If general obligation debt is to be issued in conjunction with the imposition of the tax, the principal amount of the debt to be issued, the purpose for which the debt is to be issued, the local government issuing the debt, the interest rate or rates or the maximum interest rate or rates which such debt is to bear, and the amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the debt."

#### **SECTION 4.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

(b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

(c) Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall apply to all equalized homestead option sales and use taxes which are implemented on and after the effective date specified in subsection (a) of this section and to all county special purpose local option sales taxes which are implemented in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax implemented on and after such date.

#### **SECTION 5.**

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

Senator Millar of the 40th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 156.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 45, nays 8; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 156.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 199. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Efstration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the income tax credit for interactive entertainment companies; to remove the sunset on such exemptions; to add an exemption for certain prereleased products; to provide for a new state income tax credit for qualified postproduction expenditures of postproduction companies; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Finance substitute to HB 199 (LC 34 5215S) by inserting between lines 489 and 490 the following:*

(C) An additional tax credit equal to 5 percent of the qualified production expenditures shall be allowed if the qualified production expenditures were incurred in a tier 1 or tier 2 county as designated by the commissioner of community affairs pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40.

*By substituting "\$10" for "\$5" on line 509.*

*By substituting "\$10" for "\$15" on line 515.*

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 199.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
Y Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 38, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 199.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 136. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Hitchens of the 161st, Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th and Price of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 and Chapter 16 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drivers' licenses and the Department of Driver Services, respectively, so as to provide for demarcation of a valid driver's license, permit, or identification card by the Department of Driver Services and return of such license, permit, or card to a person applying for a new license or card; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 138. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Barr of the 103rd, Dunahoo of the 30th, Dubnik of the 29th and Tanner of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a fifth judge of the superior courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to declare inherent authority; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 208. By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Knight of the 130th, Efstration of the 104th, Rogers of the 10th and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so as to revise definitions, license fees, and license requirements; to amend Code Section 52-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to numbering of vessels, requirements, and fees, so as to revise boat registration fees and allow additional methods for reporting the sale of boats; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 250. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Abrams of the 89th, Dollar of the 45th, Rogers of the 10th, Efstration of the 104th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-5-69.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fingerprint and preliminary

records check for foster homes, so as to provide that an employee of an early care and education program who has received a satisfactory fingerprint records check determination within the previous 24 months is exempt from submitting applications for an additional background check for purposes of providing care to children placed in a foster home; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 343. By Representatives Hilton of the 95th, Dreyer of the 59th, Dempsey of the 13th, Rynders of the 152nd, Carter of the 175th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure so as to replace certain outdated terminology, as it relates to the use of "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded"; to provide that such updated terminology shall not affect case law decided prior to this change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Resolution of the House:

HR 25. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th and Corbett of the 174th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the following Bill of the House:

HB 139. By Representatives Belton of the 112th, Powell of the 171st, Beskin of the 54th, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to provide transparency of financial information of local school systems and schools to the greatest extent practicable; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for accessibility to certain financial data of a local board of education; to provide for school level budget and expenditure data; to require local school systems and schools to provide certain information on their websites; to provide for certain data and reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



Mr. President:

The House has disagreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bills of the House:

HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in amending the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the

human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 71. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts to the list of property that is exempt from bankruptcy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, so as to provide for the manner of reporting and investigation of certain crimes by officials and employees of postsecondary institutions in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for exceptions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, is amended by designating the existing text as Part 1 and adding a new part to read as follows:

"Part 2

20-3-10.

(a) As used in this part, the term 'postsecondary institution' means a school which is:

(1) A unit of the University System of Georgia;

(2) A branch of the Technical College System of Georgia;

(3) A private independent nonproprietary postsecondary institution eligible for tuition

equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 20-3-411; or

(4) A private proprietary postsecondary institution eligible for tuition equalization grants in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 20-3-411.

(b) Every postsecondary institution in this state that receives information, other than information provided to an employee privileged under the laws of this state, which would lead such institution to reasonably believe that a crime which is a felony under the laws of this state has been committed by a student enrolled in such postsecondary institution or in or on the campus of such postsecondary institution shall promptly report such crime to the campus law enforcement agency or other appropriate law enforcement agency. If the felony involves an alleged sexual assault, no information which specifically identifies the victim shall be provided in the report without the consent of the victim. Such law enforcement agency shall then determine whether to investigate such alleged criminal offense and whether to report such findings to the appropriate prosecutor's office. No criminal investigation of such matter shall be undertaken by the postsecondary institution unless such investigation is done by a campus law enforcement agency staffed by law enforcement officers who are certified peace officers by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Nothing contained in this subsection shall require a victim of an alleged sexual assault to cooperate with law enforcement in any investigation or to participate in any subsequent prosecution.

(c) Separate from any criminal investigations, prosecutions, or adjudications occurring in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section, each postsecondary institution is expected to meet its duty of care to protect the campus community as required by law. The postsecondary institution may pursue interim measures necessary to meet its duty of care. The postsecondary institution may pursue formal disciplinary actions, against any student for any violation of its code of conduct pursuant to the postsecondary institution's general disciplinary process for students. However, no student shall be subject to any interim discipline, suspension, or expulsion for any violation of the postsecondary institution's code of conduct pursuant to the postsecondary institution's general disciplinary process for students arising from the same acts or occurrences which are the basis for any criminal investigations, prosecutions, or adjudications occurring in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section without being provided the opportunity of a hearing affording due process protections to the accused student. No disciplinary investigation shall obstruct or prejudice an ongoing criminal investigation. No postsecondary institution shall require a victim of an alleged sexual assault to cooperate in any disciplinary investigation or to participate in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

(d) This Code section shall not supersede federal statutes or properly promulgated federal regulations to the contrary but shall supersede in the case of federal guidance letters and other expressions of opinion regarding policies by federal agencies.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Code section, no official or

employee of a postsecondary institution shall be required to include any information or statements in any report to the appropriate law enforcement agency or district attorney which is an admission or communication excluded from evidence pursuant to Code Sections 24-5-501, 24-2-502, and 24-5-509."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2017.

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senator Stone of the 23rd asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House substitute to SB 71.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House substitute to SB 71.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 249. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Newton of the 123rd, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Welch of the 110th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 and Article 2 of Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances and death investigations, respectively, so as to collect more information regarding the dispensing and use of certain controlled substances; to change the frequency of reporting certain prescriptions in the electronic data base of prescription information; to clarify provisions relating to confidentiality; to change provisions relating to liability and duties; to change provisions relating to the definitions of dangerous drugs; to provide for a coroner's inquest when an individual dies of a suspected drug overdose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 249 (LC 29 7573S) by replacing "up to" with "a minimum of" on lines 422 and 425.*

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 249.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 249.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 249. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

/s/ David E. Lucas, Sr.  
District 26

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 14. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Sims of the 12th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposititon, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to change certain criteria relating to grants to such hospital authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, is amended by revising Code Section 31-7-94, relating to grants to hospital authorities, as follows:

"31-7-94.

The state is authorized to make grants, as funds are available, to hospital authorities and rural hospital organizations for public health purposes, provided that any funds so granted shall be distributed to and among the various public hospital authorities and rural hospital organizations in the state in proportion to the number of hospital beds operated by each such hospital authority or rural hospital organization at the end of the calendar year preceding the grant. Funds shall be distributed to public hospitals and rural hospital organizations operated by consolidated governments in the same manner as to authority hospitals prescribed in this Code section and rural hospital organizations. Grants made by the state pursuant to this Code section shall be administered by the Department of Community Health in accordance with Code Section 31-7-94.1 and such rules, regulations, and procedures as it shall deem necessary for effective administration of such grants."

**SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by repealing Code Section 31-7-94.1, relating to the certification of rural hospitals for grant eligibility, and adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-94.1.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Rural Hospital Organization Assistance Act of 2017.'

(b) The General Assembly finds that hospital authorities and rural hospital organizations are essential in order to promote public health goals of the state. The General Assembly further finds that many rural hospital organizations are in desperate financial straits. In order to preserve the availability of primary health care services provided by such hospitals to residents of rural counties, the General Assembly has determined that a program of state grants is necessary and recommends funds be made

available to such hospitals. These grants will be conditioned upon those hospitals continuing to furnish essential health care services to residents in their areas of operation as well as engaging in the long-range planning and any restructuring which may be required for those hospitals to survive by devising cost-effective and efficient health care systems for meeting local health care needs.

(c) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Hospital' means an institution which has a permit as a hospital issued under this chapter.

(2) 'Rural county' means a county having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2010 or any future such census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of such county for purposes of this definition.

(3) 'Rural hospital organization' means an acute care hospital licensed by the department pursuant to Article 1 of this chapter that:

(A) Provides inpatient hospital services at a facility located in a rural county or is a critical access hospital;

(B) Participates in both Medicaid and medicare and accepts both Medicaid and medicare patients;

(C) Provides health care services to indigent patients;

(D) Has at least 10 percent of its annual net revenue categorized as indigent care, charity care, or bad debt;

(E) Annually files IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, with the department, or for any hospital not required to file IRS Form 990, the department will provide a form that collects the same information to be submitted to the department on an annual basis;

(F) Is operated by a county or municipal authority pursuant to this article; and

(G) Is current with all audits and reports required by law.

(d) A rural hospital organization may apply for a grant available under subsection (e) of this Code section if it has been certified by the department as:

(1) A rural hospital organization; and

(2) Has submitted a grant application which includes:

(A) A problem statement indicating the problem the rural hospital organization proposes to solve with the grant funds;

(B) The goals of the proposed solution;

(C) The organizational structure, financial system, and facilities that are essential to the proposed solution;

(D) The projected longevity of the proposed solution after the grant funds are expended;

(E) Evidence of collaboration with other community health care providers in achieving the proposed solution;

(F) Evidence that funds for the proposed solution are not available from another source;

- (G) Evidence that the grant funds would assist in returning the rural hospital organization to an economically stable condition or that any plan for closure or realignment of services involves development of innovative alternatives for the discontinued services;
- (H) Evidence of a satisfactory record-keeping system to account for grant fund expenditures within the rural hospital organization and the rural county;
- (I) A community health survival plan describing how the plan was developed, the goals of the plan, the links with existing health care providers under the plan, the implementation process including quantification of indicators of the hospital's financial well-being, measurable outcome targets, and the current condition of such hospital; and
- (J) Such additional evidence as the department may require to demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed solution for which grant funds are sought.
- (e) The department is authorized to make grants to rural hospital organizations certified as meeting the requirements of subsection (d) of this Code section. Grants to rural hospitals owned or operated by hospital authorities or rural hospital organizations may be for any of the following purposes:
- (1) Infrastructure development, including, without being limited to, health information technology, facility renovation, or equipment acquisition; provided, however, that the amount granted to any qualified hospital may not exceed the expenditure thresholds that would constitute a new institutional health service requiring a certificate of need under Chapter 6 of this title and the grant award may be conditioned upon obtaining local matching funds;
  - (2) Strategic planning, including, without being limited to, strategies for personnel retention or recruitment, development of an emergency medical network, or the development of a collaborative and integrated health care delivery system with other health care providers, and the grant award may be conditioned upon obtaining local matching funds for items such as telemedicine, billing systems, and medical records. For the purposes of this paragraph, the maximum grant to any grantee shall be \$500,000.00;
  - (3) Nontraditional health care delivery systems, excluding operational funds and purposes for which grants may be made under paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection. For the purposes of this paragraph, the maximum grant to any grantee shall be \$2.5 million; or
  - (4) The provision of 24 hour emergency room services open to the general public.
- (f) In awarding grants under this Code section, the department may give priority to any otherwise eligible rural hospital organization which meets the definition of a necessary provider as specified in the state's 'Rural Healthcare Plan' of May, 1998.
- (g) The maximum grant to any hospital authority or rural hospital organization shall be \$4 million per calendar year.
- (h) The department shall be authorized to certify rural hospital organizations as provided in subsection (d) of this Code section and shall adopt regulations to implement its powers and duties under this Code section."



**SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

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

The President resumed the Chair.

Senator Burke of the 11th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 14 as amended by the following amendment:

Amend House Committee Sub LC 34 5219S to SB 14 by adding on line 61, after the word “article” the following:

“or is designated as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code”

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 14 as amended by the Senate.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 14. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ John Wilkinson  
District 50

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 106. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, so as to revise a provision relating to the health care professionals who must be on-site at a pain management clinic in order for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, so as to revise a provision relating to the health care professionals who must be on-site at a pain management clinic in order for the clinic to provide medical treatment or services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 43-34-283 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensure requirements for pain management clinics, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) No pain management clinic shall provide medical treatment or services, as defined by the board, unless a physician, a physician assistant authorized to prescribe controlled substances under an approved job description, or an advanced practice registered nurse authorized to prescribe controlled substances pursuant to a physician protocol is on-site

at the pain management clinic. This subsection shall not apply to a certified registered nurse anesthetist practicing pursuant to Code Section 43-26-11.1, so long as (1) the patient has previously been examined by a physician and such physician has issued a written order for such patient to receive medical treatment or services and (2) the pain management clinic has obtained written consent of the patient prior to any medical treatment or services being provided by the certified registered nurse anesthetist regarding the medical treatment or services to be performed, the risks of the medical treatment or services to be performed, and that a physician may or may not be on-site."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Kirk of the 13th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 106.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 53, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 106.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 202. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th and Hatchett of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to change provisions relating to the salary for the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 202 (LC 25 6676S) by inserting ", expenses," after "state officials" on line 20.*

*By inserting between lines 93 and 94 the following:*

**SECTION 2-2.**

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 45-7-4, relating to annual salaries, expenses, and cost-of-living adjustments of certain state officials, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) As ~~a cost-of-living~~ an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, may be increased by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the ~~general~~ increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 are eligible. Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. That portion of the increase determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees. The balance of the increase for members and member-officers of the General Assembly shall become effective on the convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase."

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 202.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 4; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 202.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 250. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd, Kirk of the 13th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, so as to require registration on the State Sexual Offender Registry when an individual is convicted in another country; to provide that the sentencing superior court judge shall make the risk assessment classification as part of sentencing for sexual offenders convicted in this state; to provide for recommendations by the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to such sentencing judge; to provide for appeals; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 42-1-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on registered offenders residing, working, or loitering within certain distances of child care facilities, churches, schools, or areas where minors congregate, so as to apply loitering restrictions to individuals registered as sexual offenders in other states who are visiting this state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 42-1-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on registered offenders residing, working, or loitering within certain distances of child care facilities, churches, schools, or areas where minors congregate, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) Notwithstanding any ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to Code Section 16-6-24 or subsection (d) of Code Section 16-11-36, it shall be unlawful for any individual or for any person who is or should be registered on another state's sexual offender registry to loiter, as prohibited by Code Section 16-11-36, at any child care facility, school, or area where minors congregate."

**SECTION 2.**

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

Senator Mullis of the 53rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 250.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins

Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 54, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 250.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 200. By Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for synchronizing patients' chronic medications; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for synchronizing patients' medications; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-24-59.21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'prescription drug program' means any individual or group plan, policy, or contract for prescription drug services issued, delivered, issued for delivery, executed, or renewed by an insurer in this state on or after July 1, 2017.

(b) A prescription drug program providing prescription drug coverage in this state shall permit and apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to prescriptions that are dispensed by a pharmacy for less than a 30 days' supply if the prescriber or pharmacist indicates the fill or refill could be in the best interest of the insured patient or is for the purpose of synchronizing the insured patient's medications.

(c) No prescription drug program providing prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for the dispensing of any drug prescribed for the treatment of an illness that is made in accordance with a plan among the insured, a practitioner, and a pharmacist to synchronize the refilling of multiple prescriptions for the insured.

(d) No prescription drug program providing prescription drug coverage shall use payment structures incorporating prorated dispensing fees determined by calculation of the days' supply of medication dispensed. Dispensing fees shall be determined exclusively on the total number of prescriptions dispensed."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 200.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 200.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:



HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Heath of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 280.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 280.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Burke of the 11th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 196.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 196.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its substitute to HB 15.

The consent was granted, and the Senate insisted on its substitute to HB 15.

Senator Williams of the 27th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 149. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for school resource officers; to provide for a definition; to provide for rules and regulations by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council for the administration of such training requirements; to amend Code Sections 35-8-13.1 and 42-8-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to training and certification of municipal probation officers and uniform professional standards and uniform contract standards, respectively, so as to revise the authority of a municipal probation officer relative to the exercise of the power of arrest and a Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council certification; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to prohibit inmates of county and municipal jails and state and county institutions from possessing tobacco or any product containing tobacco; to render it unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give to such inmates tobacco or any product containing tobacco; to provide for exceptions; to provide for criminal penalties; to make it unlawful for inmates to possess a stored value card and certain characteristics of stored value cards; to make it unlawful to obtain or procure for or to give an inmate such information; to revise circumstances in which a prisoner is limited in filing actions in forma pauperis; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, is amended in Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(10.1) 'School resource officer' means a peace officer whose primary employment or assigned duties with a law enforcement unit is assignment or appointment to a public elementary school or secondary school."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-8-27.

(a) It is the best practice for any person assigned or appointed as a school resource officer to successfully complete a training course for school resource officers approved by the council.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this Code section, the council shall maintain a training course consisting of 40 hours of training for school resource officers. Such training course shall, at a minimum, provide training in the role of a peace officer assigned to an elementary or secondary school, search and seizure in elementary and secondary schools, criminal offenses, gang awareness, drug awareness, interviews and interrogations, emergency preparedness, and interpersonal interactions with adolescents, including the encountering of mental health issues."

**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Code Section 35-8-13.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to training and certification of municipal probation officers, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) Any person employed or appointed as a municipal probation officer on or after ~~January 1, 1999~~ July 1, 2017, shall not be authorized to ~~serve~~ exercise the power of arrest as a municipal probation officer unless such person has successfully completed a training course and received certification for municipal probation officers approved by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; provided, however, that such person shall only exercise the power of arrest upon individuals whom he or she is supervising under Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, unless such person is certified as a peace officer by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council."

**SECTION 2-2.**

Code Section 42-8-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform professional standards and uniform contract standards, is amended by revising subsection

(a) as follows:

"(a) The uniform professional standards contained in this subsection shall be met by any person employed as and using the title of a private probation officer or probation officer. Any such person shall be at least 21 years of age at the time of appointment to the position of private probation officer or probation officer and shall have completed a standard two-year college course or have four years of law enforcement experience; provided, however, that any person employed as a private probation officer as of July 1, 1996, and who had at least six months of experience as a private probation officer or any person employed as a probation officer by a county, municipality, or consolidated government as of March 1, 2006, shall be exempt from such college requirements. Any person employed or appointed as a municipal probation officer on or after July 1, 2017, shall not be authorized to exercise the power of arrest as a municipal probation officer unless such person meets the requirements provided for under Code Section 35-8-13.1; provided, however, that such person shall only exercise the power of arrest upon individuals whom he or she is supervising under this article, unless such person is certified as a peace officer by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Every private probation officer shall receive an initial 40 hours of orientation upon employment and shall receive 20 hours of continuing education per annum as approved by DCS, provided that the 40 hour initial orientation shall not be required of any person who has successfully completed a basic course of training for supervision of probationers or parolees certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council or any private probation officer who has been employed by a private probation corporation, enterprise, or agency for at least six months as of July 1, 1996, or any person employed as a probation officer by a county, municipality, or consolidated government as of March 1, 2006. In no event shall any person convicted of a felony be employed as a probation officer or private probation officer."

### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended by revising Code Section 42-4-13, relating to possession of drugs, weapons, or alcohol by inmates, as follows:

"42-4-13.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Alcoholic beverage' means and includes all alcohol, distilled spirits, beer, malt beverage, wine, or fortified wine.

(2) 'Controlled substance' means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor as defined in Code Section 16-13-21.

(3) 'Dangerous drug' has the same meaning as defined by Code Section 16-13-71.

(3.1) 'Inmate' means a prisoner, detainee, criminal suspect, immigration detainee, or other person held, incarcerated, or detained in a jail, whether or not such person is inside or outside of the jail.

(4) 'Jail' means any county jail, municipal jail, or any jail or detention facility operated by a county, municipality, or a regional jail authority as authorized under Article 5 of this chapter.

(5) 'Jailer' means the sheriff in the case of any county jail, or the chief of police if the jail is under the supervision of the chief of police of a municipality, or the warden, captain, administrator, superintendent, or other officer having supervision of any other jail, or the designee of such officer.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful for an inmate ~~of a jail~~ to possess any controlled substance, dangerous drug, gun, pistol, or other dangerous weapon or marijuana.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, possession of a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or marijuana shall be punished as provided in Chapter 13 of Title 16; provided, however, that the provisions of Code Section 16-13-2 shall not apply to a violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not prohibit the lawful use or dispensing of a controlled substance or dangerous drug to an inmate with the knowledge and consent of the jailer when such use or dispensing is lawful under the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 16.

(c)(1) Unless otherwise authorized by law or the jailer, it shall be unlawful for an inmate ~~of a jail~~ to possess any alcoholic beverage or tobacco or any product containing tobacco.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d)(1)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to come inside the guard lines established at any jail with, or to give or have delivered to an inmate ~~of a jail~~, any controlled substance, dangerous drug, marijuana, or any gun, pistol, or other dangerous weapon without the knowledge and consent of the jailer or a law enforcement officer.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to come inside the guard lines established at any jail with, or to give or have delivered to an inmate ~~of a jail~~, any alcoholic beverage without the knowledge and consent of the jailer or a law enforcement officer; provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to nor prohibit the use of an alcoholic beverage by a clergyman or priest in sacramental services only.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, any person who violates subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years. Any person who violates subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the possession, possession with intent to distribute, trafficking, or distribution of a

controlled substance or marijuana shall be punished as provided in Chapter 13 of Title 16; provided, however, that the provisions of Code Section 16-13-2 shall not apply to a violation of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(d.1)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give to an inmate tobacco or any product containing tobacco without the knowledge and consent of the jailer.

(2) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain, to procure for, or to give to an inmate, or to bring within the guard lines, any other article or item without the knowledge and consent of the jailer or a law enforcement officer. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(f)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to come inside the guard lines or be within any jail while under the influence of a controlled substance, dangerous drug, or marijuana without the knowledge and consent of the jailer or a law enforcement officer unless such person has a valid prescription for such controlled substance or dangerous drug issued by a person licensed under Chapter 11 or 34 of Title 43 and such prescribed substance is consumed only as authorized by the prescription. Any person convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than four years.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to come inside the guard lines or be within any jail while under the influence of alcohol without the knowledge and consent of the jailer or a law enforcement officer. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter where inmates are assigned after having been ordered by the jailer or a law enforcement officer to desist therefrom. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to attempt, conspire, or solicit another to commit any offense defined by this Code section and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding the maximum punishment prescribed for the offense, the commission of which was the object of the attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation.

(i) Any violation of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense.

(j) Perimeter guard lines shall be established at every jail by the jailer thereof. Such guard lines shall be clearly marked by signs on which shall be plainly stamped or written: 'Guard line of \_\_\_\_\_.' Signs shall also be placed at all entrances and exits for vehicles and pedestrians at the jail and at such intervals along the guard lines as will reasonably place all persons approaching the guard lines on notice of the location of the jail."

### **SECTION 3-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-5-15, relating to crossing of guard lines with weapons, intoxicants, or drugs without consent of warden or superintendent, as follows:

"42-5-15.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to come inside the guard lines established at any state or county correctional institution with a gun, pistol, or any other weapon or with or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor, amphetamines, biphramines, or any other hallucinogenic or other drugs, without the knowledge or consent of the warden, superintendent, or his or her designated representative.

(b) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than four years."

### SECTION 3-3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-5-18, relating to items prohibited for possession by inmates, warden's authorization, and penalty, as follows:

"42-5-18.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Inmate' means a prisoner, detainee, criminal suspect, immigration detainee, or other person held, incarcerated, or detained in a place of incarceration, whether or not such person is inside or outside of such place of incarceration.

(2) 'Place of incarceration' means any prison, probation detention center, jail, or institution, including any state, federal, local, or privately operated facility, used for the purpose of incarcerating criminals or detainees.

(3) 'Telecommunications device' means a device, an apparatus associated with a device, or a component of a device that enables, or may be used to enable, communication with a person outside a place of incarceration, including a telephone, cellular telephone, personal digital assistant, transmitting radio, or computer connected or capable of being connected to a computer network, by wireless or other technology, or otherwise capable of communicating with a person or device outside of a place of incarceration.

(4) 'Warden or superintendent' shall mean the commissioner or any warden, superintendent, sheriff, chief jailor, or other person who is responsible for the overall management and operation of a place of incarceration.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give to an inmate a gun, pistol, or any other weapon; any intoxicating liquor; amphetamines, biphramines, or any other hallucinogenic drugs or other drugs, regardless of the amount; any telecommunications device; or any other article or item without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

(b.1) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give to an inmate tobacco or any product containing tobacco without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

(c) It shall be unlawful for an inmate to possess a gun, pistol, or any other weapon; any intoxicating liquor; tobacco or any product containing tobacco; amphetamines, biphramines, or any other hallucinogenic drugs or other drugs, regardless of the amount; a telecommunications device; or any other item without the authorization of

the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

(d)(1) An inmate who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (c) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years; provided, however, if an inmate violates this Code section while being held pursuant to an arrest or conviction for a misdemeanor offense, the possession of a telecommunications device in violation of this Code section shall be treated as a misdemeanor.

(2) A person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of two years but not more than ten years, and no portion of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court.

(3) A person who commits or attempts to commit a violation of subsection (b.1) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than one nor more than five years.

(e)(1) It shall be unlawful for an inmate to possess a stored value card, the account number of a stored value card, or the personal identification number of a stored value card.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain for, to procure for, or to give an inmate a stored value card, the account number of a stored value card, or the personal identification number of a stored value card.

(3) A person who commits a violation of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than one nor more than ten years, unless the judge imposes a misdemeanor sentence pursuant to Code Section 17-10-5."

#### **SECTION 3-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-12-7.2, relating to number of forma pauperis actions limited, as follows:

"42-12-7.2.

In no event shall a prisoner file any action in forma pauperis in any court of this state if the prisoner has, on three or more prior occasions while he or she was incarcerated or detained in any facility, filed any action in any court of this state or of the United States that was ~~subsequently~~ dismissed on the grounds that such action was frivolous or malicious, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury."

#### **PART IV SECTION 4-1.**

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

Senator Jones of the 10th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 149.



On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 4; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 149.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes, as amended by the House, to the following Bills of the House:

HB 217. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Kelley of the 16th, Knight of the 130th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations in order to receive income tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 413. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 44 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to provide for regulation of certain matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for venue in proceedings against rural telephone cooperatives; to change certain provisions relating to the bylaws of rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for return of revenues upon the death of a member of a rural telephone cooperative; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 76. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th and Petrea of the 166th:

A BILL to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to change certain requirements and certifications for certain maps, plats, and plans presented for filing with the clerk of superior court; to provide for definitions; to change certain provisions relating to the information and certifications to be provided by land surveyors on certain documents; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in substituting the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Cowser of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in amending the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Carter of the 175th, and England of the 116th.

The House insists on its position in amending the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Harrell of the 106th.

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 125. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; to provide for a limitation; to provide for additional continuing education requirements regarding hydrocodone compound products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; to provide for limitations; to provide for additional continuing education requirements regarding hydrocodone compound products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, assistants, and others, is amended by revising subsection (e.1) of Code Section 43-34-103, relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, as follows:

"(e.1)(1)(A) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted by Code Section 43-34-23, a physician may delegate to a physician assistant, in accordance with a job description, the authority to issue a prescription drug order or orders for any device as defined in Code Section 26-4-5 or to issue any dangerous drug as defined in Code Section 16-13-71, any hydrocodone compound product, or any Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance as defined in Code Section 16-13-21 on a prescription drug order or prescription device order form as specified in paragraph (3) of this subsection. Delegation of such authority shall be contained in the job description required by this Code section. The delegating physician shall remain responsible for the medical acts of the physician assistant performing such delegated acts and shall adequately supervise the physician assistant. If an existing job description for a physician assistant does not contain such authority to order a prescription drug or device order as provided by this subsection, that physician assistant may not issue any such prescription drug or device order until a new job

description delegating such authority is submitted to and approved by the board. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize the written prescription drug order of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, except a hydrocodone compound product.

(B) A physician may delegate to a physician assistant, in accordance with a job description, the authority to issue a single nonrefillable prescription drug order for a hydrocodone compound product so long as such nonrefillable prescription drug order is not in excess of a five-day supply consisting of not more than the lesser of 30 tablets or 300 milligrams of hydrocodone. However, such delegation for a single nonrefillable prescription drug order for a hydrocodone compound product to a patient under 18 years of age shall not exceed a five-day supply consisting of not more than the lesser of 30 pills or 100 milligrams.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create a presumption of liability, either civil or criminal, on the part of a pharmacist who is duly licensed under Title 26 and who in good faith fills a prescription drug or device order presented by a patient pursuant to this subsection. The pharmacist shall presume that the prescription drug or device order was issued by a physician assistant duly licensed under this article who has qualified under this Code section to prescribe pharmaceutical agents. The pharmacist shall also presume that the pharmaceutical agent prescribed by the physician assistant is an approved pharmaceutical agent, unless the pharmacist has actual or constructive knowledge to the contrary.

(3) The physician assistant shall only be authorized to exercise the rights granted under this subsection using a prescription drug or device order form which includes the name, address, and telephone number of the prescribing supervising or alternate supervising physician, the patient's name and address, the drug or device prescribed, the number of refills, and directions to the patient with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug. A prescription drug order which is transmitted either electronically or via facsimile shall conform to the requirements set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 26-4-80, respectively. Any form containing less information than that described in this paragraph shall not be offered to or accepted by any pharmacist who is duly licensed under Title 26.

(4) The physician assistant or office staff shall notify the patient that the patient has the right to see the physician prior to any prescription drug or device order being issued by the physician assistant.

(5) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize a physician assistant to authorize refills of any drug for more than 12 months from the date of the original prescription drug or device order.

(6) A supervising physician or alternate supervising physician shall evaluate or examine, at least every three months, any patient receiving controlled substances.

(7) In addition to the copy of the prescription drug or device order delivered to the patient, a record of such prescription shall be maintained in the patient's medical record in the following manner:

(A) The physician assistant carrying out a prescription drug or device order shall

document such order either in writing or by electronic means; and

(B) Except in facilities operated by the Department of Public Health, the supervising physician shall review the prescription drug or device order copy and medical record entry for prescription drug or device orders issued within the past 30 days by the physician assistant. Such review may be achieved with a sampling of no less than 50 percent of such prescription drug or device order copies and medical record entries.

(8) A physician assistant is not permitted to prescribe drugs or devices except as authorized in the physician assistant's job description and in accordance with this article.

(9) The board shall adopt rules establishing procedures to evaluate an application for a job description containing the authority to order a prescription drug or device and any other rules the board deems necessary or appropriate to regulate the practice of physician assistants, to carry out the intent and purpose of this article, or to protect the public welfare.

(10) A physician assistant authorized by a primary supervising physician to order controlled substances pursuant to this Code section is authorized to register with the ~~federal~~ United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

(11)(A) A physician assistant delegated the authority by the primary supervising physician to issue a prescription drug or device order shall be required to complete a minimum of three hours of continuing education biennially in practice specific pharmaceuticals in which the physician assistant has prescriptive order privileges.

(B) A physician assistant delegated the authority by the primary supervising physician to issue a prescription drug or device order for a hydrocodone compound product shall be required to complete three hours of continuing education biennially in the appropriate ordering and use of Schedule II controlled substances. The continuing education required pursuant to this subparagraph may be counted toward compliance with the continuing education required pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(12) A managed care system, health plan, hospital, insurance company, or other similar entity shall not require a physician to be a party to a job description as a condition for participation in or reimbursement from such entity."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Jeffares of the 17th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 125.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 125.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 117. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, Walker III of the 20th, Thompson of the 14th, Dugan of the 30th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to change the definition of the term "agency"; to provide for the establishment of certain policies and standards to be used by all agencies; to provide for waivers under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, so as to change the definition of the term "agency"; to provide for the establishment of certain policies and standards to be used by all agencies; to provide for waivers under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Technology Authority, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 50-25-1, relating to the establishment of the Georgia Technology Authority, as follows:

"(1) 'Agency' means every state department, agency, board, bureau, commission, and authority but shall not include any agency within the judicial or legislative branch of state government, the Georgia Department of Defense, departments headed by elected constitutional officers of the state, or the University System of Georgia and shall also not include any authority statutorily required to effectuate the provisions of Part 4 of Article 9 of Title 11."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-25-4, relating to the general powers of the Georgia Technology Authority, as follows:

"(a) The authority shall have the following powers:

- (1) To have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;
- (2) To make and execute contracts, lease agreements, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to exercise the powers of the authority or to further the public purpose for which the authority is created;
- (3) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and dispose of real or personal property of every kind and character, or any interest therein, in furtherance of the public purpose of the authority;
- (4) To apply for and to accept any gifts or grants or loan guarantees or loans of funds or property or financial or other aid in any form from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from the state or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source for any or all of the purposes specified in this chapter and to comply, subject to the provisions of this chapter, with the terms and conditions thereof;
- (5) To contract with state agencies or any local government for the use by the authority of any property, facilities, or services of the state or any such state agency or local government or for the use by any state agency or local government of any facilities or services of the authority; and such state agencies and local governments are authorized to enter into such contracts;
- (6) To fix and collect fees and charges for data, media, and incidental services;
- (7) To deposit or invest funds held by it in any state depository or in any investment which is authorized for the investment of proceeds of state general obligation bonds; and to use for its corporate purposes or redeposit or reinvest interest earned on such funds;
- (8) To establish policies and standards for agencies to submit information technology plans to the authority. ~~Standards~~ Such policies and standards shall include without



limitation content, format, and frequency of submission;

(9) ~~Reserved~~ To establish technology policies and standards for all agencies, including, but not limited to, the role and responsibilities of chief information officers and chief information security officers within such agencies;

~~(10) To set technology policy for all agencies except those under the authority, direction, or control of the General Assembly or state-wide elected officials other than the Governor;~~

~~(11)~~(10) To establish and maintain official employee purchase programs for technology resources facilitated by and through the authority for state employees and public school employees of county or independent boards of education;

~~(12)~~(11) To provide oversight and program management for all technology resources for projects exceeding a cumulative investment of \$1 million to accomplish goals of technology portfolio management;

~~(13)~~(12) To develop such plans and reports as are deemed necessary and useful and to require agencies to submit periodic reports at such frequency and with such content as the board shall define;

~~(14)~~(13) To prepare fiscal impact statements relating to necessary modifications and development of technology to support policies required by proposed legislation;

~~(15)~~(14) To establish architecture for state technology infrastructure to promote efficient use of resources and to promote economic development;

~~(16)~~(15) To provide processes and systems for timely and fiscally prudent management of the state's financial resources to include, without limitation, cash management;

~~(17)~~(16) To establish advisory committees from time to time, including, without limitation, a standing advisory committee composed of representatives from agencies which shall make recommendations to the authority concerning such matters as policies, standards, and architecture;

~~(18)~~(17) To coordinate with agencies, the legislative and judicial branches of government, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, regarding technology policy;

~~(19)~~(18) To coordinate with local and federal governments to achieve the goals of the authority;

~~(20)~~(19) To identify and pursue alternative funding approaches;

~~(21)~~(20) To establish technology security policies, standards, and services to be used by all agencies;

~~(22)~~(21) To conduct technology audits of all agencies;

~~(23)~~(22) To facilitate and encourage the conduct of business on the Internet;

~~(24)~~(23) To expand and establish policies necessary to ensure the legal authority and integrity of electronic documents;

~~(25)~~(24) To provide and approve as part of the state technology plan an implementation plan and subsequent policies and goals designed to increase the use of telecommuting among state employees;

~~(26)~~(25) To create a center for innovation to create applications of technology that

will yield positive, measurable benefits to the state;

~~(27)~~(26) To contract through the Department of Administrative Services for the lease, rental, purchase, or other acquisition of all technology resource related supplies, materials, services, and equipment required by the state government or any of its agencies and designate such contracts as mandatory sources of supply for agency purchases or to authorize any agency to purchase or contract for technology;

~~(28)~~(27) To establish and enforce standard specifications which shall apply to all technology and technology resource related supplies, materials, and equipment purchased or to be purchased for the use of the state government or any of its agencies, which specifications shall be based on and consistent with industry accepted open network architecture standards;

~~(29)~~(28) To establish specifications and standards for technology resources, which shall apply to all technology to be purchased, licensed, or leased by any agency;

(29) To provide a waiver for any agency as to the use of any policies, standards, specifications, or contracts developed by the authority, when it is determined by the authority that such should not be applicable to such agency or that it will promote the best interests of the state to grant such a waiver.

(30) To exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations which is not in conflict with the public purpose of the authority; and

(31) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred by this chapter."

### SECTION 3.

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

Senator Martin of the 9th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 117.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman

Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 117.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SR 130. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Beach of the 21st, Thompson of the 14th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

#### A RESOLUTION

Creating the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, state agencies possess great amounts of valuable information and reports on all aspects of life for the citizens of this state, including, without limitation, health, business, public safety, labor, and transportation data; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous amount of data maintained by state agencies can result in the duplication of efforts, data, records, and parts of data and records that may result in the maintenance of inconsistent data and records concerning the same citizen; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a quick and efficient delivery system to respond to legislative and executive branch inquiries is harmful to the policy-making process and ultimately costs taxpayers money; and

WHEREAS, progressive states have evolved to become data-driven governments that use data as a strategic asset to improve the delivery of services to the state's citizens, to become more efficient stewards of citizens' data, and to reduce unnecessary costs; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the quality and consistency of public data is essential to maintaining the data's value and utility and achieving high value solutions to improve the lives and health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, new information technology has fundamentally changed the way people search for and expect to find information and can aggregate large quantities of data to allow the state to provide better information to citizens with increasing efficiency and thoroughness; and

WHEREAS, the state should evaluate ways to appropriately, efficiently, and securely share data between and within state agencies to allow for quicker, more impactful cross-agency analysis to allow policymakers to make quicker, more informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, the state should use the innovations in information technology in other states and private industry to enhance public access to public data to make the state more transparent and to promote public trust while eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in the execution and delivery of government services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

(1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Transparency and Open Access in Government Study Committee.

(2) **Members and officers.**

(A) The committee shall be composed of 15 members.

(B) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. In addition, the President of the Senate shall appoint three persons from private industry as follows:

(i) One member with expertise in health information technology;

(ii) One member with expertise in data security or a related technology field; and

(iii) One member from a stakeholder's group with expertise in the delivery of healthcare or other service provider utilizing public data in Georgia.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. In addition, the Speaker shall appoint three persons from private industry as follows:

(i) One member with expertise in health information technology;

(ii) One member with expertise in data security or a related technology field; and

(iii) One member from a stakeholder's group with expertise in the delivery of healthcare or other service provider utilizing public data in Georgia.

(D) The Governor shall appoint an additional member of the committee.

(3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall determine the best practices for the state to achieve the most efficient system for maintaining and delivering the state's public records and data to public officials, government entities, and private citizens, including appropriate bidirectional

access between public and private industries; recommend specific solutions and legislation for an efficient open data and transparency law based upon open data policy principles for state agencies to maintain and share public data that is owned, controlled, collected, or maintained by state agencies; examine, solicit, and procure public and private institution grants and partnerships to assist in the performance of its duties. Such partnerships shall include, but are not limited to, opportunities from which the state can expect a clear return on investment from health information technology and other data-driven interventions that will improve the health and well-being of our citizens.

(4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(C) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 130.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SR 130.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 174. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts, the Department of Community Supervision, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and enact reforms recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to amend Title 15 and Code Section 49-3-6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts and functions of a county or district department of family and children services; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17, Title 42, and Code Section 51-1-54 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, penal institutions, and the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide for reform for individuals supervised under accountability courts, the Department of Community Supervision, and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and enact reforms recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to amend Title 15 and Code Section 49-3-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts and functions of a county or district department of family and children services, respectively, so as to require veterans court divisions to adhere to the same policies, procedures, and standards as other accountability courts; to change provisions relating to family treatment court divisions; to provide for protocols involving family treatment court divisions; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17, Title 42, and Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, penal institutions, and the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, respectively, so as to provide for a behavioral incentive date under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to active probation supervision; to provide for the use of updated evaluation tools; to provide for matters related to probation; to provide for the Board of Community Supervision to issue Program and Treatment Completion Certificates; to create certain rebuttable presumptions pertinent to individuals issued such certificates; to modify provisions relating to the confidentiality of records and information held by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles under certain circumstances; to allow community supervision officers to provide supervision to defendants in certain accountability courts under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to allow the prosecuting attorney and victim of a crime to submit information to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles relative to its consideration of the parole or conditional release of an inmate; to require that conditions of probation be imposed as conditions of parole when a defendant is serving a split sentence; to provide for notice of certain hearings; to clarify provisions relating to commutation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 15-1-17, relating to veterans court divisions, as follows:

"(4)(A) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall adopt standards and practices for veterans court divisions, taking into consideration guidelines and principles based on available current research and findings published

by experts on veterans' health needs and treatment options, including, but not limited to, the VA and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service. The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall update its standards and practices to incorporate research, findings, and developments in the veterans court field if any such research, findings, or developments are created. Each veterans court division shall adopt policies and practices that will be consistent with any standards and practices published by the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. ~~Such standards and practices shall serve as a flexible framework for developing effective veterans court divisions and provide a structure for conducting research and evaluation for accountability. Such standards and practices are not intended to be a certification or regulatory checklist.~~

(B) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall provide technical assistance to veterans court divisions to assist them with the implementation of policies and practices, including, but not limited to, guidance on the implementation of risk and needs assessments in veterans court divisions.

(C) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall create and manage a certification and peer review process to ensure veterans court divisions are adhering to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices and shall create a waiver process for veterans court divisions to seek an exception to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices. In order to receive state appropriated funds, any veterans court division established on and after July 1, 2017, shall be certified pursuant to this subparagraph or, for good cause shown to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, shall receive a waiver from the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia.

(D) On and after July 1, 2017, the award of any state funds for a veterans court division shall be conditioned upon a veterans court division attaining certification or a waiver by the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. On or before September 1, the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall publish an annual report listing certified veterans court divisions.

(E) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia and the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform shall develop and manage an electronic information system for performance measurement and accept submission of performance data in a consistent format from all veterans court divisions. The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall identify elements necessary for performance measurement, including, but not limited to, recidivism, the number of moderate-risk and high-risk participants in a veterans court division, drug testing results, drug testing failures, participant employment, the number of participants who successfully complete the program, and the number of participants who fail to complete the program.

(F) On or before July 1, 2018, and every three years thereafter, the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall conduct a performance peer review of the veterans court divisions for the purpose of improving veterans court division policies and practices and the certification and recertification process."



**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (a) and subparagraph (a)(5)(C) of Code Section 15-11-70, relating to the establishment of family treatment court divisions, as follows:

"(4) Each family treatment court division shall establish a planning group to develop a work plan. The planning group shall include the judges, prosecuting attorneys, special assistant attorneys general, public defenders, attorneys who represent children and parents, law enforcement officials, probation officers, community supervision officers, court appointed special advocates, guardians ad litem, DFCS employees, and other individuals having expertise in services available to families in dependency proceedings. The work plan shall address the operational, coordination, resource, information management, and evaluation needs of the family treatment court division. The work plan shall include family treatment court division policies and practices related to implementing the standards and practices developed pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection. The work plan shall ensure a risk and needs assessment is used to identify the likelihood of recidivating and identify the needs that, when met, reduce recidivism. The work plan shall include eligibility criteria for the family treatment court division. The family treatment court division shall combine judicial supervision, treatment of family treatment court division participants, drug testing, and mental health treatment."

"(C) The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall create and manage a certification and peer review process to ensure family treatment court divisions are adhering to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices and shall create a waiver process for family treatment court divisions to seek an exception to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia's standards and practices. The Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia shall create a certification process to allow a court to demonstrate its need for additional state grant funds, as authorized by Code Section 15-11-52, for one or more part-time judges to operate a family treatment court division. In order to receive state appropriated funds, any family treatment court division established on and after July 1, 2017, shall be certified pursuant to this subparagraph or, for good cause shown to the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, shall receive a waiver from the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia."

**SECTION 1-3.**

Said title is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-70, relating to the establishment of family treatment court divisions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(11) A court instituting a family treatment court division shall comply with the periodic review process as required by Code Section 15-11-216."

**SECTION 1-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (f) of Code Section 15-11-212, relating to the disposition of a dependent child, as follows:

"(f) If a child is adjudicated as a dependent child and the dependency is found to have been the result of substance abuse by his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian and the court orders transfer of temporary legal custody of such child, the court shall be authorized to further order that legal custody of such child may not be transferred back to his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian unless such parent, guardian, or legal custodian ~~undergoes~~:

- (1) Undergoes substance abuse treatment and random substance abuse screenings and those screenings remain negative for a period of no less than ~~six~~ 12 consecutive months; or
- (2) Successfully completes programming through a family treatment court division."

#### **SECTION 1-5.**

Code Section 49-3-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the functions of a county or district department of family and children services, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The primary purpose of county departments shall be to protect children. To achieve this primary purpose, the county departments shall, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Division of Family and Children Services of the department:

- (1) Investigate reports of abuse ~~and~~ or neglect;
- (2) Assess, promote, and support the safety of a child in a safe and stable family or other appropriate placement in response to allegations of abuse or neglect;
- (3) Work cooperatively with law enforcement regarding reports that include criminal conduct allegations; ~~and~~
- (4) In collaboration with the family treatment court division planning group, if one exists, establish a written protocol to assess cases involving substantiated reports of abuse or neglect for possible referral to a family treatment court division. Such protocol shall be consistent with the Council of Accountability Courts of Georgia's certification requirements and include sufficient criteria to determine the need for substance abuse treatment; and
- ~~(4)~~(5) Without compromising child safety, coordinate services to achieve and maintain permanency on behalf of the child, strengthen the family, and provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services pursuant to this title."

#### **PART II SECTION 2-1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for sentencing and the imposition of punishment, is amended by revising paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and subsection (d) of Code Section 17-10-1, relating to fixing of sentence, as follows:

"(a)(1)(A) Except in cases in which life imprisonment, life without parole, or the death penalty may be imposed, upon a verdict or plea of guilty in any case involving a misdemeanor or felony, and after a presentence hearing, the judge fixing the

sentence shall prescribe a determinate sentence for a specific number of months or years which shall be within the minimum and maximum sentences prescribed by law as the punishment for the crime. The judge imposing the sentence is granted power and authority to suspend or probate all or any part of the entire sentence under such rules and regulations as the judge deems proper, including service of a probated sentence in the sentencing options system, as provided by Article 9 6 of Chapter 8 3 of Title 42, and including the authority to revoke the suspension or probation when the defendant has violated any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the court, even before the probationary period has begun, subject to the conditions set out in this subsection; provided, however, that such action shall be subject to the provisions of Code Sections 17-10-6.1 and 17-10-6.2.

(B) When a defendant is convicted of felony offenses, has no prior felony conviction, and the court imposes a sentence of probation, not to include a split sentence, the court shall include a behavioral incentive date in its sentencing order that does not exceed three years from the date such sentence is imposed. Within 60 days of the expiration of such incentive date, if the defendant has not been arrested for anything other than a nonserious traffic offense as defined in Code Section 35-3-37, has been compliant with the general and special conditions of probation imposed, and has paid all restitution owed, the Department of Community Supervision shall notify the prosecuting attorney and the court of such facts. The Department of Community Supervision shall provide the court with an order to terminate such defendant's probation which the court shall execute unless the court or the prosecuting attorney requests a hearing on such matter within 30 days of the receipt of such order. The court shall take whatever action it determines would be for the best interest of justice and the welfare of society.

(2) Active probation supervision shall terminate in all cases no later than two years from the commencement of active probation supervision unless specially extended or reinstated by the sentencing court upon notice and hearing and for good cause shown; provided, however, that in those cases involving the collection of ~~fin~~es, restitution, ~~or other funds~~, the period of active probation supervision shall remain in effect for so long as any such obligation is outstanding, or until termination of the sentence, whichever first occurs, and for those cases involving a conviction under Chapter 15 of Title 16, the 'Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act,' the period of active probation supervision shall remain in effect until the termination of the sentence, but shall not exceed five years unless as otherwise provided in this paragraph. Supervision shall not be required for defendants sentenced to probation while the defendant is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections or the State Board of Pardons and Paroles."

"(d) In any case involving a misdemeanor or a felony in which the defendant has been punished in whole or in part by a fine, the sentencing judge shall be authorized to allow the defendant to satisfy such fine through community service as defined in Code Section 42-3-50. One hour of community service shall equal the dollar amount of one hour of paid labor at the minimum wage under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of

1938, ~~as now or hereafter amended~~ in effect on January 1, 2017, unless otherwise specified by the sentencing judge. A defendant shall be required to serve the number of hours in community service which equals the number derived by dividing the amount of the fine by the federal minimum hourly wage or by the amount specified by the sentencing judge. Prior to or subsequent to sentencing, a defendant, or subsequent to sentencing, a community supervision officer, may request that the court that make all or any portion of a fine ~~may~~ be satisfied under this subsection."

### SECTION 2-2.

Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 42-2-11, relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Corrections, as follows:

"(c)(1) The board shall adopt rules governing the assignment, housing, working, feeding, clothing, treatment, discipline, rehabilitation, training, and hospitalization of all inmates coming under its custody.

(2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Evidence based practices' means supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices that scientific research demonstrates reduce recidivism among individuals who are under some form of correctional supervision.

(ii) 'Recidivism' means returning to prison or jail within three years of being placed on probation or being discharged or released from a department or jail facility.

(B) The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the management and treatment of inmates coming under its custody to ensure that evidence based practices, including the use of a risk and needs assessment and any other method the board deems appropriate, guide decisions related to preparing inmates for release into the community. Any risk and needs assessment instrument shall be revalidated by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter. The board shall require the department to collect and analyze data and performance outcomes relevant to the level and type of treatment given to an inmate and the outcome of the treatment on his or her recidivism and prepare an annual report regarding such information which shall be submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on ~~State Properties Judiciary~~ and the Senate ~~State Institutions and Property Judiciary~~ Committee.

(C) Using evidence based practices, the board shall evaluate the quality of the programming utilized at all department facilities, except state prisons, by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, and shall publicly publish its report."

### SECTION 2-3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (g) through (j) of and adding a new subsection to Code Section 42-3-2, relating to the creation of the Board of Community Supervision and its duties, to read as follows:

"(g)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Evidence based practices' means supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices that scientific research demonstrates reduce recidivism among individuals who are under some form of correctional supervision.

(B) 'Recidivism' means returning to prison or jail within three years of being placed on probation or being discharged or released from a ~~Department of Corrections department~~ or jail facility.

(2) The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the management and treatment of probationers and parolees to ensure that evidence based practices, including the use of a risk and needs assessment and any other method the board deems appropriate, guide decisions related to managing probationers and parolees in the community. Any risk and needs assessment instrument shall be revalidated by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter. The board shall require DCS to collect and analyze data and performance outcomes relevant to the level and type of treatment given to a probationer or parolee and the outcome of the treatment on his or her recidivism and prepare an annual report regarding such information which shall be submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on ~~State Properties~~ Judiciary and the Senate ~~State Institutions and Property~~ Judiciary Committee.

(3) Using evidence based practices, the board shall evaluate the quality of the programming utilized at day reporting centers by January 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, and shall publicly publish its report.

(h)(1) The board, acting alone or in cooperation with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia or other relevant educational organizations and agencies, may provide educational programs for probationers and shall exercise program approval authority. The board may enter into written agreements with other educational organizations and agencies in order to provide probationers with such education and employment skills most likely to encourage gainful employment and discourage return to criminal activity. The board may also enter into agreements with other educational organizations and agencies to attain program certification for its vocational and technical education programs.

(2) The board shall create a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate that may be issued to probationers under the rules and regulations of the board. Such certificate shall symbolize a probationer's achievements toward successful reentry into society. The board's rules and regulations relating to the issuance of such certificate shall take into account a probationer's violations of the terms of his or her probation and any other factor the board deems relevant to an individual's qualification for such certificate. The board's rules and regulations shall specify eligibility considerations and requirements for completion of such certificate.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the state, and no action shall be maintained against the state or any agency or department thereof for issuance of or failure to issue any Program and Treatment Completion Certificate.

~~(h)~~(i) The board shall adopt rules and regulations and such rules and regulations shall be adopted, established, promulgated, amended, repealed, filed, and published in accordance with the applicable provisions and procedure as set forth in Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The courts shall take judicial notice of any such rules or regulations.

~~(i)~~(j) As used in this Code section, the term 'rules and regulations' shall have the same meaning as the word 'rule' as defined in paragraph (6) of Code Section 50-13-2.

~~(j)~~(k) The board shall perform duties required of it by law and shall, in addition thereto, be responsible for promulgation of all rules and regulations not in conflict with this chapter that may be necessary and appropriate to the administration of DCS, to the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter and Chapters 8 and 9 of this title, and to the performance of the duties and functions of DCS as set forth in this chapter and Chapters 8 and 9 of this title."

#### SECTION 2-4.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 42-5-36, relating to confidentiality of information supplied by inmates, penalties for breach, classified nature of department investigation reports, confidentiality of certain identifying information, and custodians of records, as follows:

"(c)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Serious offense' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 42-9-42.

(B) 'Serious violent felony' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-10-6.1.

(2) All institutional inmate files and central office inmate files of the department shall be classified as confidential state secrets and privileged under law, unless declassified in writing by the commissioner; provided, however, ~~that~~ these records shall be subject to subpoena by a court of competent jurisdiction of this state ~~and provided, further, that the commissioner shall prepare a report of the conduct of record of any inmate serving a sentence for a serious violent felony. When the report includes conduct which would constitute a serious offense, reasonably related information connected to such offense shall be included in the report. Such report shall be subject to disclosure under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-9-43.~~"

#### SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 42-8-21, relating to definitions for the state-wide probation system, to read as follows:

"(3) 'Qualified offense' means a felony offense of:

(A) Burglary in the second degree in violation of Code Section 16-7-1;

(B) Possession of tools for the commission of crime in violation of Code Section 16-7-20;

(C) Criminal damage to property in the second degree in violation of Code Section 16-7-23;

- (D) Interference with government property in violation of Code Section 16-7-24;
- (E) Arson in the third degree in violation of Code Section 16-7-62;
- (F) Burning of woodlands, brush, fields, or other lands in violation of Code Section 16-7-63 when the punishment is as set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-7-63;
- (G) Theft in violation of Code Sections 16-8-2 through 16-8-9 when the punishment is as set forth in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) or (a)(1)(C) of Code Section 16-8-12;
- (H) Theft by shoplifting in violation of Code Section 16-8-14;
- (I) Refund fraud in violation of Code Section 16-8-14.1;
- (J) Conversion of payments for real property improvements in violation of Code Section 16-8-15;
- (K) Entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with intent to commit theft or felony in violation of Code Section 16-8-18;
- (L) Livestock theft in violation of Code Section 16-8-20;
- (M) Forgery in violation of Code Section 16-9-1;
- (N) Printing, executing, or negotiating checks, drafts, orders, or debit card sales drafts knowing information thereon to be in error, fictitious, or assigned to another account holder in violation of Code Section 16-9-21;
- (O) Financial transaction card offenses in violation of Code Section 16-9-31, 16-9-32, 16-9-33, 16-9-34, 16-9-35, 16-9-36.1, or 16-9-37, provided that the aggregate value of the loss does not exceed \$25,000.00;
- (P) Failing to pay for natural products or chattels in violation of Code Section 16-9-58;
- (Q) Purchasing, possessing, manufacturing, delivering, distributing, administering, selling, or possessing with the intent to distribute controlled substances, marijuana, counterfeit substances, or flunitrazepam in violation of Code Section 16-13-30;
- (R) Unlawfully manufacturing, delivering, distributing, selling, or possessing with the intent to distribute noncontrolled substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-30.1;
- (S) Possession of substances containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine or sales of products containing those ingredients in violation of Code Section 16-13-30.3 when the punishment is as set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-30.3; and
- (T) Violation of Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 when the punishment is as set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 16-13-79."

#### **SECTION 2-6.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-27, relating to the duties of community supervision officers, as follows:

"42-8-27.

An officer shall supervise and counsel probationers and parolees in the judicial circuit to which he or she is assigned. Each officer shall perform the duties prescribed in this

chapter and other duties as are prescribed by DCS and shall make and keep any records and files and make such reports as are required of him or her by DCS, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a court. Officers shall be authorized to provide supervision of defendants who are participants in a drug court division, mental health court division, or veterans court division operated by a superior court, provided that sufficient staff and resources exist for such supervision."

#### SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 42-8-34, relating to sentencing hearings and determinations, as follows:

"(e)(1) The court may, in its discretion, require the payment of a fine or costs, or both, fees, or restitution as a condition of probation. Chapter 14 of Title 17 shall control when determining the amount of restitution. When probation supervision is required, the court may require the payment of a probation supervision fee as a condition of probation. In determining the financial obligations, other than restitution, to impose on the defendant, the court may consider:

- (A) The defendant's financial resources and other assets, including whether any such asset is jointly controlled;
- (B) The defendant's earnings and other income;
- (C) The defendant's financial obligations, including obligations to dependents;
- (D) The period of time during which the probation order will be in effect;
- (E) The goal of the punishment being imposed; and
- (F) Any other factor the court deems appropriate.

(2) The court may convert fines, statutory surcharges, and probation supervision fees to community service on the same basis as it allows a defendant to pay a fine through community service as set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 17-10-1.

(3)(A) As used in this subsection, the term:

- (i) 'Developmental disability' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 37-1-1.
- (ii) 'Indigent' means an individual who earns less than 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines unless there is evidence that the individual has other resources that might reasonably be used without undue hardship for such individual or his or her dependents.
- (iii) 'Significant financial hardship' means a reasonable probability that an individual will be unable to satisfy his or her financial obligations for two or more consecutive months.
- (iv) 'Totally and permanently disabled' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 49-4-80.

(B) The court shall waive, modify, or convert fines, statutory surcharges, probation supervision fees, and any other moneys assessed by the court or a provider of probation services upon a determination by the court prior to or subsequent to sentencing that a defendant has a significant financial hardship or inability to pay or that there are any other extenuating factors which prohibit payment or collection;



provided, however, that the imposition of sanctions for failure to pay such sums shall be within the discretion of the court through judicial process or hearings.

(C) Unless rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence that a defendant will be able to satisfy his or her financial obligations without undue hardship to the defendant or his or her dependents, a defendant shall be presumed to have a significant financial hardship if he or she:

(i) Has a developmental disability;

(ii) Is totally and permanently disabled;

(iii) Is indigent; or

(iv) Has been released from confinement within the preceding 12 months and was incarcerated for more than 30 days before his or her release."

### **SECTION 2-8.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-8-37, relating to the effect of the termination of the probated portion of a sentence and the review of cases of persons receiving probated sentences, as follows:

"42-8-37.

(a) Upon the termination of the probated portion of a sentence, the probationer shall be released from probation and shall not be liable to sentence for the crime for which probation was allowed; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to prohibit the conviction and sentencing of the probationer for the subsequent commission of the same or a similar offense or for the subsequent continuation of the offense for which he or she was previously sentenced.

(b) The court may at any time cause the probationer to appear before it to be admonished or commended and, when satisfied that its action would be for the best interest of justice and the welfare of society, may discharge the probationer from further supervision.

(c)(1) The case of each person receiving a probated sentence of ~~more than two years~~ three years or more shall be reviewed by the officer responsible for such case after service of ~~two~~ three years on probation, and a written report of the probationer's progress shall be submitted to the sentencing court along with the officer's recommendation as to early termination. The report shall specifically state whether the probationer has been arrested for anything other than a nonserious traffic offense as defined in Code Section 35-3-37, whether the probationer has been compliant with the general and special conditions of probation imposed, and the status of the probationer's payments toward restitution or any fines and fees imposed. Each such case shall be reviewed and a written report submitted annually thereafter until the termination, expiration, or other disposition of the case.

(2) This subsection is intended to be retroactive and applied to any case when a person received a probated sentence of three years or more.

(d)(1) When a probationer is on probation for a qualified offense, DCS shall file a petition to terminate his or her probation if, after serving three years on probation, the probationer has:

(A) Paid all restitution owed;

(B) Not had his or her probation revoked during such period; and

(C) Not been arrested for anything other than a nonserious traffic offense as defined in Code Section 35-3-37.

(2) When the court is presented with such petition, it shall take whatever action it determines would be for the best interest of justice and the welfare of society.

(3) This subsection is intended to be retroactive and applied to any probationer under the supervision of DCS."

#### **SECTION 2-9.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 42-9-41, relating to the duty of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to obtain and place in records information respecting persons subject to relief or placed on probation, investigations, and rules, as follows:

"(b) The board in its discretion may also obtain and place in its permanent records similar information on each person who may be placed on probation. The board shall immediately examine such records and any other records obtained and make such other investigation as it may deem necessary. It shall be the duty of the court and of all community supervision officers and other appropriate officers to furnish to the board, upon its request, such information as may be in their possession or under their control. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and all other state, county, and city agencies, all sheriffs and their deputies, and all peace officers shall cooperate with the board and shall aid and assist it in the performance of its duties. The board may make such rules as to the privacy or privilege of such information and as to its use by persons other than the board and its staff as may be deemed expedient in the performance of its duties, provided that such rules do not conflict with Code Section 42-9-61."

#### **SECTION 2-10.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (c), (d), and (e) of Code Section 42-9-42, relating to the procedure for granting relief from sentence, conditions and prerequisites, public access to information, and violation of parole, as follows:

"(c) Good conduct, achievement of a fifth-grade level or higher on standardized reading tests, and efficient performance of duties by an inmate shall be considered by the board in his or her favor and shall merit consideration of an application for pardon or parole. No inmate shall be placed on parole until and unless the board shall find that there is reasonable probability that, if he or she is so released, he or she will live and conduct himself or herself as a respectable and law-abiding person and that his or her release will be compatible with his or her own welfare and the welfare of society. Furthermore, no person shall be released on pardon or placed on parole unless and until the board is satisfied that he or she will be suitably employed in self-sustaining employment or that he or she will not become a public charge. However, notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the board may, in its discretion, grant pardon or parole to any aged or disabled persons.

(d)(1) Any person who is paroled shall be released on such terms and conditions as the board shall prescribe, and if he or she is serving a split sentence, the board's conditions shall include all of the terms of probation imposed by the sentencing court. The board shall diligently see that no peonage is allowed in the guise of parole relationship or supervision. The parolee shall remain in the legal custody of the board until the expiration of the maximum term specified in his or her sentence, ~~or until~~ he or she is pardoned by the board, or his or her supervision is terminated as provided in Code Section 42-9-52.

(2) The board may require the payment of a parole supervision fee of at least \$10.00 per month as a condition of parole or ~~other~~ conditional release. The monthly amount shall be set by rule of the board and shall be uniform state wide. ~~The board may require or the parolee or person under conditional release may request that up to 24 months of the supervision fee be paid in advance of the time to be spent on parole or conditional release. In such cases, any advance payments are nonreimbursable in the event of parole or conditional release revocation or if parole or conditional release is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of the sentence being served on parole or conditional release.~~ Such fees shall be collected by the department to be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

(e) If a parolee or conditional releasee violates the terms of his or her parole or conditional release, he or she shall be subject to rearrest or extradition for placement in the actual custody of the board, to be redelivered to any state or county correctional institution of this state or placed in any other Department of Corrections facility, including a probation detention center, not to exceed 180 days, or in a residential substance abuse treatment facility, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-8-111, as deemed appropriate by the board. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit or restrict the authority of the commissioner of corrections in making custodial assignments."

### SECTION 2-11.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-43, relating to information to be considered by board generally, conduct of investigation and examination, and determination as to grant of relief, as follows:

"42-9-43.

(a) The board, in considering any case within its power, shall cause to be brought before it all pertinent information on the person in question. Included therein shall be:

(1) A report by the superintendent, warden, or jailer of the jail or state or county correctional institution in which the person has been confined upon the conduct of record of the person while in such jail or state or county correctional institution;

(2) A report of the conduct of record of the person serving a sentence for a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections;

~~(2)(3)~~ (3) The results of such physical and mental examinations as may have been made of the person;

~~(3)~~(4) The extent to which the person appears to have responded to the efforts made to improve his or her social attitude;

~~(4)~~(5) The industrial record of the person while confined, the nature of his or her occupations while so confined, and a recommendation as to the kind of work he or she is best fitted to perform and at which he or she is most likely to succeed when and if he or she is released;

~~(5)~~(6) The educational programs in which the person has participated and the level of education which the person has attained based on standardized reading tests;

~~(6)~~(7) The written statements or oral testimony, if any, of the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced expressing views and making any recommendation as to parole, conditional release, a pardon for a serious offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-9-42, or commutation of a death sentence;

~~(7)~~(8) The written, oral, audiotaped, or videotaped testimony of the victim, the victim's family, or a witness having personal knowledge of the victim's personal characteristics, including any information prepared by the victim or any individual offering or preparing information on behalf of the victim, for the purpose of the board's consideration of a parole, conditional release, pardon, or commutation of a death sentence if the victim has provided such information to the board; and

~~(8)~~(9) If the person is or was required to register pursuant to Code Section 42-1-12, any court order issued releasing the person from registration requirements or residency or employment restrictions.

(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Debilitating terminal illness' means a disease that cannot be cured or adequately treated and that is reasonably expected to result in death within 12 months.

(B) 'Entirely incapacitated' means an offender who:

(i) Requires assistance in order to perform two or more necessary daily life functions or who is completely immobile; and

(ii) Has such limited physical or mental ability, strength, or capacity that he or she poses an extremely low risk of physical threat to others or to the community.

(C) 'Necessary daily life function' means eating, breathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, walking, or bathing.

(2) The board may issue a medical reprieve to an entirely incapacitated person suffering a progressively debilitating terminal illness in accordance with Article IV, Section II, Paragraph II of the Constitution.

(c)(1) The board shall give at least 30 days' advance written notification to the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced whenever it considers making a final decision on a pardon for a serious offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-9-42, and at least 90 days' advance written notification to such district attorney prior to making a final decision on parole or conditional release for a person sentenced for a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 17-10-6.1, and shall provide the district attorney an opportunity to submit information and file a written objection to such ~~action~~ actions and shall also provide the person

being considered for parole or conditional release an opportunity to submit information.

(2) Within 72 hours of receiving a request to commute a death sentence, the board shall provide written notification to the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced of the date set for hearing such request and shall provide the district attorney an opportunity to submit information and file a written response to such request.

(3) The board may also make such other investigation as it may deem necessary in order to be fully informed about the person.

(d)(1) Before releasing any person on parole or conditional release, granting a pardon, or commuting a death sentence, the board may have the person appear before it and may personally examine him or her and consider any information it deems relevant or necessary. When objections to relief have been tendered, the board may hold a hearing and consider oral testimony. If the board holds a hearing, it shall provide the district attorney of the circuit in which the person was sentenced 30 days' notice via e-mail of such hearing date and the district attorney or his or her designee may attend such hearing and present evidence to the board and shall also provide the person being considered 30 days' notice of such hearing date and he or she may present evidence to the board. Upon consideration of the reports, files, records, papers, documents information, and oral testimony submitted, the board shall make its findings and determine whether or not such person shall be granted a pardon, parole, or other relief within the power of the board and determine the terms and conditions thereof, and if such person is serving a split sentence, the board's conditions shall include all of the terms of probation imposed by the sentencing court.

(2) Notice of the board's determination shall be given to the person being considered, the correctional official having him or her in custody, if applicable, the district attorney who submitted any information or objection, and the victim ~~in accordance with Code Section 17-17-13~~ if the victim has expressed a desire for such notification and has provided the board with a current mailing or e-mail address and telephone number.

(e) If a person in custody is granted a pardon, ~~or a parole,~~ or conditional release, the correctional official having such person in custody, upon notification thereof, shall inform him or her of the terms and conditions thereof and shall, in strict accordance therewith, release the person."

### **SECTION 2-12.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-44, relating to the terms and conditions of parole, adoption of general and special rules, violation of parole, and certain parolees to obtain high school diploma or general educational development (GED) diploma, as follows:

"42-9-44.

(a) The board, upon placing a person on parole or conditional release, shall specify in writing the terms and conditions thereof, and if such person is serving a split sentence,

the board's conditions shall include all of the terms of probation imposed by the sentencing court. A certified copy of the conditions shall be given to the parolee or conditional releasee. Thereafter, a copy shall be sent to the clerk of the court in which the person was convicted. The board shall adopt general rules concerning the terms and conditions of parole or conditional release and concerning what shall constitute a violation thereof and shall make special rules to govern particular cases. The rules, both general and special, may include, among other things, a requirement that the parolee or conditional releasee shall not leave this state or any definite area in this state without the consent of the board; that the parolee or conditional releasee shall contribute to the support of his or her dependents to the best of the parolee's or conditional releasee's ability; that the parolee or conditional releasee shall make reparation or restitution for his or her crime; that the parolee or conditional releasee shall abandon evil associates and ways; and that the parolee or conditional releasee shall carry out the instructions of his or her community supervision officer, and, in general, so comport himself or herself as the ~~parolee's~~ community supervision officer shall determine. A violation of the terms of parole or conditional release may render the parolee or conditional releasee liable to arrest and a return to a penal institution to serve out the term for which the parolee or conditional releasee was sentenced.

(b) Each parolee or conditional releasee who does not have a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) diploma shall be required as a condition of parole or conditional release to obtain a high school diploma or general educational development (GED) diploma or to pursue a trade at a vocational or technical school. Any such parolee or conditional releasee who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board an existing ability or skill which does in fact actually furnish the parolee or conditional releasee a reliable, regular, and sufficient income shall not be subject to this ~~provision~~ subsection. Any parolee or conditional releasee who is determined by the department or the board to be incapable of completing such requirements shall only be required to attempt to improve his or her basic educational skills. Failure of any parolee or conditional releasee subject to this requirement to attend the necessary schools or courses or to make reasonable progress toward fulfillment of such requirement shall be grounds for revocation of parole or conditional release. The board shall establish regulations regarding reasonable progress as required by this subsection. ~~This subsection shall apply to paroles granted on or after July 1, 1995.~~"

### SECTION 2-13.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-46, relating to cases in which inmate has failed to serve time required for automatic initial consideration, as follows:

"42-9-46.

When the board considers a ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, if the board is to consider any~~ case in which an inmate has ~~failed to serve not served~~ the time required by law Code Section 42-9-45 for automatic initial parole consideration, the board shall notify in writing, at least ten days prior to such early consideration, the sentencing judge, the district attorney of the ~~county~~ circuit in which

the person inmate was sentenced, and any victim of crimes against the person a violation of Chapter 5 of Title 16 or, if such victim is deceased, the spouse, children, or parents of the deceased victim if such person's contact information is provided pursuant to Code Section 17-17-13 has been provided to the board with a current mailing or e-mail address and telephone number. Such notice shall provide a time frame in which such individuals may file an objection to early parole consideration. The sentencing judge, district attorney, or victim or, if such victim is deceased, the spouse, children, or parents of the deceased victim shall be given notice of a hearing date if a hearing will be held and, in order to express their views and make their recommendation as to whether the inmate should be granted early parole, may appear at a such hearing held by the board or may make a written statement to the board expressing their views and making their recommendation as to whether the person should be paroled. If an objection was filed and the board grants early parole, it shall issue a statement explaining its reasoning for granting such parole and such statement shall be served on any party who filed an objection."

#### **SECTION 2-14.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-52, relating to discharge from parole, earned-time allowance, granting of pardons, commutations, and remissions of fines, forfeitures, or penalties, as follows:

"42-9-52.

(a) No person who has been placed on parole shall be discharged therefrom by the board prior to the expiration of the term for which he or she was sentenced or until he or she shall have been duly pardoned or otherwise released as provided in this Code section or as otherwise provided by law.

(b) The board may adopt rules and regulations, policies, and procedures for the granting of earned time to persons while serving their sentences on parole or other conditional release to the same extent and in the same amount as if such person were serving the sentence in custody. The board shall also be authorized to withhold or to forfeit, in whole or in part, any such earned-time allowance.

(c) When a parolee or conditional releasee is serving a split sentence for a qualified offense, as such term is defined in Code Section 42-8-21, the board shall review such case after such parolee or conditional releasee has successfully completed 12 consecutive months of parole supervision to consider commutation of such sentence. The board may relieve a ~~person on parole or other conditional release~~ parolee or conditional releasee from making further reports and may permit ~~the~~ such person to leave the state or county if satisfied that this is for the parolee's or conditional releasee's best interest and for the best interest of society. When a parolee or ~~other~~ conditional releasee has, in the opinion of the board, so conducted himself or herself as to deserve a pardon or a commutation of sentence or the remission in whole or in part of any fine, forfeiture, or penalty, the board may grant such relief in cases within its power. The board may take into consideration whether or not a person is serving a split sentence in its determination of granting any relief."

**SECTION 2-15.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 42-9-53, relating to the preservation of documents, classification of information and documents, divulgence of confidential state secrets, and conduct of hearings, as follows:

"42-9-53.

(a) Subject to other laws, the board shall preserve on file all documents on which it has acted in the granting of pardons, paroles, conditional releases, and other relief.

(b)(1) All information, both oral and written, received by the members of the board in the performance of their duties under this chapter and all ~~records, papers, and documents~~ reports, files, records, and information coming into their possession by reason of the performance of their duties under this chapter shall be classified as confidential state secrets until declassified by the board; provided, however, that the board shall be authorized to:

(A) To disclose to an alleged violator of parole or conditional release the evidence introduced against him or her at a final hearing on the matter of revocation of parole or conditional release; and

(B) To disclose information as provided in Code Section 42-9-61.

(2) The department may make supervision records of the department available to officials employed with the Department of Corrections and the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board, provided that the same shall remain confidential and not available to any other person or subject to subpoena unless declassified by the commissioner of community supervision.

(c) No person shall divulge or cause to be divulged in any manner any confidential state secret. Any person violating this Code section or any person who causes or procures a violation of this Code section or conspires to violate this Code section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) All hearings required to be held by this chapter shall be public, and the transcript thereof shall be exempt from subsection (b) of this Code section. All records and documents which were public records at the time they were received by the board ~~are~~ shall be exempt from subsection (b) of this Code section. All information, reports, and documents required by law to be made available to the General Assembly, the Governor, or the state auditor ~~are~~ shall be exempt from subsection (b) of this Code section."

**SECTION 2-16.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"42-9-61.

(a) After the board provides the notice of making a final decision on parole or conditional release as required by subsection (c) of Code Section 42-9-43, both the prosecuting attorney and the person being considered for such relief may make a written request to the board for the report set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-9-43 and the board shall promptly provide such report as well as any other information the board has declassified.



(b) The disclosure of the report set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 42-9-43 pursuant to this Code section shall not vitiate the confidential nature of such report and such report shall not be subject to disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50."

### **SECTION 2-17.**

Code Section 51-1-54 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'Program and Treatment Completion Certificate' means the certificate issued pursuant to Code Section 42-2-5.2 or Code Section 42-3-2.

(b) Issuance of a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate by the ~~Department Board~~ Board of Corrections or the Board of Community Supervision or the granting of a pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles as provided in the Constitution and Code Section 42-9-42 shall create a presumption of due care in hiring, retaining, licensing, leasing to, admitting to a school or program, or otherwise engaging in activity with the individual to whom the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate was issued or the pardon was granted. Such presumption may be rebutted by relevant evidence which extends beyond the scope of the Program and Treatment Completion Certificate or pardon and which was known or should have been known by the person against whom negligence is asserted."

### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

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

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 174.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowser	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B

Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 174.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 434. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 164th, Beskin of the 54th and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than a public use for 20 years from the initial condemnation; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Kelley of the 16th, and Powell of the 171st.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Powell of the 171st, Williamson of the 115th, and Harrell of the 106th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator James of the 35th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its disagreement to the House amendment to SB 104 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Henson of the 41st, James of the 35th and Kennedy of the 18th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 176. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to enact reforms relating to driving privileges recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to change and provide for the procedure of issuing bench warrants for individuals charged with certain traffic, motorist, and road violations; to remove a barrier to obtaining a habitual violator probationary license; to change provisions relating to third and subsequent convictions under Code Section 40-6-391 involving controlled substances or marijuana; to change provisions relating to reinstatement of certain licenses under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 17 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to enact reforms relating to driving privileges recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to change and provide for the procedure of issuing bench warrants for individuals charged with certain traffic, motorist, and road violations; to remove a barrier to obtaining a habitual violator probationary license; to change provisions relating to third and subsequent convictions under Code Section 40-6-391 involving controlled substances or marijuana; to change provisions relating to reinstatement of certain licenses under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 17-6-11, relating to the display of a driver's license for violations of certain traffic related laws, as follows:

"(a)(1) When an individual Any other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, any person who is apprehended by an officer for the violation of the laws of this state or ordinances relating to the offenses listed in paragraph (2) of this subsection, he or she may display his or her driver's license and be issued a uniform traffic citation in lieu of being:

(1) Traffic, including any offense under Code Section 40-5-72 or 40-6-10, but

~~excepting any other offense for~~

- ~~(A) Brought before the proper magistrate or other judicial officer;~~
- ~~(B) Incarcerated;~~
- ~~(C) Ordered to post a bond; or~~
- ~~(D) Ordered a recognizance for his or her appearance for trial.~~

~~(2) This subsection shall apply to any violation:~~

~~(A) Of Title 40 except any offense:~~

- ~~(i) For which a driver's license may be suspended for a first offense by the commissioner of driver services, any offense covered;~~
- ~~(ii) Covered under Code Section 40-5-54, or any offense covered; or~~
- ~~(iii) Covered under Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40;~~

~~(2) The licensing and registration of motor vehicles and operators;~~

~~(3)(B) Involving the The width, height, and length of vehicles and loads;~~

~~(4)(C) Involving motor Motor common carriers and motor contract carriers;~~

~~(5) Commercial vehicle or driver safety;~~

~~(6)(D) Involving hazardous Hazardous materials transportation;~~

~~(7) Motor carrier insurance or registration; or~~

~~(8)(E) Involving road Road taxes on motor carriers as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 48~~

~~upon being served with the official summons issued by such apprehending officer, in lieu of being immediately brought before the proper magistrate, recorder, or other judicial officer to enter into a formal recognizance or make direct the deposit of a proper sum of money in lieu of a recognizance ordering incarceration, may display his or her driver's license to the apprehending officer in lieu of bail, in lieu of entering into a recognizance for his or her appearance for trial as set in the aforesaid summons, or in lieu of being incarcerated by the apprehending officer and held for further action by the appropriate judicial officer.~~

~~(3) The apprehending officer shall note the include the individual's driver's license number on the official summons uniform traffic citation. The summons uniform traffic citation, duly served as provided in this Code section, shall give the judicial officer jurisdiction to dispose of the matter.~~

~~(b)(4) Upon display of the driver's license, the apprehending officer shall release the person individual so charged for his or her further appearance before the proper judicial officer as required by the summons. The uniform traffic citation.~~

~~(b)(1) When a uniform traffic citation is issued and if the accused fails to appear for court or otherwise dispose of his or her charges before his or her scheduled court appearance as stated on the uniform traffic citation, prior to the court issuing a bench warrant, the clerk of court shall notify the accused by first-class mail or by postcard at the address listed on the uniform traffic citation of his or her failure to appear. Such notice shall be dated and allow the accused 30 days from such date to dispose of his or her charges or waive arraignment and plead not guilty. If after the expiration of such 30 day period the accused fails to dispose of his or her charges or waive arraignment and plead not guilty, the clerk of court in which the charges are lodged~~

shall ~~immediately~~, within five days of such date, forward to the Department of Driver Services of ~~this state~~ the accused's driver's license number if ~~the person fails to appear and answer to the charge against him or her~~. The commissioner of driver services shall, upon receipt of a such driver's license number forwarded by the court, suspend ~~the such accused's driver's license and driving privilege of the defaulting person~~ until notified by the clerk of court that the charge against the ~~person~~ accused has been finally adjudicated. Such ~~person's~~ accused's driver's license shall be reinstated ~~if the person when he or she~~ submits proof of ~~payment of the fine from the court of jurisdiction~~ the final adjudication and pays to the Department of Driver Services a restoration fee of \$50.00 or \$25.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to any violation of Title 40:

(A) For which a driver's license may be suspended for a first offense by the commissioner of driver services;

(B) Covered under Code Section 40-5-54; or

(C) Covered under Article 15 of Chapter 6 of Title 40."

## SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 17-7-90, relating to "bench warrant" defined, execution, receiving bail, fixing bond, and approving sureties, as follows:

"17-7-90.

(a) A bench warrant is a warrant ~~is a warrant~~ may be issued by a judge for the arrest of a person accused:

(1) Accused of a crime by a grand jury ~~or for the arrest of a person;~~

(2) Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 17-6-11, charged with a crime who has failed to appear in court after ~~actual notice;~~

(A) Actual notice of the time and place to appear to the person in open court ~~or notice;~~

(B) Notice of the time and place to appear to the person by mailing to ~~his or her~~ a notice to such person's last known address; ~~or otherwise being notified~~

(C) The person has otherwise been notified of the time and place to appear personally, in writing, by a court official or officer of the court ~~of the time and place to appear or for the arrest of a person charged;~~

(3) Charged with a crime upon the filing by the prosecutor of an accusation supported by affidavit; or

(4) Who failed to dispose of his or her charges or waive arraignment and plead not guilty after the expiration of the 30 day period set forth in subsection (b) of Code Section 17-6-11.

(b) Every officer is bound to execute ~~the~~ a bench warrant within his or her jurisdiction, and every person so arrested ~~must~~ shall be committed to jail until bail is tendered. Any judicial officer or the sheriff of the county where the charge was returned may receive the bail, fix the amount of the bond, and approve the sureties unless it is a case that is bailable only before some particular judicial officer."

**SECTION 3.**

Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, is amended by revising subparagraph (e)(1)(D) of Code Section 40-5-58, relating to habitual violators and probationary licenses, as follows:

~~"(D) Such person has not been convicted, or pleaded nolo contendere to a charge, of violating any provision of Title 3, relating to alcoholic beverages, or of violating any provision of Chapter 13 of Title 16, relating to controlled substances Reserved;"~~

**SECTION 4.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) and paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 40-5-75, relating to the suspension of drivers' licenses by operation of law and reinstatement, as follows:

~~"(3) Upon the third or subsequent conviction of any such offense within five years, as measured from the dates of previous arrests for which convictions were obtained to the date of the current arrest for which a conviction is obtained, such person's license shall be suspended for a period of five years person shall be considered a habitual violator, and such person's license shall be revoked as provided for in Code Section 40-5-58. A driver's license suspension imposed under this paragraph shall run concurrently with and shall be counted toward the fulfillment of any period of revocation imposed directly under Code Sections 40-5-58 and 40-5-62, provided that such revocation arose from the same act for which the suspension was imposed. ~~At the end of two years, the person may apply to the department for a three year driving permit upon compliance with the following conditions:~~~~

~~(A) Such person has not been convicted or pleaded nolo contendere to any drug related offense, including driving under the influence, for a period of two years immediately preceding the application for such permit;~~

~~(B) Such person submits proof of completion of a licensed drug treatment program. Such proof shall be submitted within two years of the license suspension and prior to the issuance of the three year driving permit. Such licensed drug treatment program shall be paid for by the offender. The offender shall pay a permit fee of \$25.00 to the department;~~

~~(C) Such person submits proof of financial responsibility as provided in Chapter 9 of this title; and~~

~~(D) Refusal to issue such permit would cause extreme hardship to the applicant. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'extreme hardship' means that the applicant cannot reasonably obtain other transportation, and, therefore, the applicant would be prohibited from:~~

~~(i) Going to his or her place of employment or performing the normal duties of his or her occupation;~~

~~(ii) Receiving scheduled medical care or obtaining prescription drugs;~~

~~(iii) Attending a college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student; or~~

~~(iv) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meetings of support organizations~~

~~for persons who have addiction or abuse problems related to alcohol or other drugs, which organizations are recognized by the commissioner.~~

~~Any three year driving permittee who is convicted of violating any state law or local ordinance relating to the movement of vehicles or any such permittee who is convicted of violating the conditions endorsed on his or her three year driving permit shall have his or her permit revoked by the department. Any court in which such conviction is had shall require the permittee to surrender the three year driving permit to the court, and the court shall forward it to the department within ten days after the conviction, with a copy of the conviction. Any person whose three year driving permit has been revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license until six months from the date such permit was surrendered to the department. At the end of five years from the date on which the license was suspended, the person may apply to the department for reinstatement of his or her driver's license by submitting proof of completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program and paying to the department a restoration fee of \$410.00 or \$400.00 when such reinstatement is processed by mail. The restoration fee paid to reinstate a driver's license that was suspended under this paragraph shall be counted toward the fulfillment of the restoration fee required by subsection (c) of Code Section 40-5-62, provided that such revocation arose from the same act for which the suspension was imposed."~~

"(g)(1)(A) Effective Upon July 1, 2016, the department shall be authorized to reinstate, instanter, a driver's license that was suspended pursuant to this Code section for a violation of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, provided that the driver's license has not been previously reinstated. The provisions of this paragraph subparagraph shall not apply to a suspension imposed pursuant to this Code section for a violation of paragraph (2), (4), or (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-391, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, unless ordered by a judge presiding in a drug court division, mental health court division, veterans court division, or operating under the influence court division in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-76.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the department shall be authorized to reinstate, instanter, a driver's license that was suspended pursuant to this Code section for a violation of Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 16, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, provided that the driver's license has not been previously reinstated. The provisions of this subparagraph shall not apply to a suspension imposed pursuant to this Code section for a violation of paragraph (2), (4), or (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-391, or the equivalent law of any other jurisdiction, that occurred prior to July 1, 2015, unless ordered by a judge presiding in a drug court division, mental health court division, veterans court division, or operating under the influence court division in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 40-5-76."



**SECTION 5.**

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

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 176.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 176.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Cowsert of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tippins of the 37th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its disagreement to the House substitute to SB 3 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Millar of the 40th.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 41. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the licensure of durable medical equipment suppliers; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure; to provide for discipline and revocation; to provide for inspections; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the licensure of durable medical equipment suppliers; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements for licensure; to provide for discipline and revocation; to provide for inspections; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended in Code Section 26-4-5, relating to definitions, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(14.05) 'Durable medical equipment' means equipment for which a prescription is required, including repair and replacement parts for such equipment, and which:

(A) Can withstand repeated use;

(B) Has an expected life of at least three years;

- (C) Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;
- (D) Generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and
- (E) Is appropriate for use in the home."

### SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 26-4-28, relating to the powers, duties, and authority of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(14.1) The issuance, suspension, denial, and renewal of licenses for suppliers of durable medical equipment pursuant to Code Section 26-4-51;"

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"26-4-51.

(a) Any person who supplies durable medical equipment to a consumer and submits a claim for reimbursement by a third party, either directly or through a contractual arrangement, shall possess a durable medical equipment supplier license issued by the board pursuant to this Code section.

(b) The board shall be authorized to issue a license to an applicant for licensure as a durable medical equipment supplier if the applicant:

(1) Submits an application in the form prescribed by the board;

(2) Maintains an office or place of business within this state;

(3) Pays the license fee established by the board pursuant to paragraph (37) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-28; and

(4) Meets all safety standards and requirements established by the board, including but not limited to the establishment of written procedures for:

(A) Ensuring that all personnel engaged in delivery, maintenance, and repair of durable medical equipment receives annual continuing education;

(B) Instructing the patient or patient's caregiver on how to use the durable medical equipment provided;

(C) Receiving and responding to complaints from patients;

(D) Maintaining records of all patients receiving durable medical equipment; and

(E) Management, maintenance, and servicing of durable medical equipment.

(c) The board may issue a license to a Medicare enrolled out-of-state manufacturer or wholesale distributor that provides durable medical equipment directly to consumers if such manufacturer or wholesale distributor possesses a valid license from another state. Such manufacturer or wholesale distributor shall be exempt from the requirements of paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section.

(d) Licenses issued pursuant to this Code section shall be effective for 36 months from the date of issuance and shall not be transferable or assignable.

(e) The board may refuse to issue or renew, or may suspend, revoke, or restrict the licenses of, or fine any person pursuant to the procedures set forth in Code Section 26-4-60 for any of the grounds set forth in subsection (a) of such Code section or upon a

finding that the applicant or licensee:

(1) Has violated any state or federal law or regulation related to the provision of durable medical equipment; or

(2) Fails to meet the safety standards established by the board.

(f) The board reserves the right to initially and periodically inspect the applicant's or licensee's office or place of business within this state. Such applicant or licensee shall be required to pay a reasonable and adequate fee established by the board pursuant to paragraph (37) of subsection (a) of Code Section 26-4-28 to cover the cost of such inspections.

(g) The following persons and entities shall be exempt from the requirements of this Code section unless any such person or entity has a separate company, corporation, or division that is in the business of supplying durable medical equipment to consumers and submits a claim for reimbursement by a third party:

(1) Pharmacies and pharmacists;

(2) Hospitals;

(3) Ambulatory surgical centers;

(4) Health care facilities owned or operated by the state or federal government;

(5) Skilled nursing facilities;

(6) Assisted living facilities;

(7) Health care practitioners who:

(A) Provide durable medical equipment within the scope of practice of the health care practitioner's profession; and

(B) Are licensed in this state to practice the health care practitioner's profession;

(8) Suppliers of insulin infusion pumps and related supplies or services;

(9) Manufacturers or wholesale distributors that do not sell or rent durable medical equipment directly to consumers;

(10) Renal dialysis providers licensed under Code Section 31-44-4 and persons or entities that distribute devices necessary to perform home renal dialysis to patients with chronic kidney disease; and

(11) Suppliers of osteogenesis stimulators, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators, pneumatic compression devices, and related supplies or services.

(h) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section. Such rules and regulations shall be established with the intent of ensuring patient safety and quality of durable medical equipment. The board may provide by rules and regulations that any person accredited by organizations recognized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is deemed to meet all or some of the requirements of this Code section. Further, the board shall be authorized to require the completion of background checks, including, but not limited to, criminal history record checks, on any applicants or licensees, on any persons who will have direct contact with patients, and on any other licensee personnel deemed necessary for purposes of patient safety.

(i) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to restrict or prohibit the ability of a person or business to engage in a private transaction between two parties."

**SECTION 4.**

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

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 41.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
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Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 45, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 41.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 137. By Senators Kirk of the 13th, Hill of the 4th, Tippins of the 37th, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Child Support Recovery Act, so as to require the obligor to pay the full fee required by the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to enact provisions recommended by the Georgia Child Support Commission relating to child support and the enforcement of child support orders; to harmonize provisions relating to the information required to be in a final judgment involving the payment of child support; to clarify and correct definitions used with respect to the entity which collects child support and the collection of child support; to clarify provisions relating to child support; to provide for the use of separate worksheets to an order of child support under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to parenting time; to change and clarify provisions relating to income deduction orders; to change provisions relating to the family support registry; to change provisions relating to the "Child Support Recovery Act"; to require the obligor to pay the full fee required by the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; to amend Code Sections 7-4-12.1, 10-1-393.10, and 31-10-9.1, Title 19, Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 42, and Article 2 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interest on arrearage on child support, filing of contracts for collections, social security account information of parents, domestic relations diversion center and program for violation of alimony and child support orders, and setoff of debt collection against lottery prizes, respectively, so as to harmonize and correct cross-references and definitions; to amend Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, so as to enact a recommendation by the Georgia Child Support Commission relating to child support; to change provisions relating to work related child care costs; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is amended by revising Code Section 19-5-12, relating to the form of judgment and decree, as follows:

"19-5-12.

(a) A final judgment of divorce shall be prepared so as to conform to the pleadings and the evidence and may restore a maiden or prior name, if requested. It shall be prepared in form substantially as follows:

\_FINAL JUDGMENT AND DECREE

Upon consideration of this case, upon evidence submitted as provided by law, it is the

judgment of the court that a total divorce be granted, that is to say, a divorce a vinculo matrimonii, between the parties to the above stated case upon legal principles.

It is considered, ordered, and decreed by the court that the marriage contract heretofore entered into between the parties to this case, from and after this date, be and is set aside and dissolved as fully and effectually as if no such contract had ever been made or entered into.

Petitioner and Respondent in the future shall be held and considered as separate and distinct persons individuals altogether unconnected by any nuptial union or civil contract whatsoever and both shall have the right to remarry.

Decree and order entered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge, Superior Court'

(b) When ~~Where~~ applicable, any one or more of the following clauses shall be included in the form of the judgment:

The court restores to (Petitioner/Respondent) his/her prior or maiden name, to wit:

\_\_\_\_\_.

The court awards custody of the children of the parties as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_.

The court fixes alimony as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_.

(c) In any case which involves the determination of child support, the form of the judgment shall also include ~~provisions indicating both parents' income, the number of children for which support is being provided, the presumptive amount of child support award calculation, and, if the presumptive amount of child support is rebutted, the award amount and the basis for the rebuttal award~~ all of the information set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of Code Section 19-6-15. The final judgment shall have attached to it the child support worksheet containing the calculation of the final award of child support and ~~Schedule E pertaining to deviations~~ any schedule that was prepared for the purpose of calculating the amount of child support. The final judgment shall specify a sum certain amount of child support to be paid.

(d) When ~~Where~~ applicable, the court shall also include in the ~~order the provisions of Code Section 19-6-30 concerning continuing garnishment for support and language in compliance with Code Section 19-6-32 concerning income deduction orders~~ final judgment the ability to use income deduction orders as set forth in Code Sections 19-6-30 and 19-6-32."

**SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-14, relating to child support and custody pending final divorce, as follows:

"19-6-14.

Pending a final judgment in an action for divorce, the judge presiding may grant as

~~alimony~~ temporary child support a sum sufficient for the support of the children of the parties in accordance with Code Section 19-6-15. The judge may also hear and determine who shall be entitled to the care and custody of the children until the final judgment in the case. If a sum is awarded for the support of the children, the party who is required to pay the support shall not be liable to third persons for necessaries furnished to the children."

#### SECTION 1-3.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (6.1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, as follows:

"(6.1) 'Child support services' means the agency entity within the Department of Human Services ~~which provides and administers child support services and its contractors that are authorized to enforce a duty of support.~~"

#### SECTION 1-4.

Said title is further amended in subsection (b) of Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (10), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (11), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) When there is more than one child for whom support is being determined, the court shall establish the amount of support and the duration of such support in accordance with subsection (e) of this Code section. Separate worksheets shall be utilized for such determination and shall be attached to the final child support order. Such order shall contain findings as required by law."

#### SECTION 1-5.

Said title is further amended by revising subparagraphs (c)(2)(A), (c)(2)(B), and (c)(2)(C) of Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, as follows:

- "(A) Specify in what sum certain amount, the duration of such support, and from which parent the child is entitled to permanent support as determined by use of the worksheet or multiple worksheets when there is more than one minor child;
- (B) Specify ~~as required by Code Section 19-5-12~~ in what manner, how often, to whom, and until when the support shall be paid;
- (C) Include a written finding of each ~~the~~ parent's gross income as determined by the court or the jury;"

#### SECTION 1-6.

Said title is further amended by revising subparagraph (i)(2)(K) of Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, as follows:

"(K) **Parenting time.**

- (i) The child support obligation table is based upon expenditures for a child in intact households. The court may order or the jury may find by special interrogatory a deviation from the presumptive amount of child support when



special circumstances make the presumptive amount of child support excessive or inadequate due to extended parenting time as set forth in the order of visitation, ~~or when the child resides~~ residing with both parents equally, or visitation rights not being utilized.

(ii) If the court or the jury determines that a parenting time deviation is applicable, then such deviation shall be included with all other deviations ~~and be treated as a deduction.~~

(iii) In accordance with subsection (d) of Code Section 19-11-8, if any action or claim for parenting time or a parenting time deviation is brought under this subparagraph, it shall be an action or claim solely between the custodial parent and the noncustodial parent, and not any third parties, including child support services."

#### SECTION 1-7.

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (l) of Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, as follows:

"(l) **Split parenting.** In cases of split parenting, a worksheet shall be prepared separately ~~for the~~ by each custodial parent for each child for whom ~~the father such parent~~ is the custodial parent ~~and for the child for whom the mother is the custodial parent~~, and that worksheet shall be filed with the clerk of court. For each split parenting custodial situation, the court shall determine:

- (1) Which parent is the obligor;
- (2) The presumptive amount of child support;
- (3) The actual award of child support, if different from the presumptive amount of child support;
- (4) How and when the sum certain amount of child support owed shall be paid; and
- (5) Any other child support responsibilities for each parent."

#### SECTION 1-8.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (m) of Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in the final verdict or decree, as follows:

"(1) Schedules and worksheets shall be prepared by the parties for purposes of calculating the amount of child support. In child support services cases in which neither parent prepared a worksheet, the court may rely on the worksheet prepared by child support services as a basis for its order. Information from the schedules shall be entered on the child support worksheet. The child support ~~worksheet and, if there are any deviations, Schedule E~~ worksheets and any schedule that was prepared for the purpose of calculating the amount of child support shall be attached to the final court order or judgment; provided, however, that any order entered pursuant to Code Section 19-13-4 shall not be required to have such ~~worksheet and schedule worksheets and schedules~~ attached thereto."

**SECTION 1-9.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-17, relating to application for child support following custody award, as follows:

"19-6-17.

(a) Whenever the custody of a minor child ~~or children~~ has been lawfully awarded by any court having jurisdiction thereof to:

(1) Any ~~person~~ individual other than a parent of ~~the children~~ such child at any time subsequent to the rendition of a final divorce decree between the ~~father and mother of the children~~ parents of such child; or

(2) A parent as part of the final divorce decree ~~where~~ when the court awarding the decree was unable to obtain jurisdiction over the parent without custody for purposes of a determination as to whether the parent should be bound for support of ~~the child or children~~ such child and the court's decree contains no specific provisions binding the parent without custody for the support of ~~the child or children~~ such child, the parent or other ~~person~~ individual to whom the custody of ~~the child or children~~ such child is awarded may apply by petition to the superior court in the county where the parent without custody of ~~the child or children~~ such child resides for an order and judgment fixing the amount of support money that the parent without custody shall provide in order to fulfill the parent's natural duty to supply the necessities of life for ~~the child or children~~ such child.

(b) The procedure provided for in this Code section shall be available in cases in which the parent with custody of ~~the children~~ such child is the petitioner, notwithstanding the fact that the divorce decree and judgment may have been rendered in favor of the parent without custody.

(c) The petition shall be served upon the respondent; ~~it~~. The petition shall be heard by the court, unless a jury trial is demanded by either party to the case. The judgment shall be reviewable as in other cases. The order or judgment shall likewise be subject to modification in the event of changed circumstances, under the same terms and conditions as are provided for in other cases of ~~permanent alimony for the support of children~~ child support granted in connection with the rendition of a final decree in divorce cases.

(d) The order and judgment of the court shall remain in effect, except as limited by its own restrictions and subsection (c) of this Code section, so long as the petitioner remains in lawful custody of ~~the child or children~~ such child and until ~~they become~~ such child becomes 18 years of age. Execution may be granted to the petitioner for any sums past due under the order and judgment, in accordance with procedures in other cases of judgments for alimony.

(e) Any payment or installment of support under any child support order is, on and after the date due:

(1) A judgment by operation of law, with the full force and effect and attributes of a judgment of this state, including the ability to be enforced;

(2) Entitled as a judgment to full faith and credit; and

(3) Not subject to retroactive modification."

**SECTION 1-10.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 19-6-29, relating to inclusion of accident and sickness insurance coverage in order for child support and payroll deductions, as follows:

"(c) An order for payroll deduction entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall be consistent with the provisions of Code Sections 19-6-30 through ~~19-6-33~~ 19-6-33.1."

**SECTION 1-11.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-30, relating to provision for collection by continuing garnishment for support, as follows:

"19-6-30.

(a) Any order of support of a child entered or modified on or after July 1, 1985, shall contain the following provision:

'Whenever, in violation of the terms of this order there shall have been a failure to make the support payments due hereunder so that the amount unpaid is equal to or greater than the amount payable for one month, the payments required to be made may be collected by the process of continuing garnishment for support.'

~~(b) Any order of support entered or modified prior to July 1, 1985, shall be construed as a matter of law to contain the provision set forth in subsection (a) of this Code section.~~

~~(e)~~(b) All ~~Title IV D (child support recovery)~~ cases involving orders of support of a child or spouse ~~entered or modified prior to July 1, 1989, or thereafter~~ being enforced by the entity within the Department of Human Services and its contractors that are authorized to enforce support orders shall be subject to income deduction ~~as defined in Code Sections 19-6-31, 19-6-32, and 19-6-33~~ orders as set forth in Code Sections 19-6-32 through 19-6-33.1."

**SECTION 1-12.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-31, relating to definitions, as follows:

"19-6-31.

~~As used in Code Sections 19-6-32 and 19-6-33, the term:~~

(1) ~~'Accruing on a daily basis' means the amount of support computed by conversion of the periodic amount to an annual sum, divided by 365.~~

(2) ~~'Court' includes proceedings conducted by an appointed court referee and proceedings conducted pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' as relates to the enforcement of the duty of support as defined in Chapter 11 of Title 19.~~

(3) ~~'Department' means the Department of Human Services.~~

(4) ~~'Family member' means any minor child of the defendant or a spouse or former spouse of the defendant.~~

(5) ~~'Income' or 'earnings' means any periodic form of payment due to an individual, regardless of source, including without limitation wages, salary, commission, bonus,~~

~~workers' compensation, disability, payments pursuant to a pension or retirement program, and interest.~~

~~(6) 'IV-D' means Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act.~~

~~(7) 'IV-D agency' means the Child Support Enforcement Agency of the Department of Human Services and its contractors.~~

~~(8) 'IV-D judgment' means any order or judgment of a court of this state, any order or judgment of a court of another state or any final administrative order issued by another state and transmitted to this state for the purpose of wage deduction pursuant to Code Section 19-6-33, any order of this state entered pursuant to a proceeding under Chapter 10 of Title 19, or any final administrative order for support issued by the department under Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'~~

~~(8.1) 'National Medical Support Notice' means a notice as prescribed under 42 U.S.C. Section 666(a)(19), or a substantially similar notice, which is issued and forwarded by the IV-D agency to enforce the medical support provisions of a support order.~~

~~(9) 'Periodic support' means support required by the terms of a court order or judgment or an administrative order to be paid regularly on a daily, weekly, monthly, or similar specified frequency Reserved.~~

### SECTION 1-13.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-32, relating to entering income deduction order or medical support notice for award of child support, as follows:

"19-6-32.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Child support enforcement agency' means the entity within the Department of Human Services and its contractors that are authorized to enforce a duty of support.

(2) 'Court' means judge of any court of record or an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings.

(3) 'Earnings' means any form of payment due to an individual, regardless of source, including without limitation wages, salary, commission, bonus, workers' compensation, disability, payments pursuant to a pension or retirement program, and interest.

(4) 'IV-D' means Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act.

(5) 'National Medical Support Notice' means a notice as prescribed under 42 U.S.C. Section 666(a)(19) or a substantially similar notice.

(6) 'Obligee' means the individual to whom the payment of a support obligation is owed.

(7) 'Obligor' means the individual owing a duty of support.

(8) 'Payor' means the person that provides earnings to an obligor.

~~(a)(b)(1) Except as provided for in paragraph (1) of subsection (a.1) (c) of this Code section, upon the entry of a judgment or order establishing, enforcing, or modifying a child support obligation or spousal support obligation through a court or an administrative process, a separate income deduction order for income deduction, if~~

one has not been previously entered, shall be entered. If the obligee is an applicant for child support services under ~~Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act, the court, referee, or administrative law judge~~ IV-D, the obligee shall furnish copies of the support order and the income deduction order to the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency.

(2) For all child support orders, and spousal support orders enforced pursuant to subsection (d) of Code Section 19-11-6, the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall be authorized to issue an ~~order for~~ income deduction order without need for any amendment to the order involved or any further action by ~~the court or entity~~ a court that issued it, provided that an opportunity for a hearing before a court, ~~a referee of the court, or an administrative law judge~~ is afforded. The ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall also be authorized to issue a National Medical Support Notice to enforce the medical support provisions of such orders, provided that an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Code Section 19-11-27 is afforded. Such orders or notices may be issued electronically by the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency. The ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall issue an ~~order for~~ income deduction order or, when appropriate, a National Medical Support Notice within two business days after the information regarding a newly hired employee is entered into the centralized employee registry pursuant to Code Section 19-11-9.2 and matched with an obligor in a case being enforced by the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency.

~~(3) All child support orders issued or modified before July 1, 1997, which are not otherwise subject to income deduction shall become subject to income deduction upon the accrual of the equivalent of a 30 day arrearage, without the need for an administrative or judicial hearing or order.~~

~~(a.1)(1)(c)(1)(A)~~ All child support orders which are initially issued in this state on or after January 1, 1994, and are not at the time of issuance being enforced by the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall provide for the immediate withholding of such support from the ~~income and~~ earnings of the ~~person~~ individual required by that order to furnish support unless:

~~(A)(i)~~ A The court issuing the order finds there is good cause not to require such immediate withholding; or

~~(B)(ii)~~ A written agreement is reached between both parties which provides for an alternative arrangement.

~~(B)~~ For purposes of this ~~paragraph~~ subsection, any finding that there is good cause not to require withholding ~~must from earnings shall~~ be based on at least a written determination that implementing ~~wage such~~ withholding would not be in the best interest of the child and proof of timely payment of previously ordered support in cases involving modification of support orders.

(2) All child support orders which are not described in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section or in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, upon petition of either party to revise ~~that such~~ order under Code Section 19-6-19 or to enforce ~~that such~~ order under Code Section 19-6-28, be revised to include provisions for withholding ~~of~~ such

support from the ~~wages~~ earnings of the ~~person~~ individual required by the order to furnish ~~that~~ such support if arrearages equal to one month's support accrue but without the necessity of filing application for services under Code Section 19-11-6.

(3) Copies of income deduction orders issued under this subsection shall be ~~served on the obligee, obligor, and the child support IV-D agency~~ provided by the obligee to the obligor, payor, and the family support registry established pursuant to Code Section 19-6-33.1.

~~(b)~~(d) An ~~The~~ income deduction order shall:

(1) Direct a payor to deduct from all ~~income~~ earnings due and payable to an obligor the amount required by the support order to meet the obligor's support obligation;

(2) State the amount of arrearage accrued, if any, under the support order and direct a payor to withhold an additional amount until the arrearage is paid in full;

(3) Direct a payor not to deduct in excess of the amounts allowed under Section 303(b) of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b), ~~as amended~~; and

(4) Direct the payor to send income deduction ~~payment~~ order payments, including administrative fees authorized by law, to the family support registry ~~as provided for in established pursuant to~~ Code Section 19-6-33.1.

~~(e)~~(e) Income deduction orders shall be effective immediately unless ~~the~~ a court upon good cause shown finds that the income deduction order shall be effective upon a delinquency in an amount equal to one month's support or a written agreement is reached between both parties which provides for an alternative arrangement.

~~(d)~~(f) An ~~The~~ income deduction order shall be effective so long as the order of support upon which it is based is effective or until further order of ~~the~~ a court.

~~(e)~~(g) When ~~the court orders the~~ an income deduction ~~to~~ order shall be effective immediately, the ~~court~~ obligee or child support enforcement agency, as applicable, shall furnish to the obligor a statement of his or her rights, remedies, and duties in regard to the income deduction order. The statement shall state:

(1) All fees or interest which shall be imposed;

(2) The total amount of ~~income~~ earnings to be deducted for each pay period until the arrearage, if any, is paid in full and ~~state~~ the total amount of ~~income~~ earnings to be deducted for each pay period thereafter. The amounts deducted ~~may~~ shall not be in excess of that allowed under Section 303(b) of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b), ~~as amended~~;

(3) When the withholding will commence;

~~(3)~~(4) That the income deduction ~~applies~~ order shall apply to current and subsequent payors and periods of employment;

~~(4)~~(5) That a copy of the income deduction order ~~will be served on the obligor's payor or~~ shall be provided to the payors;

~~(5)~~(6) That the enforcement of the income deduction order may only be contested on the ground of mistake of fact regarding the amount of support owed pursuant to a support order, the arrearages, or the identity of the obligor; ~~and~~

(7) How to contest the withholding; and

~~(6)~~(8) That the obligor is required to notify the obligee and, when the obligee is receiving Title IV-D services, the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency, within seven days of changes in the obligor's address and payors and the addresses of his or her payors.

~~(f)~~(h) When ~~the~~ an income deduction order is effective upon a delinquency in an amount equal to one month's support, or when an order for spousal or child support was in effect prior to July 1, 1989, the obligee or child support enforcement agency, as applicable, may enforce the income deduction order by ~~servicing~~ providing a notice of delinquency ~~on~~ to the obligor. A ~~The~~ notice of delinquency shall state:

- (1) The terms of the support order;
- (2) The period of delinquency and the total amount of the delinquency as of the date the notice is mailed;
- (3) All fees or interest which may be imposed;
- (4) The total amount of ~~income~~ earnings to be deducted for each pay period until the arrearage and all applicable fees and interest are paid in full and the total amount of ~~income~~ earnings to be deducted for each pay period thereafter. The amounts deducted ~~may~~ shall not be in excess of that allowed under Section 303(b) of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b), ~~as amended;~~
- (5) That a copy of the notice of delinquency ~~will be served on the obligor's payor or shall be provided to the~~ payors, together with a copy of the income deduction order. The obligor may apply to ~~the~~ a court to contest enforcement of the order once the notice of delinquency has been ~~served~~ received. The application shall not affect the enforcement of the income deduction order until ~~the~~ a court enters an order granting relief to the obligor;
- (6) That the enforcement of the income deduction order may only be contested on the ground of mistake of fact regarding the amount of support owed pursuant to a support order, the arrearages, or the identity of the obligor; and
- (7) That the obligor is required to notify the obligee of the obligor's current address and current payors and the address of current payors. All changes shall be reported by the obligor within seven days of the change occurring. If the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency is enforcing ~~the~~ such order, the obligor shall make these notifications to the child support enforcement agency instead of to the obligee.

(i) The failure of the obligor to receive the notice of delinquency ~~does not preclude subsequent service of~~ provided for in subsection (h) of this Code section shall not preclude the income deduction order ~~on the obligor's being subsequently provided to the~~ payor. A notice of delinquency which fails to state an arrearage ~~does~~ shall not mean that an arrearage is not owed.

~~(g)~~(j) At any time, any party, including the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency, may apply to ~~the court, referee of the court, or administrative law judge~~ a court to:

- (1) Modify, suspend, or terminate the ~~order for~~ income deduction order because of a modification, suspension, or termination of the underlying order for support; or
- (2) Modify the amount of ~~income deducted~~ earnings being withheld when the arrearage has been paid."

**SECTION 1-14.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-33, relating to the notice and service of income deduction order, as follows:

"19-6-33.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Child support enforcement agency' means the entity within the Department of Human Services and its contractors that are authorized to enforce a duty of support.

(2) 'Court' means judge of any court of record or an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings.

(3) 'Earnings' means any form of payment due to an individual, regardless of source, including without limitation wages, salary, commission, bonus, workers' compensation, disability, payments pursuant to a pension or retirement program, and interest.

(4) 'IV-D' means Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act.

(5) 'Obligee' means the individual to whom the payment of a support obligation is owed.

(6) 'Obligor' means the individual owing a duty of support.

(7) 'Payor' means the person that provides earnings to an obligor.

~~(a)(b)~~ The obligee or his or her agent shall serve shall provide an income deduction order and the notice to the payor, and in the case of a delinquency, a notice of delinquency, on the obligor's to the payor. The obligor must be notified that withholding has commenced and how to contest the withholding. The obligee or child support enforcement agency, as applicable, shall provide the notice to payor as set forth in subsection (f) of this Code section.

~~(b)(c)~~ Service of the initial income deduction order by or upon any person who is a party to a proceeding under this Code section shall be by personal service, by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, or by regular mail by statutory overnight delivery, or by first-class mail; such order may be served electronically if permitted under Code Section 9-11-5. Service upon an obligor's a payor or successor payor under this Code section shall be by regular first-class mail, or such order may be served electronically if permitted under Code Section 9-11-5.

~~(e)(d)(1)~~ When the an income deduction order is effective upon a delinquency in an amount equal to one month's support, the obligor may apply to the a court to contest the enforcement of the income deduction order on the ground of mistake of fact regarding the amount of support owed pursuant to a support order, the amount of arrearage of support, or the identity of the obligor. The obligor shall send a copy of the his or her pleading to the obligee and, if the obligee is receiving IV-D services, to the IV-D child support enforcement agency. The filing of the such pleading does shall not affect the enforcement of an income deduction order unless the a court enters an order granting relief to the obligor. The payment of delinquent support by an obligor upon entry of an income deduction order shall not preclude service of the income deduction on order being provided to the obligor's payor.

(2) When an obligor requests a hearing to contest enforcement of an income



deduction order, ~~the court, referee, or administrative law judge~~ a court, after due notice to all parties and the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency, if the obligee is receiving IV-D services, shall hear the matter within 30 days after the application is filed and shall not extend the time for hearing unless good cause for a later date is found by ~~the a court~~, in which event the time for a hearing may be extended for up to 30 days. ~~A court~~ The court, referee, or administrative law judge shall enter an order resolving the matter within ten days after the hearing. ~~A copy of this order shall be served on~~ and provide such order to the parties and the ~~IV-D agency~~ child support enforcement agency, if the obligee is receiving IV-D services.

~~(d)~~(e) When a court, ~~court referee, or administrative law judge~~ determines that an income deduction order is proper pursuant to subsection ~~(e)~~ (d) of this Code section, the obligee ~~or his or her agent~~ shall cause a copy of the income deduction order ~~and a notice to payor~~, and in the case of a delinquency, a notice of delinquency, to be ~~served on the obligee's payors~~ provided to the payor. The obligee or child support enforcement agency, as applicable, shall provide the notice to payor as set forth in subsection (f) of this Code section. A copy of the notice to ~~the payor~~, and in the case of a delinquency, a notice of delinquency, shall also be ~~furnished~~ provided to the obligor ~~by the obligee or child support enforcement agency, as applicable.~~

~~(e)~~(f) ~~A~~ The notice to payor shall contain only information necessary for the payor to comply with the income deduction order. The payor shall have the duties, penalties, and rights specified in ~~the~~ such notice. The notice to payor shall:

(1) Require the payor to deduct from the obligor's ~~income~~ earnings the amount specified in the income deduction order, and in the case of a delinquency the amount specified in the notice of delinquency, and to pay ~~that such~~ amount to the ~~obligee or to a child support receiver, the IV-D agency, or other designee, as appropriate~~ family support registry established pursuant to Code Section 19-6-33.1. The amount actually deducted plus all administrative charges shall not be in excess of the amount allowed under Section 303(b) of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b);

(2) Instruct the payor to implement the income deduction order no later than the first pay period that occurs after 14 days following the date the notice was mailed;

(3) Instruct the payor to forward, within two business days after each payment date, to the family support registry the amount deducted from the obligor's ~~income~~ earnings and a statement as to whether ~~that such~~ amount totally or partially satisfies the periodic amount specified in the income deduction order;

(4) Specify that if a payor willfully fails to deduct the proper amount from the obligor's ~~income~~ earnings, the payor is shall be liable for the amount the payor should have deducted, plus costs, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees;

(5) Provide that the payor may collect up to \$25.00 against the obligor's ~~income~~ earnings to reimburse the payor for administrative costs for the first ~~income deduction pursuant to an~~ payment of an income deduction order and up to \$3.00 for each ~~deduction thereafter~~ subsequent payment. ~~The payor of income may~~ shall not deduct a fee for complying with any order or notice for enrollment in a health benefit plan;

(6) State that the income deduction order and the notice to payor, and in the case of a delinquency, the notice of delinquency, are binding on the payor until ~~further~~:

(A) ~~Further~~ notice by the obligee, ~~IV-D agency, or the court or until the child support agency, or court; or~~

(B) ~~The~~ payor no longer provides ~~income earnings~~ to the obligor;

(7) Instruct the payor that, when the payor no longer provides ~~income earnings~~ to the obligor, the payor shall notify the obligee and shall also provide the obligor's last known address and the name and address of the obligor's new payor, if known, and that, if the payor willfully violates this ~~provision paragraph~~, the payor ~~is~~ shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.00 for the first violation ~~or~~ and \$500.00 for any subsequent violation. If the ~~IV-D child support enforcement~~ agency is enforcing the income deduction order, the payor shall make ~~these~~ such notifications to the ~~IV-D child support enforcement~~ agency instead of to the obligee. Penalties shall be paid to the obligee or the ~~IV-D child support enforcement~~ agency, whichever is enforcing the income deduction order;

(8) State that no payor may discharge an obligor by reason of the fact that ~~income has earnings have been~~ subjected to an income deduction order under Code Section 19-6-32 and that a violation of this ~~provision subjects paragraph shall subject~~ the payor to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.00 for the first violation ~~or~~ and \$500.00 for a any subsequent violation. Penalties shall be paid to the obligee or the ~~IV-D child support enforcement~~ agency, whichever is enforcing the income deduction order, if any support is owing. If no support is owing, the penalty shall be paid to the obligor;

(9) Inform the payor that the income deduction order has priority over all other legal processes under state law pertaining to the same ~~income earnings~~ and that payment, as required by the income deduction order, is a complete defense by the payor against any claims of the obligor or his or her creditors as to the sum paid;

(10) Inform the payor that if the payor receives income deduction orders requiring that the ~~income earnings~~ of two or more obligors be deducted and sent to the same depository, ~~he~~ the payor may combine the amounts paid to the depository in a single payment as so long as he the payor identifies that portion of the payment attributable to each obligor; and

(11) Inform the payor that ~~if the payor receives~~ may receive more than one income deduction order against the same obligor, ~~he shall contact the court for further instructions. Upon being so contacted, the court shall allocate amounts available for income deduction giving and shall give~~ priority to current child support obligations up to the limits imposed under Section 303(b) of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1673(b).

~~(f)~~(g) At any time an income deduction order is being enforced, the obligor may apply to ~~the~~ a court for a hearing to contest the continued enforcement of the income deduction order on the same grounds set out in subsection ~~(e)~~ (d) of this Code section, ~~with a~~ and provide a copy of the pleading requesting such hearing to the obligee and, in IV-D cases, to the ~~IV-D child support enforcement~~ agency. Such ~~The~~ application ~~does~~ shall not affect the continued enforcement of the income deduction order until ~~the~~ a

court enters an order granting relief to the obligor. The obligee of the ~~IV-D~~ agency is ~~released from liability~~ may be liable for improper receipt of moneys pursuant to an income deduction order ~~upon return to the appropriate party of any moneys received.~~

~~(g)~~(h) An obligee, or his an obligee's agent, shall enforce income deduction orders against an obligor's successor payor who is located in this state in the same manner prescribed in this Code section for the enforcement of an income deduction order against a payor.

~~(h)~~(i) The provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of this title, the 'Uniform Interstate Family Support Act,' ~~shall apply to all to:~~

(1) All income deduction orders originating in this state and directed to another state. ~~In addition, the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of this title, the 'Uniform Interstate Family Support Act,' apply to all income withholding; and~~

(2) All income-withholding orders originating in another state and directed to this state.

~~(i)~~(j) Certified copies of payment records maintained by a child support receiver or the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall, without further proof, be admitted into evidence in any legal proceeding in this state.

~~(j)~~(k) No payor shall discharge an obligor by reason of the fact that ~~income has~~ his or her earnings have been subjected to an income deduction order under Code Section 19-6-32. A payor who violates this ~~paragraph~~ subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.00 for the first violation ~~or~~ and \$500.00 for any subsequent violation. Penalties shall be paid to the obligee or the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency, whichever is enforcing the income deduction order, if any support is owing. If no support is owing, the penalty shall be paid to the obligor.

~~(k)~~(l) ~~When~~ If a payor is not providing earnings to an obligor or when a payor no longer provides income earnings to an obligor, he the payor shall notify the obligee and, if the obligee is an IV-D applicant, the IV-D agency and support order is being enforced by the child support enforcement agency, the child support enforcement agency shall provide the obligor's last known address and the name and address of the obligor's new payor, if known. A payor who willfully violates this subsection is shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.00 for the first violation or and \$500.00 for a any subsequent violation. Penalties shall be paid to the obligee or the IV-D child support enforcement agency, whichever is enforcing the income deduction order."

### SECTION 1-15.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-6-33.1, relating to the family support registry, as follows:

"19-6-33.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Child support enforcement agency' means ~~the Child Support Enforcement Agency of~~ the entity within the Department of Human Services and its contractors that are authorized to enforce a duty of support.

(2) ~~'Family support registry' means a central registry maintained and operated~~

~~pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section, which receives, processes, disburses, and maintains a record of the payment of child support, child support when combined with spousal support, child support arrears, or child support debt made pursuant to court or administrative order.~~

(2) 'Earnings' means any form of payment due to an individual, regardless of source, including without limitation wages, salary, commission, bonus, workers' compensation, disability, payments pursuant to a pension or retirement program, and interest.

(3) 'Income deduction order' means any income deduction an order which is made pursuant to Code Section 19-6-32 and which becomes effective upon a delinquency which occurred on or after January 1, 1994, or which became effective immediately without a delinquency on or after January 1, 1994.

(4) 'IV-D' means Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act.

(5) 'Obligee' means the individual to whom the payment of a support obligation is owed.

(6) 'Obligor' means the individual owing a duty of support.

(7) 'Payor' means the person that provides earnings to an obligor.

~~(b) Any term used in this Code section and defined in Code Section 19-6-31 shall have the meaning provided for such term in Code Section 19-6-31.~~

~~(e)(b) There As required by federal law, there shall be established and operated a family support registry pursuant to IV-D regulations, and authority and funding shall be provided to the child support enforcement agency for the operation of such registry. The child support enforcement agency is shall be authorized to establish and maintain or contract for the establishment and maintenance of the family support registry. The family support This registry shall be used for the collection and processing of payments for support orders in all cases which are enforced by the child support enforcement agency and for all other support orders not being enforced by the child support enforcement agency which are subject to an income deduction order as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section.~~

~~(d)(c) The child support enforcement agency shall, as required by federal law, redirect payments for support orders in all cases being enforced by the child support enforcement agency and for all other support orders not being enforced by the child support enforcement agency which are subject to an income deduction order as defined by paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section. These support. Such payments for support orders being paid to a court or, child support receiver, or private party by an employer a payor shall be redirected to the family support registry.~~

~~(e)(d) In implementing the family support registry, the child support enforcement agency is shall be authorized to:~~

(1) Receive, process, and disburse payments for child support, child support when combined with spousal support, child support arrears, or child support debt for any court or administrative order;

(2) Maintain records of any payments collected, processed, and disbursed through the family support registry;

(3) Establish and maintain a separate record for payments made through the family support registry as a result of a judgment remedy;

(4) Answer inquiries from any parent concerning payments processed through the family support registry; and

(5) Collect a fee for the processing of insufficient funds checks and issue a notice to the originator of any insufficient funds check that no further checks ~~will~~ shall be accepted from such person and that future payments shall be required to be paid by cash or certified funds.

~~(f) On or after April 1, 1999, the child support enforcement agency shall begin implementing the family support registry. The commissioner of the department or the commissioner's designee shall notify the court administrator and the chief judge of each judicial circuit when new income deduction orders are to be directed to the family support registry.~~

~~(g)(c) The~~ Upon implementation of the family support registry in any county or judicial circuit, the following procedures shall be followed in such county or circuit:

(1) All administrative orders and all court orders entered or modified which provide for income deduction orders for support payments for child support, child support when combined with spousal support, child support arrears, or child support debt shall require that such payments be made through the family support registry; and

(2) The child support enforcement agency shall send or cause to be sent a notice by first-class mail directing that all income deduction order payments shall be made to the family support registry. Orders subject to this redirection include: all support orders being enforced by the child support enforcement agency and all other orders not being enforced by the child support enforcement agency which are subject to an income deduction order as ~~defined in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section.~~ The notice shall be sent to the following persons:

(A) Any obligor who is obligated to make payments for support, child support when combined with spousal support, child support arrears; or child support debt under court order or administrative order in a IV-D case ~~where~~ when the order does not already specify paying through the family support registry; and

(B) Any ~~employer or other payor of funds who~~ payor that has been deducting income under Code Section 19-6-32.

~~(h)(f)~~ Any obligor or ~~employer who~~ payor that receives a notice to redirect payments as specified in subsection ~~(g)~~ (e) of this Code section ~~who~~ that fails to make the payments to the family support registry and ~~who~~ continues to make payments to the court or to the ~~IV-D agency obligee~~ shall be sent a second notice to redirect payments. The second notice shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested ~~or by statutory overnight delivery.~~ Such notice shall contain all the information required to be included in the first notice to redirect payments and shall further state that the obligor or ~~employer~~ payor has failed to make the payments to the ~~correct~~ child support enforcement agency and that the ~~payor or~~ obligor or payor shall redirect the payments to the family support registry at the address indicated in the notice. Failure to make payments to the family support registry after a second notice

shall be grounds for contempt.

~~(i)(g)~~(1) Any payment required to be made to the family support registry which is received by the court, child support receiver, obligee, or child support enforcement agency shall be forwarded to the family support registry within two business days after receipt. All income deduction order payments from ~~employers~~ payors or such payments forwarded by the court, child support receiver, obligee, or child support enforcement agency shall be identified with the information specified by the family support registry, including but not limited to the court case number, social security number of the obligor, ~~the~~ county where the case originated, and ~~the~~ name of the obligor. ~~A copy of the notice to redirect payments described in subsection (g) of this Code section shall be mailed to the obligee and the court.~~

(2) Except as provided by federal law, the family support registry shall distribute all support amounts payable within two business days after receipt from the ~~employer or other payment source~~ payor.

~~(j)(h)~~ ~~The department~~ Department of Human Services shall coordinate the operation of the family support registry with the state case registry created under Code Section 19-11-39 so as to reduce if not eliminate the need for duplicate reporting and information recording. ~~The department is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the courts of the judicial circuits in order to implement the family support registry.~~ ~~The department~~ Department of Human Services shall be authorized to establish and collect an administrative fee from the income deduction order obligor or other obligor paying individual owing a duty of support through the family support registry ~~an administrative fee.~~ The fee shall not exceed \$2.00. Such administrative fee shall be the lesser of:

(1) Two dollars per payment or 5;

(2) Five percent of the amount of each payment; or

(3) The ~~the~~ actual cost of processing and distributing the child support from the source to the obligee, ~~whichever is the lesser.~~

~~(k)(i)~~ Nothing in this Code section shall allow or require any reduction of child support payments ~~paid~~ owed to any parent or guardian of a ~~minor~~ child."

### SECTION 1-16.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-11-3, relating to definitions relative to the "Child Support Recovery Act," as follows:

"19-11-3.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Account' means a demand deposit account, checking or negotiable order of withdrawal account, savings account, time deposit account, or a money market mutual fund account.

(2) 'Child support enforcement agency' means the entity within the department and its contractors that are authorized to enforce a duty of support.

~~(2)~~(3) 'Court order for child support' means any order for child support issued by a court or administrative or quasi-judicial entity of this state or another state, including an order in a criminal proceeding which results in the payment of child support as a

condition of probation or otherwise. Such order shall be deemed to be a IV-D order for purposes of this article when either party to the order submits a copy of the order for support and a signed application to the department for IV-D services, when the right to child support has been assigned to the department pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-6, or upon registration of a foreign order pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter.

~~(3)~~(4) 'Department' means the Department of Human Services.

~~(4)~~(5) 'Dependent child' means any ~~person~~ individual under the age of 18 who is not otherwise emancipated, self-supporting, married, or a member of the armed forces of the United States.

~~(5)~~(6) 'Duty of support' means any duty of support imposed or imposable by law or by court order, decree, or judgment.

~~(6)~~(7) 'Financial institution' means every federal or state chartered commercial or savings bank, including savings and loan associations and cooperative banks, federal or state chartered credit unions, benefit associations, insurance companies, safe-deposit companies, trust companies, and any money market mutual fund.

~~(7)~~(8) 'IV-D' means Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act.

~~(8) 'IV-D agency' means the Child Support Enforcement Agency of the Department of Human Services and its contractors.~~

(9) 'Medical insurance obligee' means any person to whom a duty of medical support is owed.

(10) 'Medical insurance obligor' means any person owing a duty of medical support.

(11) 'Money market mutual fund' means every regulated investment company within the meaning of Section 851(a) of the Internal Revenue Code which seeks to maintain a constant net asset value of \$1.00 in accordance with 17 C.F.R. Section 270.2A-7.

(12) 'Obligee' means the individual to whom the payment of a support obligation is owed.

(13) 'Obligor' means the individual owing a duty of support.

~~(12)~~(14) 'Parent' means the natural or adoptive parents of a child and includes the father of a child born out of wedlock if his paternity has been established in a judicial proceeding or if he has acknowledged paternity under oath either in open court, in an administrative hearing, or by verified writing.

~~(13)~~(15) 'TANF' means temporary assistance for needy families."

#### SECTION 1-17.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (f) and (g) of Code Section 19-11-6, relating to enforcement of child support payments and alimony for public assistance recipients, as follows:

"(f) The department shall be authorized to charge the ~~obligee a federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 fee of \$12.00 to be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per month after the IV-D agency has collected \$500.00 of child support annually for each case. The department shall retain such fee and deduct such fee from child support collections before disbursement to the obligee. Such fee shall only apply to an obligee who has~~

~~never received public assistance payments pursuant to Title IV A or Title IV E of the federal Social Security Act.~~

~~(g) The department shall be authorized to charge the obligor a federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 fee of \$13.00 \$25.00 to be paid in 12 monthly installments after the IV D agency has collected \$500.00 of child support annually for each case. Such fee shall only apply to an obligor when the obligee has never received public assistance payments pursuant to Title IV-A or Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act. The department shall retain such fee and collect such fee through income withholding, as well as by any other enforcement remedy available to the IV D agency responsible for child entity within the department authorized to enforce a duty of support enforcement."~~

### SECTION 1-18.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (e) and (f) of Code Section 19-11-8, relating to the department's duty to enforce support of abandoned minor public assistance recipient, as follows:

~~"(e) The department shall be authorized to charge the obligee a federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 fee of \$12.00 to be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per month after the IV D agency has collected \$500.00 of child support annually for each case. The department shall retain such fee and deduct such fee from child support collections before disbursement to the obligee. Such fee shall only apply to an obligee who has never received public assistance payments pursuant to Title IV A or Title IV E of the federal Social Security Act.~~

~~(f) The department shall be authorized to charge the obligor a federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 fee of \$13.00 \$25.00 to be paid in 12 monthly installments after the IV D agency has collected \$500.00 of child support annually for each case. Such fee shall only apply to an obligor when the obligee has never received public assistance payments pursuant to Title IV-A or Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act. The department shall retain such fee and collect such fee through income withholding, as well as by any other enforcement remedy available to the IV D agency responsible for child entity within the department authorized to enforce a duty of support enforcement."~~

### SECTION 1-19.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-11-9.3, relating to suspension or denial of license for noncompliance with child support order, as follows:

"19-11-9.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

- (1) 'Agency' means the agency entity within the Department of Human Services which is responsible for enforcing orders for child support pursuant to this article.
- (2) 'Applicant' means any ~~person~~ individual applying for issuance or renewal of a license.
- (3) 'Certified list' means a list ~~provided by the agency~~ of the names of support delinquent obligors ~~found to be not in compliance with an order for child support~~ in a case being enforced under this article.



- (4) 'Compliance with an order for child support' means, as set forth in a court order, administrative order, or contempt order for child support, the obligor is not more than 60 calendar days in arrears in making payments in full for current support, periodic payments on a support arrearage, or periodic payments on a reimbursement for public assistance.
- (5) 'Delinquent obligor' means any ~~obligor~~ individual owing a duty of support who is not in compliance with an order for child support ~~and who appears on the agency's certified list.~~
- (6) 'Department' means the Department of Human Services.
- (7) 'License' means a certificate, permit, registration, or any other authorization issued by any licensing entity that allows ~~a person~~ an individual to operate a motor vehicle or to engage in a profession, business, or occupation.
- (8) 'Licensee' means any ~~person~~ individual holding a license.
- (9) 'Licensing entity' means any ~~state~~ agency, department, or board of this state which issues or renews any license, ~~certificate, permit, or registration to authorize a person to drive a motor vehicle, or to engage in a profession, business, or occupation including those under Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 2, the 'Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act of 1976'; Article 13 of Chapter 1 of Title 7, relating to mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers; Chapter 5 of Title 10, the 'Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008,' relating to securities salespersons and investment adviser representatives; Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12, relating to foresters; Chapter 4 of Title 26, relating to pharmacists; Chapter 23 of Title 33, relating to insurance agents, counselors, and other personnel; Chapter 1 of Title 43, relating to professions and businesses; Chapter 39A of Title 43, relating to real estate appraisers; or Chapter 40 of Title 43, relating to real estate brokers and salespersons.~~
- (b) The agency shall maintain a state-wide certified list ~~of those persons included in any case enforced under this article~~ for whom an order for child support has been rendered and who are not in compliance with ~~that~~ such order. ~~Such~~ The certified list ~~must be updated on a monthly basis~~ shall be regularly updated. The agency shall submit to each licensing entity a certified list with the name, social security number, if known, date of birth, and last known address of each ~~person~~ individual on the list.
- (c) ~~On or before January 1, 1997, all~~ All licensing entities shall implement procedures to accept and process the certified list ~~provided by the agency in accordance with this Code section.~~
- (d) Promptly after receiving the certified list from the agency, all licensing entities shall determine whether an applicant or licensee is on the most recent certified list. If an applicant or licensee is on the certified list, the licensing entity shall immediately notify the agency. ~~Such~~ That notification shall include the applicant's or licensee's last known mailing address ~~on file with the licensing entity.~~
- (e) After receiving notice from a licensing entity of applicants or licensees who are on the certified list, the agency shall immediately notify those individuals as specified in subsection (f) of this Code section of the agency's intent to request that all pertinent licensing entities suspend all licenses or withhold issuance or renewal of any license.

(f) Notice for purposes of this Code section shall be initiated by the department. Notice to the delinquent obligor shall include the address and telephone number of the agency and shall inform the delinquent obligor of the agency's intent to submit the delinquent obligor's name to relevant licensing entities and to request that the licensing entities withhold issuance or renewal of the license, or suspend the license. Notice shall be sent by first-class mail and receipt by the delinquent obligor may be presumed if the mailing is not returned to the department within 30 days from the date of mailing. The notice ~~must~~ shall also inform the delinquent obligor ~~of the following that~~:

(1) The delinquent obligor has 20 days from the date of mailing to come into compliance with the order or to reach an agreement to pay the delinquency with the agency. If an agreement cannot be reached within that time or if the delinquent obligor does not respond within that time, the agency ~~will~~ shall send notice to the licensing entities requesting that the licenses be suspended or the licensure applications be denied;

(2) The delinquent obligor may request an administrative hearing and judicial review of that hearing under subsection (g) of this Code section. A request for a hearing ~~must~~ shall be made in writing and ~~must~~ shall be received by the agency within 20 days of service of notice; and

(3) If the delinquent obligor requests a hearing within 20 days of service, the department shall stay all action pending the hearing and any appeals.

(g) If no response is received from the delinquent obligor by the department within 30 days from the date of mailing of the notice and the delinquent obligor is still shown as delinquent on the next month's certified list ~~prepared pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section~~, the department shall request one or more licensing entities to deny or suspend a license of the delinquent obligor. Each licensing entity shall notify the delinquent obligor by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery of the date that the license has been denied or suspended.

(h)(1) All delinquent obligors subject to the sanctions imposed in this Code section shall have the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 50. A delinquent obligor who requests a hearing within the time prescribed in subsection (f) of this Code section shall have the right to a hearing. The hearing shall be conducted as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 50 within 45 days after such demand is received. The only issues at the hearing ~~will be the following~~ shall be:

(1)(A) Whether there is an order for child support being enforced pursuant to this article;

(2)(B) Whether the licensee or applicant is the obligor covered by that order;

(3)(C) Whether the ~~support~~ obligor is or is not in compliance with the order for child support;

(4)(D) Whether the ~~support~~ obligor shall be entitled to pay past due child support in periodic payments; and

(5)(E) Whether the ~~support~~ obligor has been able and willing to comply with such order for support.

(2) With respect to the issues listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, evidence relating to the ability and willingness of an obligor to comply with such order for support shall be considered in making the decision to either suspend a license or deny the issuance or renewal of a license under this Code section. The administrative law judge shall be authorized to enter into an agreement or enter an order requiring such periodic payments and, in each event, the administrative law judge shall be authorized to issue a release for the obligor to obtain each license or licenses. Such an agreement ~~will~~ shall not act to modify an existing child support order, but rather shall affect only ~~affects~~ the payment of the arrearage.

(i) The decision at the hearing shall be subject to appeal and judicial review pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 50 but only as to those issues referred to in subsection (h) of this Code section. Notwithstanding any hearing requirements for suspension and denials within each licensing entity, the hearing and appeal procedures outlined in this Code section shall be the only hearing required to suspend a license or deny the issuance or renewal of a license under this Code section.

(j) The department shall prescribe release forms for use by the agency. When the obligor is determined to be in compliance with an order for child support or is determined to be not in compliance with such order but has been determined in a hearing pursuant to subsection (h) of this Code section to be unable to comply with the order or to be not willfully out of compliance with such order, the agency shall mail to the delinquent obligor and the appropriate licensing entity a notice of release stating such determination. The receipt of a notice of release shall serve to notify the delinquent obligor and the licensing entity that, for the purpose of this Code section, he or she is in compliance with an order for child support, and the licensing entity shall promptly thereafter issue or reinstate the license, unless the agency, pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, certifies subsequent to the issuance of a notice of release that the ~~delinquent~~ obligor is once again not in compliance with an order for child support.

(k) Any payments received by the department on behalf of a child support recipient under this Code section shall be forwarded to such recipient within 15 days after any such payment is received by the department.

(l) The department may enter into interagency agreements with state agencies that have responsibility for the administration of licensing entities as necessary to implement this Code section. Those agreements shall provide for the receipt by other state agencies and boards of federal funds to cover that portion of costs allowable under federal law and regulation and incurred by state agencies and boards in implementing this Code section.

~~(m) In furtherance of the public policy of increasing child support enforcement and collections, on or before January 1, 1998, the department shall make a report to the General Assembly and the Governor based on data collected by the boards and the department in a format prescribed by the department. The report shall contain all of the following:~~

~~(1) The number of delinquent obligors certified by the agency under this Code~~

section;

~~(2) The number of delinquent obligors who also were applicants for issuance or renewal of a license or licenses subject to this Code section;~~

~~(3) The number of new licenses and renewals that were denied subject to this Code section and the number of new licenses issued and renewals granted following a licensing entity's receipt of releases;~~

~~(4) The number of licenses suspended subject to this Code section, and the number of licenses reissued following the licensing entity's receipt of releases; and~~

~~(5) The amount of revenue collected by the department after sending notices pursuant to this Code section.~~

~~(n)~~(m) Any licensing entity receiving an inquiry as to the license status of an applicant who has had an application for issuance or renewal of a license denied under this Code section shall respond only that the license was suspended or the licensure application was denied pursuant to this Code section.

~~(o) The department shall, and the licensing entities as appropriate may, adopt regulations necessary to implement this Code section.~~

~~(p)~~(n) The department shall inform delinquent obligors of resources available which may remedy such delinquent obligor's license suspension.

(o) The department shall, and the licensing entities as appropriate may, adopt regulations necessary to implement this Code section."

#### SECTION 1-20.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (d) of Code Section 19-11-12, relating to review of orders for child support, as follows:

"(4)(A) In the case of an administrative order, the child support enforcement agency shall request the administrative law judge to increase or decrease the amount in the existing order in accordance with ~~the~~ such agency recommendation. If either the obligor or the obligee files with the child support enforcement agency written objections to ~~the~~ such agency's proposed child support order adjustment or determination of no change to the child support order within 33 days of the mailed notice, the matter shall be scheduled for an administrative hearing within the Office of State Administrative Hearings. The administrative order adjusting the child support award amount which results from a hearing or the failure to object to the child support enforcement agency's proposed adjustment or determination of no change shall, upon filing with the local clerk of the court, have the full effect of a modification of the original order or decree of support. As part of the order adjusting the child support award the administrative law judge shall issue an income ~~and earnings~~ deduction order which shall also be filed with the court pursuant to Code Sections 19-6-30 through ~~19-6-33~~ 19-6-33.1.

(B) In the case of a judicial order, the child support enforcement agency shall file a petition asking the court to adopt ~~the~~ such agency's proposed adjustment or determination of no change to the child support order which shall be filed contemporaneously with ~~the~~ such agency's mailed notice and shall serve such

petition upon the obligor and obligee in the manner provided in subsection (e) of Code Section 9-11-4. Upon the filing of a written objection to the child support enforcement agency's proposed adjustment or determination of no change with the clerk of the superior court and with ~~the~~ such agency, a de novo proceeding shall be scheduled with the court on the matter. If neither party files an objection within 30 days from the service of the petition, the court shall issue an order adopting the recommendation of the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency. As part of the order adjusting the child support award, the court shall issue an income ~~and earnings~~ deduction order pursuant to Code Sections 19-6-30 through ~~19-6-33~~ 19-6-33.1."

#### SECTION 1-21.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (c) of Code Section 19-11-15, relating to voluntary support agreement, notice, and hearing, as follows:

"(a) When the department has completed its investigation, has determined the ability of the absent parent to support his or her child or children in accordance with guidelines prescribed in Code Section 19-6-15, and believes that the absent parent is able to furnish a certain amount of support, the department may, as an exception to Code Section 9-12-18, request the absent parent to enter into a proposed consent order and income deduction order to provide the support amount and accident and sickness insurance coverage consistent with Code Section 19-11-26 prior to the filing of an action with the superior court. The orders may not be set aside on the grounds that the parties consented thereto prior to the filing of the action. An income deduction order shall issue consistent with Code Sections 19-6-30 through ~~19-6-34~~ 19-6-33.1. If the department is unable to secure a proposed consent order from the parent, the department may file an action in superior court or may initiate an administrative action pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'"

"(c) The determination of the administrative law judge regarding the ability to provide support and the ability to provide accident and sickness insurance coverage shall be delivered to the absent parent personally or shall be sent by ~~regular~~ first-class mail. The final order shall include an ~~order for~~ order consistent with Code Sections 19-6-30 through ~~19-6-34~~ 19-6-33.1, and shall inform the absent parent in plain language:

(1) That failure to support may result in the foreclosure of liens on his or her personal or real property, in garnishment of his or her ~~wages~~ earnings or other personalty, or in other collection actions; and

(2) That the absent parent has the right to appeal the determination within 30 days."

#### SECTION 1-22.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (f) of Code Section 19-11-18, relating to collection procedures, as follows:

"(a) The ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency, in accordance with ~~Title IV, Part D of the federal Social Security Act, is IV-D,~~ shall be authorized to institute collection procedures for all arrearages which have accrued against child support payments owed

pursuant to a judgment or support order of a court ~~or an order from a IV-D agency~~ of competent jurisdiction. ~~Such~~ ~~These~~ collection procedures shall include, but shall not be limited to, notification of employers that a wage assignment is in effect and not suspended; notification of obligors; demand letters; use of state and federal income tax refund intercept programs; initiation of contempt proceedings; the use of liens, levies, and seizures as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this Code section; the use of the services of any person providing collection services to the department; seeking warrants in appropriate situations; attachment or lien against property; civil actions to reach and apply; and any other civil or administrative remedy available for the enforcement of judgments or for the enforcement of support or custody orders."

"(f) Unless otherwise provided by federal law, and notwithstanding ~~Notwithstanding~~ any other provision of this title to the contrary, any child support being held by the ~~Child Support Enforcement Agency of the department~~ child support enforcement agency shall be paid to the custodial parent, legal guardian, or caretaker ~~relative~~ having custody of or responsibility for a child within two days from receipt ~~of same by the enforcement agency~~ by the child support enforcement agency of such child support."

#### SECTION 1-23.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-30, relating to confidentiality of information and records, as follows:

"(2) The department shall provide to an attorney representing an obligor, to an attorney representing an obligee, or to a private child support collector, as defined in Code Section 10-1-392, and hired by an obligee and acting pursuant to a power of attorney signed by such obligee, any documents which such obligor or obligee would be entitled to request and receive from the ~~Child Support Enforcement Agency of the department~~ child support enforcement agency."

#### SECTION 1-24.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section 19-11-32, relating to the process to collect delinquent support accounts, as follows:

"(a) Notwithstanding other statutory provisions which provide for the execution, attachment, or levy against accounts, the ~~IV-D agency, including its authorized contractors,~~ child support enforcement agency may utilize the process established in this Code section and Code Sections 19-11-33 through 19-11-39 to collect delinquent support payments, provided that any exemptions or exceptions which specifically apply to enforcement of support obligations pursuant to ~~other statutory provisions~~ Code Section 18-4-6 shall also apply.

(b) An obligor is subject to the provisions of this Code section and Code Sections 19-11-33 through 19-11-39 if the obligor's support obligation is being enforced by the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency and if the support payments ordered pursuant to Georgia law or under a comparable statute of a foreign jurisdiction, as certified to the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency, are delinquent in an amount equal to the support payment for one month."

**SECTION 1-25.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (d) and subsections (k) and (l) of Code Section 19-11-37, relating to challenges to levy and procedure, as follows:

"(1) If a mistake in identity has occurred or the obligor is not delinquent in an amount equal to the payment for one month, the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall notify the financial institution that the administrative levy has been released. The ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall provide a copy of the notice of release to the ~~support~~ obligor by ~~regular~~ first-class mail; or"

"(k) An order entered under this Code section for a levy against an account of a ~~support~~ an obligor has priority over a levy for a purpose other than the support of the dependents in the order being enforced.

(l) The ~~support~~ obligor may withdraw the request for challenge by submitting a written withdrawal to the ~~person~~ individual identified as the contact for the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency in the notice, or the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency may withdraw the administrative levy at any time prior to the court hearing and provide notice of the withdrawal to the obligor and any account holder of interest and to the financial institution by ~~regular~~ first-class mail."

**SECTION 1-26.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 19-11-39, relating to computerized central case registry for support orders, as follows:

"(a) The department shall create by contract, cooperative agreement, or otherwise a computerized central case registry for all support orders entered by any court or administrative tribunal of this state. All ~~IV-D agency orders~~ support orders obtained by the child support enforcement agency as well as those support orders not within the ~~IV-D~~ child support enforcement agency shall be registered in ~~this~~ such data base. The department may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts so as to obtain information needed to create and maintain the state registry of support orders as required by federal law."

**SECTION 1-27.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (10) of Code Section 19-11-101, relating to definitions for the "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act," as follows:

"(10) 'Income-withholding order' means an order or other legal process directed to an obligor's employer or other debtor, pursuant to Code Sections ~~19-6-31 through~~ 19-6-32 and 19-6-33, to withhold support from the income of the obligor."

**SECTION 1-28.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 19-11-150, relating to issuance of income-withholding orders, as follows:

"19-11-150.

An income-withholding order issued in another state may be sent by or on behalf of the

obligee, or by the support enforcement agency, to the person defined as the obligor's employer pursuant to Code Sections ~~19-6-31~~ 19-6-32 through ~~19-6-33~~ 19-6-33.1 without first filing a petition or comparable pleading or registering the order with a tribunal of this state."

#### **SECTION 1-29.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 19-11-164, relating to notification to nonregistering party and obligor's employer, as follows:

"(d) Upon registration of an income-withholding order for enforcement, the child support enforcement agency or the registering tribunal shall notify the obligor's employer pursuant to Code Sections ~~19-6-31~~ 19-6-32 through ~~19-6-33~~ 19-6-33.1."

### **PART II**

#### **SECTION 2-1.**

Code Section 7-4-12.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interest on arrearage on child support, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be construed to abrogate the authority of a ~~IV-D agency~~ the Department of Human Services to waive, reduce, or negotiate a settlement of unreimbursed public assistance in accordance with subsection (b) of Code Section 19-11-5."

#### **SECTION 2-2.**

Code Section 10-1-393.10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing of contracts for collections, as follows:

"(f) Upon the request of an obligee, the ~~Child Support Enforcement Agency of~~ entity within the department authorized to enforce support orders shall forward child support payments made payable to the obligee to any private child support collector that is in compliance with the provisions of this Code section and Code Section 10-1-393.9."

#### **SECTION 2-3.**

Said title is further amended by replacing "IV-D agency" with "child support enforcement agency" wherever such term appears in:

- (1) Code Section 19-11-9.1, relating to duty to furnish information about obligor to department, use of information obtained, and penalty for noncompliance;
- (2) Code Section 19-11-12, relating to review of orders for child support, review procedures, order adjusting support award amount, and no release from liability due to subsequent financial obligation;
- (3) Code Section 19-11-15.1, relating to information required to be given to individuals receiving services;
- (4) Code Section 19-11-18, relating to collection procedures, notice, and judicial review;
- (5) Code Section 19-11-27, relating to accident and sickness insurance coverage for children, National Medical Support Notice or other notice of enrollment, and



establishment of coverage;

- (6) Code Section 19-11-30.1, relating to computer based registry;
- (7) Code Section 19-11-30.2, relating to information from financial institutions;
- (8) Code Section 19-11-30.3, relating to responsibility of Department of Human Services Bank Match Registry;
- (9) Code Section 19-11-30.6, relating to reciprocal agreements with other states;
- (10) Code Section 19-11-30.10, relating to authority to levy and seize deposit;
- (11) Code Section 19-11-33, relating to notice;
- (12) Code Section 19-11-34, relating to verification and immunity from liability;
- (13) Code Section 19-11-35, relating to initiation of administrative action for levy and required information in notice to financial institution;
- (14) Code Section 19-11-36, relating to required information in notice to obligor;
- (15) Code Section 19-11-37, relating to challenges to levy, mistakes, procedures, and reimbursement;
- (16) Code Section 19-11-38, relating to required financial institution action; and
- (17) Code Section 19-11-39, relating to computerized central case registry for support orders.

#### **SECTION 2-4.**

Code Section 31-10-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social security account information of parents, is amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

"(b) The state registrar shall make available the records of ~~parent~~ an individual's name and social security number to the ~~Child Support Enforcement Agency of~~ entity within the Department of Human Services authorized to enforce support orders for its use in the establishment of paternity or the enforcement of child support orders.

(c) Information obtained pursuant to this Code section by the ~~Child Support Enforcement Agency of~~ entity within the Department of Human Services ~~pursuant to this Code section~~ authorized to enforce support orders may be used in an action or proceeding before any court, administrative tribunal, or other body for the purpose of establishing a child support obligation, collecting child support, or locating individuals owing the obligation."

#### **SECTION 2-5.**

Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to diversion center and program for violation of alimony and child support orders, is amended by revising Code Section 42-3-90, relating to establishment of diversion center, as follows:

"42-3-90.

A county shall be authorized to establish a diversion center under the direction of the sheriff of the county in which the diversion center is located and a diversion program for the confinement of certain ~~persons~~ individuals who have been found in contempt of court for violation of orders granting temporary or permanent alimony or child support

and sentenced pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 15-1-4. While in such diversion program, the respondent shall be authorized to travel to and from his or her place of employment and to continue his or her occupation. The official in charge of the diversion program or his or her designee shall prescribe the routes, manner of travel, and periods of travel to be used by the respondent in attending to his or her occupation. If the respondent's occupation requires the respondent to travel away from his or her place of employment, the amount and conditions of such travel shall be approved by the official in charge of the diversion center or his or her designee. When the respondent is not traveling to or from his or her place of employment or engaging in his or her occupation, such ~~person~~ respondent shall be confined in the diversion center during the term of the sentence. With the approval of the sheriff or his or her designee, the respondent may participate in educational or counseling programs offered at the diversion center. While participating in the diversion program, ~~the~~ such respondent shall be liable for alimony or child support as previously ordered, including arrears, and his or her income shall be subject to the provisions of Code Sections 19-6-30 through ~~19-6-33~~ 19-6-33.1 and Chapter 11 of Title 19. In addition, should any funds remain after payment of child support or alimony, ~~the~~ such respondent may be charged ~~and~~ a fee payable to the county operating the diversion program to cover the costs of his or her incarceration and the administration of the diversion program which fee shall be not more than \$30.00 per day or the actual per diem cost of maintaining the respondent, whichever is less, for the entire period of time ~~the person~~ such respondent is confined to the diversion center and participating in the diversion program. If ~~the~~ such respondent fails to comply with any of the requirements imposed upon him or her in accordance with this Code section, nothing shall prevent the sentencing judge from revoking such assignment to a such diversion program and providing for alternative methods of incarceration."

#### **SECTION 2-6.**

Article 2 of Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to setoff of debt collection against lottery prizes, is amended by revising Code Section 50-27-55, relating to the article's applicability to prizes of \$5,000.00 or more, as follows:

"50-27-55.

The provisions of this article shall only apply to prizes of \$5,000.00 or more and shall not apply to any retailers authorized by the board to pay prizes of up to \$5,000.00 after deducting the price of the ticket or share; excepting that a claim for delinquent child support filed by the ~~Child Support Enforcement Agency of~~ entity within the Department of Human Services authorized to enforce support orders shall apply to all prizes of \$2,500.00 or more."

#### **PART III SECTION 3-1.**

Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support in final verdict or decree, is amended by revising subparagraph (h)(1)(F) of as follows:

"(F)(i) The total amount of work related child care costs shall be divided between the parents pro rata to determine the presumptive amount of child support and shall be included in the worksheet and ~~written order of the court~~ the final child support order.

(ii) In situations in which work related child care costs may be variable, the court or jury may, in its discretion, remove work related child care costs from the calculation of support, and divide the work related child care costs pro rata, to be paid within a time specified in the final child support order. If a parent or nonparent custodian fails to comply with the final child support order:

(I) The other parent or nonparent custodian may enforce payment of the work related child care costs by any means permitted by law; or

(II) Child support services shall pursue enforcement when such unpaid costs have been reduced to a judgment in a sum certain."

#### **PART IV SECTION 4-1.**

Sections 1-17 and 1-18 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2017. All other Sections of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

#### **SECTION 4-2.**

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

Senator Kirk of the 13th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 137.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson

Y Harper  
Y Heath  
Henson

Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Wilkinson  
E Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 137.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 137. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 340 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Unterman of the 45th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Beach of the 21st.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 168. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Kirk of the 13th, Millar of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, so as to extend the persons and agencies permitted to access child abuse records by the department or a county or other state or local agency; to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of

Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Central Child Abuse Registry, so as to permit access to information in the child abuse registry to certain governmental entities investigating allegations of child abuse; to permit access to child abuse registry to certain child-placing entities conducting foster and adoptive parent background checks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, so as to expand the persons and agencies permitted to access child abuse records by the department or a county or other state or local agency; to permit access to information in the child abuse registry to certain governmental entities investigating allegations of child abuse; to permit access to the child abuse registry to certain child-placing entities conducting foster and adoptive parent background checks; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children and youth, is amended in subsection (c) of Code Section 49-5-41, relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records, by revising paragraphs (2) and (5), by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (11), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of paragraph (12), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) A licensed child-placing agency, a licensed child-caring institution of this state which is assisting the department by locating or providing foster or adoptive homes for children in the custody of the department, a licensed adoption agency of this or any other state which is placing a child for adoption, or an investigator appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction of this state to investigate a pending petition for adoption;"

"(5) An agency, facility, or person having responsibility or authorization to assist in making a judicial determination for the child who is the subject of the report or record of child abuse, including but not limited to, members of officially recognized citizen review panels, court appointed guardians ad litem, certified ~~Court Appointed Special Advocate~~ court appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteers who are appointed by a judge of a juvenile court to act as advocates for the best interest of a child in a juvenile proceeding, and members of a protocol committee, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-15-1;"

"(13) Local and state law enforcement agencies of this state, the Department of Community Supervision, probation officers serving pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Juvenile Justice when such entities, officers, or departments are providing supervision or services to individuals and families to whom the department is also providing services. Such access or release of records shall not be provided when prohibited by federal law or regulation. Access to such records may be provided electronically."

### SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in subsection (a) of Code Section 49-5-185, relating to access to information in the registry, by revising paragraph (1), by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (4), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of paragraph (5), and by adding three new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(1) An abuse investigator who has investigated or any federal, federally recognized tribal, state, or local governmental entity of this or any other state or any agent of such governmental agencies which is investigating or responding to a report of a case of possible child abuse or is investigating a case of possible child abuse and who shall only be provided information relating to such case for purposes of using such information in such investigation;"

"(6) Any federal, federally recognized tribal, state, or local governmental entity of this or any other state or any agent of such governmental entities requesting information concerning any prospective foster or adoptive parent or any adult living in the home of the prospective foster or adoptive parent, which information shall be provided and used solely for the purpose of conducting background checks of prospective foster or adoptive parents;

(7) Any child-placing agency of this state licensed to place children in foster homes or for adoption requesting information concerning any prospective foster or adoptive parent, which information shall be provided and used solely for the purpose of conducting background checks of foster parents or adoptive parents; and

(8) Any entity licensed by any other state to place children for adoption which information shall be provided at the discretion of the division and used solely for the purpose of conducting background checks on adoptive parents or prospective adoptive parents."

### SECTION 3.

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

Senator Miller of the 49th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 168.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 168.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 168. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 126. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, so as to change provisions relating to the venue of actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, so as to change provisions relating to the venue of actions; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state tort claims, is amended by revising Code Section 50-21-28, relating to venue of actions, as follows:

"50-21-28.

All tort actions against the state under this article shall be brought in the state or superior court of the county wherein the tort giving rise to the loss occurred; provided, however, that; wrongful death actions may be brought in the county wherein the tort giving rise to the loss occurred or the county wherein the decedent died, and provided, further, that in any case in which an officer or employee of the state may be included as a defendant in his or her individual capacity, the action may be brought in the county of residence of such officer or employee. All actions against the state for losses sustained in any other state shall be brought in the county of residence of any officer or employee residing in this state upon whose actions or omissions the claim against the state is based."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall apply only to causes of action filed on or after July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 126.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer



Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 126.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 211. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Stone of the 23rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Sims of the 12th, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-281 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student assessments, so as to provide for consideration of local reading programs when establishing a research based formative assessment with a summative component for grades one and two; to provide for a review and recommended solution for ongoing assessments in kindergarten through grade five in reading and mathematics and for the assessments in grades three through eight; to provide for a comparability study to determine and establish the concordance of nationally recognized academic assessments with content standards and assessments in grades nine through 12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment was as follows:

*Amend SB 211 (LC 33 6988S (SCS)) by inserting after "12;" on line 7 the following:*

to amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Move on When Ready Act" and dual credit courses, so as to prohibit local school systems from excluding students in dual credit courses from valedictorian or salutatorian determinations;

*By inserting between lines 94 and 95 the following:*

**SECTION 2.**

Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Move on When Ready Act" and dual credit courses, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (f) to read as follows:

"(4) No local school system that receives funding under this article shall exclude eligible high school students taking one or more dual credit courses pursuant to this Code section from eligibility determinations for valedictorian and salutatorian of a participating eligible high school; provided, however, that this shall not apply to a high school student who moves into the local school system after his or her sophomore year and has not taken any courses on site at the participating eligible high school."

*By redesignating Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.*

Senator Tippins of the 37th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to SB 211.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Mullis	E Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to SB 211.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 211. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Jeff Mullis  
District 53

Senator Burke of the 11th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 183. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th and Miller of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for powers of the authority; to allow for the indefinite collection of tolls in certain instances; to provide for letting of contracts by competitive bids; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for powers of the authority; to provide for submission of an annual report on toll collections to the General Assembly; to provide for letting of contracts by competitive bids; to revise provisions relating to designation of moneys as trust funds; to provide for confirmation and validation of revenue bonds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Road and Tollway Authority, is amended in Code Section 32-10-60, relating to

definitions, by revising paragraphs (5), (6.1), and (8) as follows:

"(5) 'Project' means land public transportation systems, including: (A) one or more roads or bridges or a system of roads, bridges, and tunnels or improvements thereto included on an approved state-wide transportation improvement program on the Developmental Highway System as set forth in Code Section 32-4-22, as now or hereafter amended, or a comprehensive transportation plan pursuant to Code Section 32-2-3 or which are toll access roads, bridges, or tunnels, with access limited or unlimited as determined by the authority, and such buildings, structures, parking areas, appurtenances, and facilities related thereto, including but not limited to approaches, cross streets, roads, bridges, tunnels, and avenues of access for such system; ~~and~~ (B) any program for mass transportation or mass transportation facilities as approved by the authority and the department and such buildings, structures, parking areas, appurtenances, and facilities related thereto, including, but not limited to, approaches, cross streets, roads, bridges, tunnels, and avenues of access for such facilities; and (C) any project undertaken pursuant to a public-private initiative as authorized pursuant to Code Section 32-2-78."

"(6.1) 'Revenue' or 'revenues' shall mean any and all moneys received from the collection of tolls authorized by Code Sections 32-10-64 and 32-10-65, any federal highway or transit funds and reimbursements, any other federal highway or transit assistance received from time to time by the authority, any other moneys of the authority pledged for such purpose, ~~and~~ any other moneys received by the authority pursuant to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and any moneys received pursuant to a public-private initiative as authorized pursuant to Code Section 32-2-78."

"(8) 'Self-liquidating' means that, in the judgment of the authority, the revenues and earnings to be derived by the authority from any project or combination of projects or from any other revenues available to the authority, together with any maintenance, repair, operational services, funds, rights of way, engineering services, and any other in-kind services to be received by the authority from appropriations of the General Assembly, the department, other state agencies or authorities, the United States government, or any county or municipality, or from disbursements from any person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or other type of entity shall be sufficient to provide for the maintenance, repair, and operation and to pay the principal and interest of revenue bonds which may be issued for the cost of such project, projects, or combination of projects."

## SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended in Code Section 32-10-63, relating to general powers of the authority, by revising paragraphs (5), (8), and (14) as follows:

"(5) To make such contracts, leases, or conveyances as the legitimate and necessary purposes of this article shall require, including but not limited to contracts for construction or maintenance of projects, provided that the authority shall consider the possible economic, social, and environmental effects of each project, and the authority

shall assure that possible adverse economic, social, and environmental effects relating to any proposed project have been fully considered in developing such project and that the final decision on the project is made in the best overall public interest, taking into consideration the need for fast, safe, and efficient transportation, public services, and the cost of eliminating or minimizing adverse economic, social, and environmental effects. Furthermore, in order to assure that adequate consideration is given to economic, social, and environmental effects of any tollway project under consideration, the authority shall:

(A) Follow the processes required for federal-aid highway projects, as determined by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, except that final approval of the adequacy of such consideration shall rest with the Governor, as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, acting as the chief executive of the state, upon recommendation of the commissioner, acting as chief administrative officer of the Department of Transportation;

(B) In the location and design of any project, avoid the taking of or disruption of existing public parkland or public recreation areas unless there are no prudent or feasible project location alternates. The determination of prudence and feasibility shall be the responsibility of the authority as part of the consideration of the overall public interest;

(C) Not approve and proceed with acquisition of rights of way and construction of a project until: (i) there has been held, or there has been offered an opportunity to hold, a public hearing or public hearings on such project in compliance with requirements of the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1970, as amended, except that neither acquisition of right of way nor construction shall be required to cease on any federal-aid project which has received federal approval pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and is subsequently determined to be eligible for construction as an authority project utilizing, in whole or in part, a mix of federal funds and authority funds; and (ii) the adequacy of environmental considerations has been approved by the Governor, for which said approval of the environmental considerations may come in the form of the Governor's acceptance of a federally approved environmental document; and

(D) Let by public competitive bid upon plans and specifications approved by the chief engineer or his or her successors all contracts for the construction of projects, except as otherwise provided for projects authorized under any provisions of Code Sections 32-2-78 through 32-2-81;"

"(8)(A) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes, to issue negotiable revenue bonds payable from revenues of such projects, and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof; and

(B) To enter into credit enhancement or liquidity agreements with any person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or other type of entity for the planning, design, construction, acquisition of land for, financing, refinancing, operating, maintaining, or carrying out of any project. Such credit enhancement or liquidity agreements may be secured by the authority's loan agreements, deeds to secure debt,

security agreements, contracts, or other instruments or funds derived from tolls, fees, or other charges, upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine reasonable, including provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserves and insurance funds, provided that the obligation of the authority under any such agreements shall not be general obligation of the authority, but shall be a limited obligation of the authority payable from a specific source of funds identified for such purpose. Any such agreements may further include provisions for guaranty, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a project as the authority may deem necessary or desirable;"

"(14)(A) To pledge, mortgage, convey, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any property of the authority, including but not limited to real property, fixtures, personal property, intangible property, revenues, income, charges, fees, or other funds and to execute any lease, trust indenture, trust agreement, resolution, agreement for the sale of the authority's bonds, loan agreement, mortgage, deed to secure debt, trust deed, security agreement, assignment, or other agreement or instrument as may be necessary or desirable, in the judgment of the authority, to secure such bonds; and

(B) To acquire, accept, or retain equitable interests, security interests, or other interests in any property, real or personal, by deed to secure debt, assignment, security agreement, pledge, conveyance, contract, lien, loan agreement, or other consensual transfer, with any such instrument terminating when the bonds for the project are retired, in order to secure repayment under a credit enhancement or liquidity agreement and taking into consideration the public benefit to be derived from such transfer; and"

### SECTION 3.

Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-10-65.2.

The authority shall submit an annual report to the House Committee on Transportation and the Senate Transportation Committee detailing the amount of funds collected pursuant to the exercise of the authority's toll powers and how such funds have been used or disposed of by the authority."

### SECTION 4.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 32-10-68, relating to letting of contracts by competitive bid, as follows:

"32-10-68.

All contracts of the authority for the construction of any project authorized by this article shall be let to the reliable bidder submitting the lowest sealed bid upon plans and specifications approved by the department, except as otherwise provided for projects authorized under any provisions of Code Sections 32-2-78 through 32-2-81. The procedures for letting such bids shall conform to those prescribed for the department in Code Sections 32-2-64 through 32-2-72 and 32-2-78 through 32-2-81."

**SECTION 5.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 32-10-73, relating to designation of moneys received pursuant to article as trust funds, as follows:

"32-10-73.

All moneys received pursuant to the authority of this article, whether as proceeds from the sale of revenue bonds or as revenues, tolls, and earnings, shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this article. The bondholders paying or entitled to receive the benefits of such bonds shall have a lien on all such funds until applied as provided for in any resolution or trust indenture of the authority, provided that revenue bonds issued for the use and benefit of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or other type of private entity shall be a limited obligation of the authority and in the event of default, the remedies of the bondholders shall be limited to the funds identified in the resolution or trust indenture and not the funds held by the authority as trust funds or otherwise."

**SECTION 6.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 32-10-107, relating to confirmation and validation of revenue bonds, as follows:

"32-10-107.

Bonds of the authority shall be confirmed and validated in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36, the 'Revenue Bond Law.' The petition for validation shall also make any person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or other type of private entity a party defendant to such action, if such person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or other type of private entity has or will contract with the authority with respect to the project for which revenue bonds are to be issued and are sought to be validated. The bonds, when validated, and the judgment of validation shall be final and conclusive with respect to the validity of such bonds and against the authority ~~issuing the same~~ and against all other persons or entities, regardless of whether such persons or entities were parties to such validation proceedings."

**SECTION 7.**

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

Senator Beach of the 21st moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 183.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer

E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 3; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 183.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 141. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Kirk of the 13th, Dugan of the 30th, Unterman of the 45th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carnival ride safety, so as to require the owner of a carnival ride to submit an engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carnival ride safety, so as to require the owner of a carnival ride to submit an engineering evaluation with a carnival ride permit application; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Article 4 of Chapter 15 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carnival ride safety, is amended by revising Code Section 25-15-85, relating to permit required and application, as follows:



"25-15-85.

(a) No carnival ride shall be operated in any calendar year, except for purposes of testing and inspection, until a permit for its operation has been issued by the office. The owner of a carnival ride shall apply for a permit to the office on a form furnished by the office, providing such information as the office may require.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2018, no permit for a carnival ride to operate in this state shall be issued by the office until the carnival owner submits an engineering evaluation from a licensed engineer that evaluates the functionality of safety mechanisms and the condition of the critical components of the carnival ride. The scope of such engineering evaluation may be further prescribed by standards and regulations of the office that are consistent with this subsection. Such evaluation shall be provided prior to the annual inspection required by Code Section 25-15-86 and use of the carnival ride by the general public. The submission of such evaluation shall only be required the first time the carnival owner applies for a permit for the carnival ride in this state on or after January 1, 2018."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Thompson of the 14th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 141.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 141.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 47. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for visiting sports teams' physicians; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for licensure exemption for visiting sports teams' physicians, physician assistants, and athletic trainers; to provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; to provide for agreements with other states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"43-34-29.3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'provider' means a physician, physician assistant, or athletic trainer as defined by Code Section 43-5-1.

(b) A provider who is licensed in good standing to practice in another state shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of this chapter or Chapter 5 of this title, as applicable, while practicing in this state if either of the following apply:

(1) The provider has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to the team members and coaching staff traveling with the team for a specific sporting event to take place in this state; or

(2) The provider has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide care to team members and coaching staff at a national sport training center in this state or

during an event or competition in this state which is sanctioned by such national sport governing body so long as:

(A) The provider's practice is limited to that required by the national sport governing body; and

(B) The services provided by the provider are within the area of the provider's competence.

(c) A provider who is exempt from licensure under subsection (b) of this Code section shall not:

(1) Provide care or consultation to any person residing in this state other than a person delineated in subsection (b) of this Code section or as otherwise provided by state law; or

(2) Practice at a health care clinic or health care facility, including an acute care facility.

(d) An exemption under subsection (b) of this Code section shall be valid as follows:

(1) An exemption under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain in force while the provider is traveling with the sports team but shall be no longer than ten days in duration per sporting event. A maximum of 20 additional days per sporting event may be granted upon prior written request to the board or to the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, as appropriate, by the provider but shall not exceed 30 days total; and

(2) An exemption under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall remain in force during the time certified by the national sport governing body but shall not exceed 30 days.

(e) The board or the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers, as appropriate, may enter into agreements with the comparable licensing boards of other states to implement the provisions of this Code section. Agreements shall include procedures for reporting potential license violations."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 47.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims

Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 47.

Senator Thompson of the 5th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 242. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, is amended by revising subsection (g) and by adding new subsections to read as follows:

"(g) A Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g.1) or (g.2) of this Code section, a delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section with more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time, except this limitation shall not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse ~~that~~ who is practicing:

- (1) In a hospital licensed under Title 31;
- (2) In any college or university as defined in Code Section 20-8-1;
- (3) In the Department of Public Health;
- (4) In any county board of health;
- (4.1) In any community service board;
- (5) In any free health clinic;
- (6) In a birthing center;
- (7) In any entity:
  - (A) Which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, and primarily serves uninsured or indigent Medicaid and medicare patients; or
  - (B) Which has been established under the authority of or is receiving funds pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c of the United States Public Health Service Act;
- (8) In any local board of education which has a school nurse program; ~~or~~
- (9) In a health maintenance organization that has an exclusive contract with a medical group practice and arranges for the provision of substantially all physician services to enrollees in health benefits of the health maintenance organization; or
- (10) In any emergency medical services system operated by, or on behalf of, any county, municipality, or hospital authority with a full-time medical director and who does not order drugs."

(g.1) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section with more than eight advanced practice registered nurses at any one time, may not supervise more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time pursuant to nurse protocol agreements, and shall not be required to conduct any meetings, observations, or review of medical records except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the advanced practice registered nurses practice at a location that:

- (1) Maintains evidence-based clinical practice guidelines;
- (2) Is accredited by an accrediting body, approved by the board, such as the Joint Commission or a nationally recognized accrediting organization with comparable standards;
- (3) Requires the delegating physician to document and maintain a record of review of

at least 10 percent of the advanced practice registered nurses' medical records to monitor quality of care being provided to patients, which may be conducted electronically or onsite;

(4) Requires the delegating physician and advanced practice registered nurse to participate in and maintain documentation of quarterly clinical collaboration meetings, either by telephone, in person, or onsite, for purposes of monitoring care being provided to patients; and

(5) Requires the delegating physician's name, contact information, and record of the visit to be provided to the patient's primary care provider of choice with the patient's consent within 24 hours of the visit.

(g.2) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section with more than eight advanced practice registered nurses at any one time or supervise more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time in any emergency medical services system operated by, or on behalf of, any county, municipality, or hospital authority with a full-time medical director."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 242.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 242.

The following resolution was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SR 204. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Martin of the 9th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Jones of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Kyle Gilbert and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

#### A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

#### PART I

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kyle Gilbert demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans, and was killed in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mr. Gilbert was a junior leader of his battalion and his commendations included the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Gilbert will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a highway in his memory.

## PART II

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and civil rights activists on August 15, 2015, with the passing of Mr. Horace Julian Bond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and raised in Pennsylvania while his father served as the first African American president of Lincoln University; and

WHEREAS, he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he helped found *The Pegasus*, a literary magazine, and worked as an intern at *TIME* magazine; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Morehouse College, Mr. Bond was a founding member of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, led nonviolent student protests against segregation in Atlanta parks, restaurants, and movie theaters, and helped form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was voted into the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965 but could not take his seat until court ordered action in 1967 because the legislature refused to swear him in due to his vocal opposition to the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, he served in the House of Representatives until 1975 and went on to serve in the Georgia Senate from 1975 to 1986, sponsoring more than 60 bills that were ratified into law during his tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bond served as president of the Southern Poverty Law Center from 1971 to 1979 and was an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1998 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, he served as a commentator for NBC's "Today" show, wrote a national newspaper column, and produced poems that have appeared in publications such as the *Nation* and the *New York Times*; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

## PART III

WHEREAS, Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson have long been recognized for their talent on stage and ability to bring joy and delight to audiences; and



WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, LaTanya Richardson Jackson was a student at Spelman College when she met her husband, Samuel, while he was attending Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, Samuel has appeared in more than 100 films and is one of Hollywood's most respected actors, with an incredible career spanning five decades; and

WHEREAS, he is cool like Fonzie, starring as Jules, the philosopher hit man, in the cult classic *Pulp Fiction* and appearing in numerous other Quentin Tarantino films, including *The Hateful Eight*, *Kill Bill*, and *Django Unchained*; and

WHEREAS, his depth as an actor can be further demonstrated by his wide-ranging roles in movies such as *Jackie Brown*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, *A Time to Kill*, *The Incredibles*, *Do the Right Thing*, *Snakes on a Plane*, and the *Avengers* and *Star Wars* series; and

WHEREAS, a standout actress in her own right, LaTanya starred in the 2003 musical *The Fighting Temptations* and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Lead Actress in a Play for her role in the 2013 performance of *A Raisin in the Sun*; and

WHEREAS, they are blessed with one remarkable daughter, Zoe Jackson, who is a freelance film and television producer; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body recognize the lives and careers of these distinguished individuals by dedicating a road in their honor.

#### **PART IV**

WHEREAS, the Berrong family of Towns County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Berrong served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military during World War II and was captured as a prisoner of war; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Berrong family sacrificed their own safety and comfort to protect and serve this nation in the military; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kris Berrong continues his family's tradition of service as a member of the Hiawassee City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford Berrong ran the town store in High Tower while the Titus post office was operated by Mr. Homer Berrong; and

WHEREAS, generations of the Berrong family have lived their entire lives near the bridge on SR 2/US 76 near Clayton Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, some of Towns County's first educators were members of the Berrong family while Mr. Darren Berrong serves as the current superintendent for Towns County high schools; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgia family be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

#### **PART V**

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, his first musical, *I Know I've Been Changed*, premiered at the famous Fox Theatre in Atlanta; in 2005, his first feature film, *Diary Of A Mad Black Woman*, debuted at number one; and in 2006, he released his first book, *Don't Make A Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries On Life And Love*, which remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry's comedic talents delighted audiences worldwide with the TBS series *House of Payne* and later with the series *Meet the Browns*, which were the highest and second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he revitalized Delta Airlines' former headquarters and opened a 200,000 square foot studio in Atlanta that employs hundreds of Georgians, and in 2015, Mr. Perry bought 330 acres of the former military base, Fort McPherson, on which he will restore and construct state-of-the-art facilities that will open the door for local business opportunities and job creation in the motion picture and television industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry strongly supports our state and national communities through charities such as Feeding America, Covenant House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, Project Adventure, Perry Place, and his own foundation, the Tyler Perry Foundation, which transforms tragedy into triumph by empowering economically disadvantaged youths, seniors, and families to overcome adversity by achieving a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART VI**

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb is considered by many to be the greatest baseball player in American history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb used his speed and precision hitting to earn the highest batting average in the history of the game with .367; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of three children, he grew up in Royston, Georgia, under the watchful eyes of his father, who was a schoolteacher, principal, newspaper publisher, state senator, and county school commissioner; and

WHEREAS, in his 24 seasons of playing baseball, he broke .300 batting average an incredible 23 times; and

WHEREAS, he played a majority of his career with the Detroit Tigers, was a leader in runs scored with 2,245, and took the Tigers to the World Series in 1907; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was the Baseball Hall of Fame's first inductee in 1936; and

WHEREAS, a generous philanthropist, Mr. Cobb donated funding to build a 24 bed hospital in Royston and \$100,00.00 for college scholarships for needy students in Georgia through the Ty Cobb Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART VII**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy Cruz Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Thomas' life was tragically cut short in the line of duty while protecting and serving the citizens of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART VIII**

WHEREAS, Chief W. Lynn Taylor served as the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police for Waycross, Georgia, from 1978 until 2001; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor returned to public service after his retirement from law enforcement in 2001 to serve as city commissioner from 2004 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

#### **PART IX**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Lou Glover was born on February 21, 1899, in Milledgeville, Georgia, a beloved daughter of Charles and Mary Washington; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of 11 children and the granddaughter of slaves, Mrs. Glover graduated valedictorian of Eddy High School in Baldwin County and attended Spelman Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glover dedicated her time, talents, and energy toward challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this state as an educator in Dublin, Jasper County, and Baldwin County, where she walked four and one-half miles each day to teach; and

WHEREAS, she was hired in 1934 to teach in Camden County, earned distinction as Teacher of the Year in 1962, and retired from the education system after 49 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glover continued to strengthen her own education throughout her career, earning a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State College; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her honor.

#### **PART X**

WHEREAS, Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, he began his career serving the people of Taylor County as a school bus driver and he went on to serve as Transportation Director until an automobile accident in 2000; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental as a Taylor County commissioner for six years and as a member of the Taylor County Board of Family and Children Services for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Welch was a deacon at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church and was a Gideon who helped spread the Word of God by distributing Gideon Bibles; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy as a member of the Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

#### **PART XI**

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., was employed by the Thomas County School System in 1969 and assigned to East Ochlocknee School where he served as teacher and acting principal; and

WHEREAS, following the full integration of schools in Thomas County in 1970, he served as a math teacher at Central High School in Thomas County until he was named assistant principal in 1972; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in being a strong public example, as well as working diligently behind the scenes, to help ensure a smooth transition for Thomas County's families and their children and was one of the primary steadying forces during the tumultuous years of school desegregation; and

WHEREAS, he served as high school assistant principal from 1972 to 1993, earning the love, respect, and admiration of thousands of Thomas County students; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he was named principal of Thomas County Central High School, devotedly leading thousands of children of Thomas County, until his retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, when called upon by the school district in a time of need, he returned to the school system in 2011 to serve Thomas County Central High School as dean of students and principal emeritus; and

WHEREAS, he has led students, teachers, and the community at large with his uncanny wisdom, his powerful sincerity, and his gracious good humor; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by the entire county as "Poppa D.," Mr. Delaney is considered one of the cornerstones of community influence by all of the citizens within Thomas County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Thomas County desire to establish a lasting tribute to one whose career spans nearly half a century and has become part of the very fabric of Thomas County, born and raised on Pebble Hill Plantation and spending his entire adult life working with the Thomas County School System; and

WHEREAS, he has steadfastly placed God and family as the centerpieces of his leadership philosophy, never shying away from an opportunity to lead people toward one while always making sure to include them as part of the other; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored by innumerable social and civic organizations for his invaluable service to tens of thousands of Thomas County citizens; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will continue to impact the development of Thomas County for many generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

### **PART XII**

WHEREAS, several local governments and interested parties along Highway 15 have come together to form the Highway 15 Coalition in order to promote economic development and tourism along this important corridor; and

WHEREAS, Highway 15 traverses the state from the Tennessee state line to the Florida state line and is a traditional route for travelers to the Georgia coast, the Classic City of Athens, and on to the northeast Georgia mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 15 corridor contains numerous features and stops promoted by both the Georgia Department of Tourism and the Highway 15 Coalition that may be enjoyed by travelers; and

WHEREAS, it abundantly fitting and proper that the Highway 15 corridor be dedicated as the Traditions Highway.

### **PART XIII**

WHEREAS, the Gordy family of Washington County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry Gordy, Jr., is the founder of the Motown Record Corporation, which produced music from such superstar artists as the Supremes, Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, Jimmy Ruffin, the Contours, the Four Tops, Gladys Knight and the Pips, the Commodores, the Velvelettes, Martha and Vandellas, Stevie Wonder, and the Jackson 5; and

WHEREAS, generations of the Gordy family have lived Washington County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished family be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.

**PART XIV**

WHEREAS, Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly was born on February 3, 1926, the beloved son of Annie Sue Griffin Kelly and Dr. George Washington Kelly, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a native of Athens, Mr. Kelly graduated from Elberton High School and was attending Emory University when he was drafted to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in Japan, Mr. Kelly earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, he had a successful career with the Elberton Granite Association, where he was instrumental in increasing membership, constructing and expanding the association's headquarters, expanding staffing, and spreading recognition of the association through establishment of an association magazine and erection of numerous exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was an active member of his community and his leadership was instrumental in his work with Rotary Club of Elberton, the Elberton Civic Center, the Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Authority, Elberton Country Club, and Elbert County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including Booster of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Achievement Award, and Elbert County Ambassador Award from the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

**PART XV**

WHEREAS, Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., graduated from Waynesboro High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Emory University School of Medicine, completed his postgraduate medical training at the University of Alabama, and was board certified in internal medicine and geriatrics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army in Vietnam, and his commitment and service were recognized with numerous accolades, including a Purple Heart, Combat Medical Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Air Medal; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Johnson was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served as chair and a member of the administrative board and was active in the Chancel Choir and Progressive Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson was a lifelong Republican, serving as a page at the 1957 Republican Convention in San Francisco, the chair of the Laurens County Republican Party from 2007-2009, and a delegate to the 2008 Republican Convention; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from medicine in 2003, Dr. Johnson became passionate about the field of forestry, attended classes at the Warnell School of Forest Resources in Athens, was designated as a Certified Tree Farmer, and received the Forest Steward Award; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Johnson will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

#### **PART XVI**

WHEREAS, east, central, and southeast Georgia are some of the few remaining areas in the United States where there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of agritourism represents a readily available and effective tool for spurring economic development; and

WHEREAS, the portion of highway to be included in Georgia Grown Trail: 1 (U.S. Highway 1) winds through eight counties with miles of family owned farms, unique lodging, u-pick farms, farm stands, farm murals, hands-on educational farm experiences, farm-to-table restaurants and establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes and traditions, and time honored and progressive crops and farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being through agritourism.

#### **PART XVII**

WHEREAS, Mr. James "Jim" V. Ham was born on June 2, 1961, in Monroe County, Georgia, the beloved son of Philip Benson Ham, Sr., and Elsi Sanders Ham; and



WHEREAS, a graduate of Mary Persons High School, Mr. Ham attended Gordon College and the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, along with his father and brother, Mr. Ham established Sleepy Creek Farms, a cattle farm that helped bolster the economy of Monroe County by bringing national recognition to the area through innovations in cattle farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Georgia Farm Bureau, Monroe County Farm Bureau, Middle Georgia Cattlemen's Association, and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ham was appointed to the State Water Planning Council, was a founding member of the Two Rivers Rural Conservation and Development, and served as supervisor and director with the Towaliga Soil and Water Conservation District, president of the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and as a member of the Agricultural Affairs Committee for the National Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, he was elected as a Monroe County Commissioner for District 2 in 1987, adeptly representing his constituents and serving the county with dedication and excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XVIIIA**

WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard F. Miles was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Richmond County Board of Education and as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, he began his career with Feedwright Milling Company, opened a local grocery store in Augusta, and founded the Richmond County newspaper; and

WHEREAS, a successful entrepreneur and businessman, Mr. Miles was also the owner of Fleming Tractor and Equipment Corporation and Fleming Fuel Oil Company; and

WHEREAS, he was an early advocate and board member for Teen Town, helped start the Fleming Community Center, and was a member of the board of directors for Richmond County Bank; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART XVIII**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Mae Collins Maddox was born on September 21, 1906, in Toccoa, Georgia, and passed away on September 23, 1993; and

WHEREAS, she married James Pearman Maddox and lived her life full of love of God and family, civic activities related to her fellow man, and a professional life in her beloved courthouse in Jefferson, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maddox dedicated over 33 years to the citizens of Jackson County as an employee in the tax collector's office and as the voter registrar; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the voter registrar, Mrs. Maddox was the selective service secretary for Jackson County during the Vietnam War, handling the job with grace during a time when she was often criticized due to the unpopularity of the war; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Maddox was a woman of deep and abiding faith as a devoted member of the United Methodist Church, organizing the United Methodist Women for the Nicholson United Methodist Church, serving as secretary for the charge conference of the United Methodist Athens Elberton District for many years, and teaching young parishioners as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the Eastern Star organization, was a great supporter of public schools, and worked with her husband running a canning plant for the community during World War II; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her honor.

#### **PART XIX**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 20 from I-985 to State Route 13 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Kyle Gilbert Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 129 from Cascade Road to State Route 14 (Whitehall Street) in Fulton County is dedicated as the Julian Bond Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of the State Route 3 Connector from State Route 3/Northside/Metropolitan to State Route 14/154 Peters Street in Fulton County is dedicated as the Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 2/US 76 located near Clayton Mountain Road running from Rabun County into Towns County is dedicated as the Berrong Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Lee Street from the West End Mall to the entrance of Fort McPherson in Fulton County is dedicated as the Tyler Perry Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bypass in the City of Royston (SR 17/BU/Hart to SR 17/BU/Franklin) in Franklin and Hart Counties is dedicated as the Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Highway 17 from the southern city limit of Canon to the northern city limit of Canon in Franklin County is dedicated as the Deputy Cruz Thomas Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 4/US 1 South at South Point Mall and the Waycross Market Place entrances in Ware County is dedicated as the Lynn Taylor Crossing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route Spur (E. 10th Street) from SR 25/US 17 to Cypress Drive in Camden County is dedicated as the Annie Lou Glover Boulevard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Whitewater Creek, southwest of the City of Butler on SR 137 in Taylor County, is dedicated as the E. A. Welch, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of US Highway 84 Bypass from Thomas County Central High School to Thomas County Middle School in Thomas County is dedicated as the Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 15 from the Hancock County line to the Appling County line through Washington, Johnson, Treutlen, Montgomery, and Toombs counties is dedicated as the Traditions Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 272 from Highway 24 (Fall Line Freeway) to Highway 68 in Washington County is dedicated as the Gordy Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 72 over the Broad River at the Elbert/Madison County line is dedicated as the William A. Kelly Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of the U.S. 441 Bypass and Claxton Dairy Road in Laurens County is dedicated as the Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., Major, U.S. Army Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 1 beginning at the Georgia and South Carolina state line in Richmond County through Jefferson, Emanuel, Toombs, Appling, Bacon, and Ware counties to the Florida state line in Charlton County is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 1 (U.S. Highway 1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 19/41 from Montpelier Road to Shi Road in Monroe County is dedicated as the James "Jim" V. Ham Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 25 between Lumpkin Road and I-520 in Richmond County is dedicated as the Bernard F. Miles Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 15A and Highway 335 in Jackson County is dedicated as the Annie Mae Maddox Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Samuel L. and LaTanya Richardson Jackson, the Berrong family, Mr. Tyler Perry, Mr. Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., and the Gordy family; and to the families of Mr. Kyle Gilbert, Mr. Horace Julian Bond, Mr. Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb, Deputy Cruz Thomas, Chief W. Lynn Taylor, Mrs. Annie Lou Glover, Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly, Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., Mr. James "Jim" V. Ham, Mr. Bernard F. Miles, and Mrs. Annie Mae Collins Maddox.

Senator Miller of the 49th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SR 204.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne

Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SR 204.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 273. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Millar of the 40th, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), so as to change the jurisdiction and manner of appointment of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; to revise definitions; to revise proscribed conduct; to revise conflict of interest provisions; to revise complaint procedures; to increase sanctions for violations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

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commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), so as to change the jurisdiction and manner of appointment of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; to revise definitions; to revise proscribed conduct; to revise conflict of interest provisions; to revise complaint procedures; to increase sanctions for violations; to provide for a referendum; to provide for contingent effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3811), is amended by revising Section 22A as follows:

"SECTION 22A.  
Code of Ethics

(a) Purpose.

(1) It is essential to the proper administration and operation of the DeKalb County government that its officials and employees be, and give the appearance of being, independent and impartial, that public office not be used for private gain, and that there be public confidence in the integrity of DeKalb County officials and employees. Because the attainment of one or more of these ends is impaired whenever there exists in fact, or appears to exist, a conflict between the private interests and public responsibilities of officials and employees, the public interest requires that the General Assembly protect against such conflicts of interest by establishing by law appropriate ethical standards with respect to the conduct of the officials and employees of DeKalb County in situations where a conflict may exist.

(2) The General Assembly recognizes that an appropriate and effective code of ethics for appointed officials and employees of DeKalb County is also essential for the proper administration and operation of the DeKalb County government.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section, the term:

(1) 'Agency' means any board, bureau, body, commission, committee, department, or office of DeKalb County to which any official has appointment powers.

(2) 'Business' means any corporation, partnership, organization, sole proprietorship, and any other entity operated for economic gain, whether professional, industrial, or commercial, and entities which for purposes of federal income taxation are treated as nonprofit organizations.

(3) 'Confidential information' means information which has been obtained in the course of holding public office, employment, acting as an independent contractor, or

otherwise acting as an official or employee and which information is not available to members of the public under state law or other law or regulation and which the official, independent contractor, or employee is not authorized to disclose.

(4) 'Contract' means any lease, account, or agreement with any person, whether express or implied, executed or executory, verbal or in writing.

(5) 'Emergency situation' means any circumstance or condition giving rise to an immediate necessity for the execution of a contract by and between DeKalb County and an official or employee or between DeKalb County and a business in which an official or employee has an interest and where, upon review by the Chief Executive and upon advice by the Board of Ethics, it is evident that such person or organization is the sole source of the services to be provided.

(6) 'Gratuity' means anything of value given by or received from a prohibited source; provided, however, that the term shall not include any of the following:

(A) Payment by the county of salaries, compensation, expenses, or employee benefits; or payment by an employer or business other than the county of salaries, compensation, expenses, or employee benefits or payments of fees for services rendered pursuant to a contract, when the payment is unrelated to the official's or employee's status with the county and is not made for the purpose of influencing, directly or indirectly, the vote, official action, or decision of the official or employee;

(B) Campaign or political contributions made and reported in accordance with state law;

(C) Reasonable means or refreshments or tokens of minimal value furnished in connection with an official's or employee's appearance in an official capacity at a public, civic, charitable, or nonprofit ceremony, event, convention, or conference, whether or not the sponsor of the event does business with the county;

(D) Hospitality or meals extended for a social, charitable, nonprofit, convention, conference, or business purpose unrelated to the official business of the county;

(E) Reimbursements from noncounty sources of reasonable hosting expenses, including travel, meals, and lodging, provided to an official or employee in connection with speaking engagements, participation on professional or civic panels, teaching, or attendance at conferences in an official capacity;

(F) An award, plaque, certificate, memento, novelty, or similar item given in recognition of the recipient's civic, charitable, political, professional, or public service;

(G) Nominal gifts or other tokens of recognition presented by representatives of governmental bodies or political subdivisions who are acting in their official capacities so long as the acceptance of such gifts complies with paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this section;

(H) Anything of value when the thing of value is offered to the county, is accepted on behalf of the county, and is to remain the property of the county, provided that the recipient complies with the provisions governing solicitation found in paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of this section;

- (I) Commercially reasonable loans made in the ordinary course of the lender's business in accordance with prevailing rates and terms and which do not discriminate against or in favor of an official or employee because of such individual's status;
  - (J) Anything of value received as a devise, bequest, or inheritance; and
  - (K) A gift received from the official's or employee's immediate family or from a source which is not prohibited and is based solely on a personal relationship and outside of county business.
- (7) 'Immediate family' of an official or employee shall include an official's or employee's spouse, children, dependents, and parents.
- (8) 'Interest' means any direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit held by or accruing to the official or employee as a result of a contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action by or with DeKalb County. Unless otherwise provided in this section, the term 'interest' does not include any remote interest. An official or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in transactions involving:
- (A) Any person in the official's or employee's immediate family;
  - (B) Any person, business, or entity that the official or employee knows or should know is seeking official action with DeKalb County, is seeking to do or does business with DeKalb County, has interests that may be substantially affected by performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties, or with whom a contractual relationship exists whereby the official or employee may receive any payment or other benefit;
  - (C) Any business in which the official or employee is a director, officer, employee, shareholder, or consultant; or
  - (D) Any person with whom the official or employee is a creditor or debtor, whether secured or unsecured.
- (9) 'Official or employee' means any person elected or appointed to or employed or retained by DeKalb County or any agency, whether paid or unpaid and whether part time or full time. This definition includes retired and former county officials and employees. This definition does not include superior and state court judges and their immediate staffs, the district attorney, the solicitor of the state court, the clerks of the superior and state courts, magistrates, or the judges of the probate court and their immediate staffs.
- (10) 'Official act or action' means any legislative, administrative, appointive, or discretionary act of an official or employee.
- (11) 'Paid' means the receipt of, or right to receive, a salary, commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.
- (12) 'Participate' means to personally take part in official acts, actions, or proceedings as an official or employee through approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, investigation, the rendering of advice, or the failure to act or perform a duty.
- (13) 'Person' means any individual, business, labor organization, representative, fiduciary, trust, or association, whether paid or unpaid, and includes any official or



employee of DeKalb County.

(14) 'Prohibited source' means any person or entity that:

- (A) Is seeking official action from the county;
- (B) Does business or seeks to do business with the county or the official's or employee's department;
- (C) Conducts activities regulated by the department of the official or employee;
- (D) Has interests that may be substantially affected by performance or nonperformance of the official's or employee's official duties; or
- (E) Is a registered lobbyist or should be a registered lobbyist in accordance with state law.

(15) 'Property' means any property, whether real or personal or tangible or intangible, and includes currency and commercial paper.

(16) 'Remote interest' means the interest of:

- (A) A nonsalaried director, officer, or employee of a nonprofit organization;
- (B) A holder of less than 5 percent of the legal or beneficial ownership of the total shares of a business;
- (C) Any person in a representative capacity, such as a receiver, trustee, or administrator; or
- (D) Any person who, by determination of the Board of Ethics, is deemed to have such an interest.

(17) 'Transaction' means the conduct of any activity that results in or may result in an official act or action of an official or employee of DeKalb County.

(c) Proscribed Conduct. No official or employee of DeKalb County shall:

- (1) By his or her conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him or her or unduly expect his or her favor or disfavor in the performance of his or her official acts or actions or that he or she is affected unduly by the rank or position of or kinship or association with any person;
- (2) Accept any gratuity from a prohibited source. An official or employee may accept unsolicited gifts from a person or entity, other than a prohibited source, having an aggregate market value of \$40.00 or less per source and per occasion, provided that the aggregate market value of individual gifts received from any one source shall not exceed \$120.00 in a calendar year;
- (3) Solicit or accept any gift which tends to influence a vote, decision, or the exercise of official authority in any manner involving the county; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prohibit any official or employee from accepting a gift on behalf of the county where the donor is not a prohibited source;
- (4) Disclose or otherwise use confidential information acquired by virtue of his or her position for his or her or another person's private gain;
- (5) Appear on behalf of, represent, or advise private interests of, whether paid or unpaid, any person before any court or before any legislative, administrative, or quasi-judicial board, agency, commission, or committee of this state or of any county or municipality concerning any contract or transaction which is or may be the subject of an official act or action of DeKalb County or otherwise use or attempt to use his or

her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or other persons. An official or employee may, however, appear on his or her own behalf or in relation to his or her own property interests, and county commissioners may appear on behalf of constituents or in the performance of public or civic obligations before any agency, but only without compensation or remuneration of any kind. In no instance shall a county commissioner appear before the zoning review board on behalf of constituents or in the performance of their public or civic obligations;

(6) Engage in, accept employment with, or render services for any agency, private business, or professional activity when such employment or rendering of services is adverse to or incompatible with the proper discharge of his or her official duties. For the purposes of this paragraph, acceptance of employment by an official or employee outside of DeKalb County is not incompatible per se if the employment is unrelated to any contract or transaction by or with DeKalb County. Employees of DeKalb County shall be required to report any outside positions to their immediate supervisor;

(7) Acquire an interest in any financial, business, commercial, or other private contract or transaction at a time when he or she believes or has reason to believe that such an interest will be affected directly or indirectly by his or her official acts or actions or by the official acts or actions of other officials or employees of DeKalb County;

(8) Participate directly or indirectly in the preparation of any part of any specifications or requests for proposal, influence the content of any specification or contract standard, render advice, investigate, audit, or review any proceeding or application, request for ruling, or other determination, claim, or other matter pertaining to any contract or subcontract and any solicitation or proposal therefor or seek to influence the votes or decisions of others with respect thereto when the official or employee knows or with reasonable investigation should know that there is a financial or personal interest possessed by:

(A) The official or employee;

(B) One or more members of the official's or employee's immediate family;

(C) A business other than a public agency in which the official or employee, or a member of the official's or employee's immediate family, serves as an officer, director, stockholder, creditor, trustee, partner, or employee; or

(D) Any other person or business with whom the official or employee, or a member of the official's or employee's immediate family, is negotiating or seeking prospective employment or other business or professional relationship;

(9) Request or permit the use of or use any county or government owned or supported property, vehicle, equipment, material, labor, service, or funds for the private advantage of such official or employee or any other person or private entity, including, but not limited to, the use of such property, vehicle, equipment, material, labor, service, or funds for the benefit of political campaigns. However, no official or employee shall be prohibited from requesting or permitting the use of or using any county or government owned or supported property, vehicle, equipment, material,

labor, service, or funds which as a matter of county policy is made available to the public at large;

(10) Participate in any employment decision that may be viewed as a conflict of interest, such as one involving an immediate family member, a close friend, a business partner, or a professional, political, or commercial relationship that would lead to preferential treatment or compromise the appearance of fairness. Additionally, if any official or employee comes into a direct line of supervision over one of these persons, he or she shall have six months to come into compliance or to obtain a waiver from the Board of Ethics;

(11) Take or threaten to take, directly or indirectly, official or personal action, including, but not limited to, discharge, discipline, personal attack, harassment, intimidation, or change in job, salary, or responsibilities, against any official or employee because that person or a person acting on his or her behalf:

(A) Reports, verbally or in writing, or files a complaint with the Board of Ethics regarding an alleged violation of this section;

(B) Is requested by the Board of Ethics to participate in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry or is involved in a court action relating either to the alleged violation or to evidence presented or given as part of a Board of Ethics investigation or hearing; or

(C) Refuses to execute a directive which is a violation of county, state, or federal law after the official or employee has given notice to the supervisor of such violation.

The provisions of this paragraph are not applicable when the complainant, witness, or reporter of a violation makes accusations or other statements that are malicious or false;

(12) For a period of two years after separation from service or employment with the county, appear before any agency or receive compensation for any services rendered on behalf of any person, business, or association in relation to any case, proceeding, or application with respect to which such former official or employee was directly concerned or in which such official or employee personally participated during the period of such official's or employee's service or employment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude a former official or employee from being engaged directly by the county to provide services to or on behalf of the county during this two-year period; or

(13) Engage in any activity or transaction that is prohibited by law now existing or hereafter enacted which is applicable to him or her by virtue of his or her being an official or employee of DeKalb County.

(d) Disclosure of interests.

(1) An official or employee who has an interest that he or she has reason to believe may be affected by his or her official acts or actions or by the official acts or actions of another official or employee of DeKalb County shall disclose the precise nature and value of such interest by sworn written statement to the Board of Ethics and ask for the board's opinion as to whether the interest presents a conflict. Every official or employee who knowingly has any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract to

which DeKalb County is or is about to become a party, or in any other business with DeKalb County, shall make full disclosure of such interest to the Chief Executive, the Commission, and the Board of Ethics. The information disclosed by such sworn statements, except for the valuation attributed to the disclosed interest, shall be made a matter of public record by the Board of Ethics.

(2) An official or employee shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any official act or action of DeKalb County directly affecting a business or activity in which he or she has any interest, whether or not a remote interest.

(e) Participation in contracts. No official or employee shall cause DeKalb County to enter into any contract involving services or property with an official or employee of the county or with a business in which an official or employee of the county has an interest. This subsection shall not apply in the case of:

(1) The designation of a bank or trust company as a depository for county funds;

(2) The borrowing of funds from any bank or lending institution which offers the lowest available rate of interest for such loans;

(3) A business which employs an official or employee where the employment of such official or employee is unrelated to any contract or transaction by or with DeKalb County;

(4) Contracts for services entered into with a business which is the only available source for such goods or services; or

(5) Contracts entered into under circumstances which constitute an emergency situation, provided that a record explaining the emergency is prepared by the Chief Executive and submitted to the Board of Ethics at its next regular meeting and thereafter kept on file.

(f) Reporting violations. Any person who witnesses or becomes aware of a violation of this section may complain of the violation as follows:

(1) A complaint may be communicated anonymously to the ethics officer. Such complaint shall be made in good faith and with veracity and sufficient specificity so as to provide the ethics officer with salient and investigable facts. The ethics officer may require the anonymous complaint to be made in a manner and form that is intended only to obtain relevant facts related to the alleged violation of this section and that is not designed to reveal the identity of the complainant.

(2) A sworn written complaint may be filed with the ethics officer of the Board of Ethics, as described in this paragraph. All written complaints to be considered by the Board of Ethics and the ethics officer shall contain the following, if applicable:

(A) The name and address of the person or persons filing the complaint;

(B) The sworn verification and signature of the complainant;

(C) The name and address of the party or parties against whom the complaint is filed and, if such party is a candidate, the office being sought;

(D) A statement of acts upon which the complaint is based along with the allegedly violated provision or provisions of this section;

(E) A statement of all facts that would be admissible as evidence in a court proceeding; and

(F) Any further information which might support the allegations in the complaint including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) The names and addresses of all other persons who have first-hand knowledge of the facts alleged in the complaint; and

(ii) Any documentary evidence that supports the facts alleged in the complaint.

(3) Upon receipt of a complaint, whether by the ethics officer or by the Board of Ethics, the ethics officer or the secretary of the Board of Ethics shall send a written notice to the subject of the complaint by the next business day. Both this notice and any subsequent documents shall be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.

(4) Upon receipt of a written, nonanonymous complaint which does not conform to the applicable requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the ethics officer shall by letter acknowledge receipt of the complaint and advise the complainant of the defect in the complaint and that the complaint will not be considered by the Board of Ethics unless the defect is corrected.

(g) Enactment.

(1) This section shall be construed liberally to effectuate its purpose and policies and to supplement such existing laws as may relate to the conduct of officials or employees.

(2) The propriety of any official act or action taken by or transaction involving any officials or employees immediately prior to the time this section shall take effect shall not be affected by the enactment of this section.

(3) The provisions of this section are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

(h) Board of Ethics.

(1)(A) There is created the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County to be composed of seven citizens of DeKalb County to be appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(B) Each member of the Board of Ethics shall have been a resident of DeKalb County for at least one year immediately preceding the date of taking office and shall remain a resident of the county while serving as a member of the Board of Ethics.

(C) No person shall serve as a member of the Board of Ethics if the person has, or has had within the immediately preceding two-year period, any interest in any contract, transaction, or official act or action of DeKalb County.

(D) No member of the Board of Ethics shall be a member of an agency or an official or employee of DeKalb County or shall have served in such a capacity in the two-year period immediately preceding such person's appointment to the Board of Ethics.

(E) No person shall serve as a member of the Board of Ethics if the person has been a candidate for, or was elected to, public office in the immediately preceding three-year period. Filing for an elective office shall constitute a resignation from the

Board of Ethics on the date of filing.

(F) Appointees to the Board of Ethics shall have professional knowledge or expertise in matters of ethics, finance, governance, or the law.

(G) All proposed appointments to the Board of Ethics shall be subject to an education and employment background check as well as a criminal history check. Persons proposed to be appointed to the Board of Ethics shall execute all releases necessary for the appointing authority to accomplish such checks. If the nominee is determined to have committed a felony, the nomination shall be withdrawn.

(2)(A) The members of the Board of Ethics in office on the effective date of this section shall serve until February 1, 2018.

(B) On and after February 1, 2018, the members of the Board of Ethics shall be selected as follows:

(i) Four members shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the House of Representatives;

(ii) Three members shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the Senate;

(iii) Two alternate members shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the House of Representatives; and

(iv) Two alternate members shall be appointed by majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the Senate.

The DeKalb Bar Association, the DeKalb Lawyers Association, Inc., the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership DeKalb, the DeKalb County chapter of the NAACP, the six major universities and colleges located within DeKalb County (Agnes Scott College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Emory University, Georgia State University, Mercer University, and Oglethorpe University), and other individuals and organizations may recommend individuals to the respective delegations for appointment; however, the legislative delegations shall not be limited to such recommendations. For the initial appointments under this paragraph, any such recommendations shall be delivered to the chairpersons of the House legislative delegation and the Senate legislative delegation not later than December 15, 2017. For appointments thereafter, any such recommendations shall be delivered to the chairpersons of the House legislative delegation and the Senate legislative delegation not later than November 15 of each year.

(C) The members shall each serve for terms of three years; provided, however, that, for the initial appointments under this paragraph, two of the members appointed by the House legislative delegation shall have terms of office expiring on January 1, 2021; one member and one alternate member appointed by the House legislative delegation shall have a term of office expiring on January 1, 2020; one member and one alternate member appointed by the House legislative delegation shall have a term of office expiring on January 1, 2019; one member appointed by the Senate legislative delegation shall have a term of office expiring on January 1, 2021; one member and one alternate member appointed by the Senate legislative delegation shall have a term of office expiring on January 1, 2020; one member and one

alternate member appointed by the Senate legislative delegation shall have a term of office expiring on January 1, 2019. The House and Senate legislative delegations shall specify which members are serving which terms in making their respective appointments. Such initial appointments shall be made not later than January 15, 2018. Thereafter, successors shall be appointed by the respective appointing delegations not later than December 15 immediately preceding the end of each member's term of office and such appointee shall take office on January 1 following such appointment. All appointees shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

(D) In making appointments under the provisions of this paragraph, the members of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the General Assembly shall consider the need for diversity in the membership of the Board of Ethics.

(E) Alternate members shall attend all meetings of the Board of Ethics but shall only participate in deliberations and actions of the Board of Ethics in the event that a quorum of the Board of Ethics is not present and only to the extent necessary to create a quorum. Alternate members shall be chosen to serve on the Board of Ethics on a rotating basis in alphabetical order of surname.

(3) If a member of the Board of Ethics ceases to be a resident of DeKalb County, that member's position on the Board of Ethics, by operation of law, shall become vacant upon the establishment of the fact of such nonresidency, if contested, by a court of competent jurisdiction. A vacancy in the Board of Ethics shall exist by reason of death, the disability or incapacity of a member for more than 90 days, resignation, or loss of residency as described in this paragraph. A member of the Board of Ethics may be removed from office during a term for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, misfeasance and malfeasance in office, by a majority vote of the DeKalb County legislative delegation in the House of Representatives or the Senate, as appropriate, that appointed such member. The ethics officer shall notify the appointing authority of a vacancy upon its occurrence, and such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the respective appointing authority.

(4) The members of the Board of Ethics shall serve without compensation and shall elect from their own membership a chairperson and otherwise provide for their own internal organization. The Commission shall provide adequate office and meeting space and pay all administrative costs, including those specifically stipulated in this section, as well as costs incurred by the Solicitor of DeKalb County, pertaining to the operation of the Board of Ethics and the office of the DeKalb County attorney shall provide legal representation regarding any civil litigation involving the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall be authorized to employ its own staff and clerical personnel and contract for the services of a competent court reporter and a private investigator as it deems necessary. The members of the Board of Ethics shall have the authority to propose the budget of the board and shall recommend the budget to the Commission, who shall fund it as a priority. The Board of Ethics shall be completely independent and shall not be subject to control or supervision by the Chief Executive, the Commission, or any other official or employee or agency of the county

government.

(5) The Board of Ethics shall have the following duties:

(A) To establish procedures, rules, and regulations governing its internal organization and the conduct of its affairs, including a recusal policy for its members;

(B) To render advisory opinions with respect to the interpretation and application of this section to all officials or employees who seek advice as to whether a particular course of conduct would constitute a violation of the standards imposed in this section or other applicable ethical standards. Such opinions shall be binding on the Board of Ethics in any subsequent complaint concerning the official or employee who sought the opinion and acted in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion;

(C) To prescribe forms for the disclosures required in this section and to make available to the public the information disclosed as provided in this section;

(D) To receive and hear complaints of violations of the standards required by this section over which it has personal and subject matter jurisdiction;

(E) To commission such independent investigations as it deems necessary to determine whether any official or employee has violated or is about to violate any provisions of this section; and

(F) To hold such hearings and make such inquiries as it deems necessary for it to carry out properly its functions and powers.

(5) In the event that any individual requests a member of the Board of Ethics to disqualify himself or herself pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this section, and such member refuses to do so, a majority of the DeKalb County delegation of the General Assembly shall appoint an attorney who is member of either DeKalb Bar Association, Inc., or DeKalb Lawyers Association, Inc., on an alternating basis, to review the matter before the Board of Ethics and make a determination whether, under the recusal standards of Georgia Uniform Rules for the Superior Courts, such member should disqualify himself or herself. In the event that such attorney determines that such member should be disqualified, such member shall be disqualified as set forth in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of this section.

(i) Ethics officer.

(1) There is hereby created as a full-time salaried position an ethics officer for DeKalb County. The ethics officer must be an active member of the Georgia Bar Association in good standing with five years' experience in the practice of law. The ethics officer shall be appointed by a majority of the members of the Board of Ethics after consultation with the DeKalb County legislative delegation, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Commission and approval by the Chief Executive, for a period of four years. Removal of the ethics officer before the expiration of the designated term shall be for cause by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Ethics. The ethics officer need not be a resident of the county at the time of his or her appointment, but he or she shall reside in DeKalb County within six months of such appointment and continue to reside therein throughout such appointment.



- (2) The ethics officer shall not be involved, in any way whatsoever, in partisan or nonpartisan political activities or the political affairs of DeKalb County.
- (3) The duties of the ethics officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) Educating and training all county officials and employees to have an awareness and understanding of the mandate for and enforcement of ethical conduct and advising them of the provisions of the code of ethics of DeKalb County;
  - (B) Maintaining the records of the Board of Ethics as required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;
  - (C) Meeting with the Board of Ethics;
  - (D) Advising officials and employees regarding disclosure statements and reviewing the same to ensure full and complete financial reporting;
  - (E) Urging compliance with the code of ethics by calling to the attention of the Board of Ethics any failure to comply or any issues, including the furnishing of false or misleading information, that the ethics officer believes should be investigated by the Board of Ethics so that the Board of Ethics may take such action as it deems appropriate;
  - (F) Monitoring, evaluating, and acting upon information obtained from an 'ethics hotline' which shall be a city telephone number for the receipt of information about ethical violations. Each complaint, as of the time it is reported, whether by telephone or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a separate pending investigation of a complaint against a public officer or employee as provided by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;
  - (G) Notifying the subject of a report of any alleged violation of the ethics code, whether the report is anonymous, is made by an identified individual, or is written. Such notice shall be given promptly in writing by first-class mail, return receipt requested, by statutory overnight delivery, or by electronic mail if agreed to by the respondent. The notice shall be given at the same time and in the same form that any disclosure of information is required by Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.;
  - (H) Notifying the Board of Ethics of any report of an alleged violation of the ethics code received by the ethics officer;
  - (I) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected ethical violations to the Board of Ethics;
  - (J) Reporting, as appropriate, suspected criminal violations to state or federal law enforcement agencies;
  - (K) Filing with the Board of Ethics, the Chief Executive, and the Commission on the first Tuesday of each February a written report describing the activities of the ethics officer in carrying out the goals of his or her office and the code of ethics and reporting on the ethical health of DeKalb County; and
  - (L) If the ethics officer has a conflict of interest with any person who is the subject of an ethics investigation or complaint or if the ethics officer is the subject of an ethics investigation or complaint, the Board of Ethics shall appoint an acting ethics officer for such matter who shall have for such matter the same powers and duties as the ethics officer.

(j) Investigations and hearings. The Board of Ethics shall commission investigations into alleged violations of the code of ethics, hold hearings, and issue decisions as prescribed in this subsection:

(1) The proceedings and records of the Board of Ethics shall be open unless otherwise permitted by state law.

(2) Upon request of the Board of Ethics, the Solicitor of DeKalb County or any attorney representing the office of the Solicitor of DeKalb County, or, in the event of a conflict, any attorney who shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Ethics, shall advise the Board of Ethics.

(3) A complaint may be filed by the ethics officer, any resident, or a group of residents of DeKalb County by submitting to the office of the ethics officer a written, verified, and sworn complaint under the penalty of perjury or false swearing. The complaint shall be filed in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(4)(A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, upon receipt of the complaint, the ethics officer shall conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether it meets the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in this section. If in the opinion of the ethics officer the complaint fails to meet these requirements, the ethics officer shall notify the person who filed the complaint and he or she shall have ten days from the date of notice to correct and refile the complaint directly with the ethics officer. A complaint which fails to satisfy the jurisdictional requirements as established by this section and by the rules and procedures established by the Board of Ethics shall be dismissed by the Board of Ethics no later than 30 days after the complaint is filed with the office of the ethics officer, unless extended by a majority vote of the Board of Ethics.

(B) Upon receipt of a complaint against any member of the Board of Ethics, the ethics officer or any employee of the Board of Ethics shall forward such complaint directly to the Solicitor of DeKalb County to conduct an investigation as set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of this subsection.

(5)(A) The ethics officer shall report his or her findings and recommendation to the Board of Ethics and advise whether there is probable cause for belief that the code of ethics has been violated, warranting a formal hearing. If the Board of Ethics determines, after the preliminary investigation of a complaint by the ethics officer, that there does not exist probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the Board of Ethics shall so notify the complainant and the subject of the investigation, and the complaint will be dismissed.

(B) After a preliminary investigation of the complaint by the ethics officer, if the Board of Ethics determines by majority vote that there does exist probable cause for belief that this section has been violated, the Board of Ethics shall forward the complaint to the Solicitor of DeKalb County to conduct an independent investigation into the alleged violation and, prior to any hearing conducted by the Board of Ethics, to present to the Board of Ethics a written report of the findings of the investigation and a recommendation as to the presence or absence of violations of this section.

(6) The Board of Ethics, after receipt of the report of the DeKalb County Solicitor's investigation, shall give notice to the person involved to attend a hearing to determine whether there has been a violation of this section.

(7) For use in proceedings under this section, the Board of Ethics shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel any person to appear, give sworn testimony, or produce documentary or other evidence. Any person who fails to respond to such subpoenas may be subjected to the penalties set forth in subsection (k) of this section.

(8) All hearings of the Board of Ethics pursuant to this section shall be as follows:

(A) All testimony shall be under oath, which shall be administered by a member of the Board of Ethics. Any person who appears before the Board of Ethics shall have all of the due process rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a witness appearing before the courts of this state. Any person whose name is mentioned during a proceeding of the Board of Ethics and who may be adversely affected thereby may appear personally before the Board of Ethics on such person's own behalf or may file a written sworn statement for incorporation into the record to be made part of all proceedings pursuant to this subsection.

(B) The decision of the Board of Ethics shall be governed by a preponderance of the evidence standard.

(C) At the conclusion of proceedings concerning an alleged violation, the Board of Ethics shall immediately begin deliberations on the evidence and proceed to determine by a unanimous vote of members present whether there has been a violation of this section. The findings of the Board of Ethics concerning a violation and the record of the proceedings shall be made public by the ethics officer as soon as practicable after the determination has been made.

(k) Violations; appeals.

(1) Any intentional violation of this section, furnishing of false or misleading information to the Board of Ethics or the ethics officer, failure to follow an opinion rendered by the Board of Ethics, or failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the Board of Ethics pursuant to this section shall subject the violator to any one or more of the following:

(A) Administrative sanction of not more than \$1,000.00 per violation assessed by the Board of Ethics;

(B) Public reprimand by the Board of Ethics; and

(C) Prosecution by the DeKalb County Solicitor in the State Court of DeKalb County and, upon conviction, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per violation and up to six months' imprisonment, whether the official or employee is elected or appointed, paid or unpaid. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with state law. An action for violation of this section or the furnishing of false or misleading information or the failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the Board of Ethics must be brought within two years after the violation is discovered.

(2) With regard to violations by persons other than officials or employees, in addition to the remedies in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board of Ethics may recommend to the Chief Executive and the Commission any one or more of the

following:

(A) Suspension of a contractor; and

(B) Disqualification or debarment from contracting or subcontracting with DeKalb County.

(3) The decision of the Board of Ethics after a hearing shall be final; provided, however, that such proceeding shall be subject to review by writ of certiorari to the DeKalb County Superior Court. The designee of the Board of Ethics shall be authorized to acknowledge service of any such writ and shall, within the time provided by law, certify and cause to be filed with the clerk of the superior court a record of the proceedings before the Board of Ethics, the decision of the Board of Ethics, and the notice of the final actions of the Board of Ethics.

(4) In the event that an individual who is accused of a violation of this section is not found to have violated this section after a hearing before the Board of Ethics, such individual may seek from the Board of Ethics an order for reimbursement by the complainant of his or her reasonably incurred attorney's fees, to be paid from the general fund of DeKalb County, should a majority of the Board of Ethics determine that there existed such a complete absence of any justiciable issue of law or fact in the complaint that it could not be reasonably believed that the Board of Ethics or any court would accept the asserted claim or position."

## SECTION 2.

The election superintendent of DeKalb County shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of DeKalb County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2017, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of DeKalb County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which revises the Board of Ethics for DeKalb  
( ) NO County?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective, and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by DeKalb County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 3.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

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

Senator Parent of the 42nd asked unanimous consent that the Senate disagree to the House substitute to SB 273.

The consent was granted, and the Senate disagreed to the House substitute to SB 273.

Senator Unterman of the 45th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 147. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to permit a cemetery or cemetery company to request a trustee to distribute income earned by an irrevocable trust fund utilizing certain unitrust distribution method provisions; to provide for a definition; to modify a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

To amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to permit a cemetery or cemetery company to request a trustee to distribute income earned by an irrevocable trust fund utilizing certain unitrust distribution method provisions; to provide for a definition; to modify a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, is amended by revising Code Section 10-14-6, relating to irrevocable trust fund, as follows:

"10-14-6.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'income' means:

(1) The net income, including the collected dividends, interest, net realized gains, and other income of the trust reduced by any expenses, including, but not limited to, taxes on income, fees, commissions, and costs; or

(2) Four percent of the net fair market value of the trust assets, averaged over the lesser of the three preceding years or the period during which the trust has been in existence.

~~(a)~~(b)(1) Each cemetery or cemetery company required to be registered by this chapter shall establish and maintain an irrevocable trust fund for each cemetery owned.

(2) For trust funds established on or after July 1, 2000, the initial deposit to said irrevocable trust fund shall be the sum of \$10,000.00 and the deposit of said sum shall be made before selling or contracting to sell any burial right. No such initial deposit shall be required with respect to any cemetery for which there is an existing perpetual care account on July 1, 2000. The trust fund shall apply to sales or contracts for sale of lots, grave spaces, niches, mausoleums, columbaria, urns, or crypts in which perpetual care has been promised or guaranteed.

(3) The initial corpus of the trust fund and all subsequent required deposits shall be deposited in a state bank, state savings and loan institution, savings bank, national bank, or federal savings and loan institution, whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other governmental agency, or a state or federally chartered credit union insured under 12 U.S.C. Section 1781 of the Federal Credit Union Act, or other depository or trustee which is approved by the Secretary of State or which meets the standards contained in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of State.

(4) Each perpetual care trust fund established on or after July 1, 2000, shall be named 'The \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Perpetual Care Trust Fund' with the first blank being filled by the name of the cemetery and the second blank being filled by the month and year of the establishment of such trust fund. If a cemetery has a perpetual care trust fund existing on July 1, 2000, and the perpetual care trust fund agreement permits, the cemetery may make additional deposits to such a trust fund on the condition that the entire corpus of the trust fund, any income earned by the trust fund, and any subsequent deposits to the trust fund are thereafter governed by the provisions of this chapter, the 'Georgia Cemetery and Funeral Services Act of 2000,' as it existed on July 1, 2000, except for the amount of the initial deposit to the trust fund. If a cemetery owner or company elects to establish a new perpetual care trust fund subject to the provisions of this chapter, the 'Georgia Cemetery and Funeral Services Act of 2000,' as it existed on July 1, 2000, any perpetual care trust fund which existed on July 1, 2000, is subject to the provisions of law in effect on the date of its establishment, and deposits for sales transacted on or after July 1, 2000, shall be deposited in the trust fund established on or after July 1, 2000. If a cemetery existing on July 1, 2000, has an existing perpetual care trust fund which complies with

provisions of law in effect on the date of its establishment, a new trust fund created in compliance with this chapter shall not require an initial deposit.

~~(b)~~(c) Whenever any burial right, cemetery lot, grave space, niche, mausoleum, columbarium, urn, or crypt wherein perpetual care or endowment care is promised or contracted for or guaranteed is sold by any cemetery, the cemetery shall make deposits to the trust fund that equal 15 percent of the sales price of the burial right or 7.5 percent of the total sales price of any mausoleums, niches, columbaria, urns, or crypts, provided that the minimum deposit for each burial right shall be \$50.00; provided, further, that on July 1, 2003, and every three years thereafter, the amount of said minimum deposit shall be adjusted by the rate of change in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Secretary of State shall adopt such adjustment to the amount of said minimum deposit by rule. Deposits to the trust fund shall be made not later than 30 days following the last day of the month in which payment therefor is made, or, in the case of a free space, the month in which the space is given. In the event any sale is made on an installment basis, not less than a pro rata share of the principal portion of each payment made and allocated to the lot, grave, space, niche, mausoleum, columbarium, urn, or crypt shall be allocated to the required trust fund deposit, provided that all deposits to the trust fund shall be completed within six years from the date of the signing of the perpetual care contract. The manner of any such allocation shall be clearly reflected on the books of the registrant.

~~(e)~~(d) The initial \$10,000.00 corpus of the perpetual care trust fund shall not be counted as part of the required periodic deposits and shall be considered to be corpus or principal.

~~(d)~~(e)(1) The income earned by the trust fund shall be retained by the trust fund. At such time as either:

(1)(A) The cemetery owner is not licensed and has not been licensed for 90 or more consecutive days to sell burial rights;

(2)(B) The cemetery is under the management of a receiver; or

(3)(C) Less than 50 percent of available lots are unsold,

95 percent of the income from the trust fund shall be paid to the owner or receiver exclusively for covering the costs of care and maintenance of the cemetery, including reasonable administrative expenses incurred in connection therewith. The income of the trust fund shall be paid to the owner or receiver at intervals agreed upon by the recipient and the trustee, but in no case shall the income be paid more often than monthly.

(2) Subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a cemetery owner or receiver may request a trustee to distribute income following the unitrust distribution method provisions outlined in Code Section 53-12-362. The cemetery owner or receiver may select the unitrust distribution method by delivering written instructions to the trustee no later than 60 days prior to when the conversion shall take place. Such notification shall also be provided to the Secretary of State. The unitrust distribution method and the distribution rate selected shall remain in effect unless the

cemetery or cemetery company notifies the trustee and the Secretary of State of its desire to effect a change.

(3) Disbursements from the trust in accordance with this subsection shall be made on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis, as agreed upon by the cemetery or cemetery company and the trustee.

(4) The Secretary of State shall limit or prohibit any distribution based on the unitrust distribution method provisions in situations where investment returns and distribution practices have not resulted in sufficient protection of the perpetual care trust fund's trust principal based upon a three to five-year analysis.

~~(e)~~(f) There shall be no withdrawals from the trust fund except pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or by court order.

~~(f)~~(g)(1) The assets of a trust fund shall be invested and reinvested subject to all the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed by the laws of the State of Georgia upon executors and trustees regarding the making and depositing of investments with trust moneys pursuant to former Code Sections 53-8-1 through 53-8-4 as such existed on December 31, 1997, if applicable; Code Section 53-8-1; or Code Section 53-12-340. Subject to said terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions, the trustee of the perpetual care trust fund shall have full power to hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, reinvest, and dispose of any of the securities and investments in which any of the assets of said fund are invested, including proceeds of investments.

(2) Any state bank, national bank, or other financial institution authorized to act in a fiduciary capacity in this state, which presently or in the future serves as a fiduciary or cofiduciary of the trust fund of a perpetual care cemetery, may invest part or all of such trust fund held by it for investment in interests or participation in one or more common trust funds established by that state bank, national bank, or other financial institution for collective investment, if such investment is not expressly prohibited by the instrument, judgment, decree, or order creating the fiduciary relationship and if, in the case of cofiduciaries the trust institution procures the consent of its cofiduciary or cofiduciaries to such investment, and notwithstanding the fact that such common trust funds are not invested and reinvested subject to all the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed by the laws of the State of Georgia upon executors and trustees in the making and disposing of their investments.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the Secretary of State shall establish rules and regulations for investments of a trust fund established on or after July 1, 2000, or otherwise governed by this chapter, the 'Georgia Cemetery and Funeral Services Act of 2000,' as it existed on July 1, 2000, as necessary to preserve the corpus and income of such a fund and for determining what restrictions are necessary for such purpose.

(4) At any time, in the event that the perpetual care trust fund contains an amount less than the amount required by this Code section, the cemetery owner shall, within 15 days after the earlier of becoming aware of such fact or having been so notified by the Secretary of State, deposit into the perpetual care trust fund an amount equal to such shortfall. In the event that the Secretary of State and the cemetery owner disagree



regarding the amount of such shortfall, no penalty shall be imposed upon the cemetery owner for any failure to comply with this paragraph unless such failure occurs after notice and opportunity for a hearing as provided in Code Section 10-14-23.

~~(g)~~(h) Moneys of the perpetual care trust fund shall not be invested in or loaned to any business venture controlled by the cemetery owner, a person who owns a controlling interest of a cemetery owner that is not a natural person, or an affiliate of any of these persons or entities.

~~(h)~~(i) The trustee shall furnish yearly to the Secretary of State a financial report in a form designated by the Secretary of State with respect to the perpetual care trust fund.

~~(i)~~(j) Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of failure to deposit or maintain funds in the trust account as required by this chapter or of fraud, theft, or misconduct by the owners of the cemetery or the officers or directors of a cemetery company which has wasted or depleted such funds, the cemetery owners or the officers or directors of a cemetery company may be held jointly and severally liable for any deficiencies in the trust account as required in this chapter."

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-14-11, relating to stop order suspending or revoking registration, denial or refusal of application for registration, and penalties, as follows:

"(5) The trustee for the perpetual care trust fund or the escrow agent for the preneed escrow account has failed to file financial reports required by subsection ~~(h)~~ (i) of Code Section 10-14-6 or subsection (g) of Code Section 10-14-29;"

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senator Williams of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 147 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House substitute to SB 147 (LC 36 3388S) by deleting "shall" on line 97 and inserting in lieu thereof "may".*

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone

Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	E Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 147 as amended by the Senate.

At 5:11 p.m. David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 6:30 p.m.

At 6:47 p.m. David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, called the Senate to order.

The following messages were received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 132. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to repeal and revise provisions requiring such forms be transmitted; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and general provisions for child custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendments to the House substitutes to the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 88. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Harbison of the 15th, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for regulation of narcotic treatment programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 180. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Brass of the 28th, Anderson of the 24th and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 5. By Representatives Caldwell of the 131st, Powell of the 171st, Willard of the 51st and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, so as to change provisions relating to compensation of juvenile court judges; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House adheres to its position in insisting on its amendment and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Oliver of the 82nd, and Golick of the 40th.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th, and Powell of the 32nd.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 572. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Hollis Fudge; and for other purposes.

SR 573. By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Jackson of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Springfield Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 126th anniversary; and for other purposes.

SR 574. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Dewey Lamar Norton on the occasion of his announced retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 575. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the Truancy Intervention Project; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 222. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Corbett of the 174th, Evans of the 42nd, Williams of the 168th, Belton of the 112th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide that members of the Georgia National Guard and reservists meet residency requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its disagreement to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 222 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Cowsert of the 46th, Millar of the 40th and Hill of the 4th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 205. By Representatives Meadows of the 5th, Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ridley of the 6th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mining and drilling, so as to

regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil in this state; to provide for a definition; to provide for authority to create an Oil and Gas Board under certain circumstances; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations related to drilling and extraction; to amend provisions relating to drilling permits; to increase the amount of bond security for drilling operations; to provide for authority of local governments; to impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Jones of the 25th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its disagreement to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 205 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Jones of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Jeffares of the 17th.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 228. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Harbison of the 15th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Tillery of the 19th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of certain state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 452. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Reeves of the 34th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to amend Article

1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, instead of the Georgia Sheriffs Association, to prepare and issue guidelines and procedures regarding compliance with Code Section 42-4-14; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in substituting the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 71. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Unterman of the 45th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts to the list of property that is exempt from bankruptcy; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Harper of the 7th  
Sims of the 12th

Jones of the 25th

Miller of the 49th

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th asked unanimous consent that HB 198, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 198, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 198. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 43rd, Newton of the 123rd, Gardner of the 57th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on influenza and its vaccine whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th.

Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Henson of the 41st, Kirk of the 13th and Cowsert of the 46th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend HB 198 (LC 33 7016S) by inserting after "provided;" on line 5 the following:*  
to amend Code Section 20-2-149.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators in schools, so as to add a short title;

*By inserting after line 25 the following:*

**SECTION 1A.**

Code Section 20-2-149.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators, is amended by redesignating subsections (a) through (e) as subsections (b) through (f), respectively, by replacing "subsection (b)" with "subsection (c)" in newly designated subsection (e), and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Cory Joseph Wilson Act.'"

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Heath of the 31st objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 20, nays 9, and the Miller, et al. amendment #1 was adopted.

Senator Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment #2:

*Amend HB 198 (LC 33 6789) by replacing line 1 with "To amend Code Section 20-2-777 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an annual fitness assessment program, so as to repeal the sunset provision; to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia"; by inserting after "provided;" on line 5 "to amend Code Section 50-12-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Commission on Women, so as to place said commission under the administration of the Department of Public Health;"; and by inserting after line 7 "Code Section 20-2-777 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an annual fitness assessment program, is amended by repealing subsection (d).*

**SECTION 2."**

*By deleting line 26 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

**SECTION 3.**

Code Section 50-12-80, relating to creation of the commission, appointments to and vacancies in membership, and staggered terms, is amended by adding a new subsection to



read as follows:

"(d) The commission shall be assigned to the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes only, as prescribed in Code Section 50-4-3."

#### SECTION 4.

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Unterman amendment #2 was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Burke	E Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
E Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 1.

HB 198, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 198. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes”.

/s/ Dean Burke  
District 11

Senator Unterman of the 45th asked unanimous consent that HB 154, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 154, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 154. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th, Abrams of the 89th, Hawkins of the 27th and Henson of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Unterman of the 45th.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 154:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Statistics show that nearly one-third of older adults have untreated tooth decay and nearly 25 percent of adults ages 65 to 74 have severe gum disease. Statistics also show that a significant percentage of lower income children in Georgia do not have adequate access to dental care, putting them at significant risk of developing tooth decay and other oral health conditions;
- (2) Professional preventative hygiene services can help prevent such conditions before they begin;
- (3) Preventative care is the most cost-effective care that can be delivered to the public;
- (4) In 2016, 4,106 Georgians sought emergency dental care at Grady Memorial Hospital at a cost of \$1.75 million; and
- (5) Of Georgia's 159 counties, 118 are considered dental health professional shortage areas, meaning there are not enough licensed dentists in those areas to meet the dental care needs of the public, resulting in individuals seeking emergency care for dental issues.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to increase access to preventative dental care for underserved and needy populations. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that the rules and regulations promulgated by the Georgia Board of Dentistry pursuant to this Act effectuate this purpose to the greatest extent allowable.

**SECTION 2.**

Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, is amended by revising Code Section 43-11-74, relating to direct supervision requirements, scope of duties, and exceptions to required supervision for dental screenings, as follows:

"43-11-74.

(a) As used in this Code section the term:

- (1) 'Direct supervision' means that a licensed dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedure is being performed by the dental hygienist, and before dismissal of the patient, examines the patient.
- (2) 'General supervision' means that a licensed dentist has authorized the delegable duties of a licensed dental hygienist but does not require that a licensed dentist be present when such duties are performed.

(b) Licensed dental ~~Dental~~ hygienists shall perform their duties only under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, except as otherwise provided in this Code section. No licensed dental hygienist shall diagnose, prescribe, determine the initial dosage, or increase the initial dosage of nitrous oxide, practice dentistry, or do any kind of dental work other than to remove calcareous deposits, secretions, and stains from the surfaces of the teeth, to apply ordinary wash or washes of a soothing character, and to perform

those acts, services, procedures, and practices which the board shall prescribe by rule or regulation. ~~The board shall not delegate to dental hygienists the authority to administer local anesthesia, except that this restriction shall automatically expire July 1, 1992.~~

~~(b)~~(c) After meeting such additional education and training requirements as the board may require by rule or regulation, a licensed dental hygienist may perform such other acts, practices, services, or procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, which the board may prescribe by rule or regulation subject, however, to the limitations set forth in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) of this Code section.

~~(e)~~(d) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the educational training of dental hygiene students at an institution approved by the board and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, when such instruction is carried out under such degree of supervision by a licensed dentist as the board may prescribe by rule or regulation.

~~(d)~~(e) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of dental hygiene duties at approved dental facilities of the Department of Public Health, county boards of health, or the Department of Corrections or the performance of dental hygiene duties by personnel of the Department of Public Health or county boards of health at approved offsite locations. ~~The board shall provide by rule or regulation for criteria for approval of such facilities and for the appropriate degree of supervision by a licensed dentist over dental hygienists performing duties in such facilities.~~

~~(e)~~(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'dental screening' means a visual assessment of the oral cavity without the use of X-rays, laboratory tests, or diagnostic models to determine if it appears that a more thorough clinical examination and diagnosis should be conducted by a licensed dentist.

(2) The requirement of direct supervision shall not apply to the performance of licensed dental hygienists providing dental screenings in settings which include: schools; hospitals; ~~and~~ clinics; ~~and~~ state, county, local, and federal public health programs; federally qualified health centers; volunteer community health settings; senior centers; and family violence shelters, as defined in Code Section 19-13-20. Other health fair settings must be preapproved by the board.

(3) Each person who receives a dental screening pursuant to this subsection, or the parent or legal guardian if the person is a minor, must be informed in writing of the purpose and limitations of a dental screening and advised to seek a more thorough clinical examination by a licensed dentist to determine whether or not problems exist that might not be discovered in a dental screening. There shall be no fees charged for providing a dental screening pursuant to this subsection except for dental screenings provided by employees of the Department of Public Health or county boards of health. These fees must be paid directly to that department or county board of health and not to the individual who performs the dental screening.

(g)(1) In a private dental office setting, a licensed dental hygienist may perform only the following functions under general supervision:

(A) Application of sealants and oral prophylaxis and assessment;

(B) Fluoride treatment;

(C) Oral hygiene instruction and education; and

(D) Exposure and processing of radiographs if provided for by specific standing orders of the authorizing licensed dentist, including any protocols regarding urgent dental issues that arise.

(2) A licensed dentist in a private dental office setting may authorize general supervision of a licensed dental hygienist only upon meeting the following criteria:

(A) A new patient of record must be clinically examined by the authorizing licensed dentist during the initial visit;

(B) A patient must be examined by the authorizing licensed dentist at a minimum of twelve-month intervals; and

(C) A patient must be notified in advance of the appointment that he or she will be treated by the licensed dental hygienist under general supervision without the authorizing licensed dentist being present or being examined by the authorizing licensed dentist.

(h) In school settings, licensed dental hygienists may apply topical fluoride and perform the application of sealants and oral prophylaxis under general supervision, with written permission of the student's parent or guardian. Such written permission may be obtained by the school in the same manner as other parental permissions are obtained. Licensed dental hygienists may also, without prior written permission of the student's parent or guardian, provide oral hygiene instruction and counseling. Confidentiality of any records related to services provided to a student pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained by the licensed dental hygienist and authorizing licensed dentist in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g. School settings shall include only schools that are Title I schools under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, schools in which at least 65 percent of the student population is eligible for free or reduced price lunch under federal guidelines, Head Start programs, and Georgia's Pre-K Program.

(i) In hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, health facilities operated by federal, state, county, or local governments, hospices, family violence shelters as defined in Code Section 19-13-20, and free health clinics as defined in Code Section 51-1-29.4, licensed dental hygienists may apply topical fluoride and perform the application of sealants and oral prophylaxis under general supervision.

(j) A licensed dental hygienist providing dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section shall:

(1) Not perform any dental hygiene services on a patient that has dental pain or clearly visible evidence of widespread dental disease. The licensed dental hygienist shall immediately refer such patient to the authorizing licensed dentist for clinical examination and treatment. The licensed dental hygienist shall notate such patient's file and the patient shall not be eligible to receive dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section until a licensed dentist provides written authorization that such services may be performed on the patient;

(2) Prior to providing any dental hygiene services, obtain, study, and comprehend the

school's or facility's protocols and procedures regarding medical emergencies and implement and comply with such protocols and procedures if a medical emergency arises during the provision of dental hygiene services; and

(3) Provide to each patient receiving such services written notice containing:

(A) The name and license number of the licensed dental hygienist and the authorizing licensed dentist;

(B) Any dental hygiene issues that the licensed dental hygienist identified during the performance of dental hygiene duties. If dental hygiene services are not performed on the patient pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, the written notice shall include a statement that the patient is not eligible to receive dental hygiene services until a clinical examination is performed by a licensed dentist and a licensed dentist provides written authorization that services may be performed; and

(C) A statement advising each patient who receives dental hygiene services to seek a more thorough clinical examination by a licensed dentist within 90 days, unless the authorizing licensed dentist performed an initial clinical examination of the patient.

The licensed dental hygienist shall make all reasonable efforts to provide such written notice to parents or legal guardians of minors or incapacitated adults who receive dental hygiene services and to the long-term care facility or nursing home for residents of such facilities who receive dental hygiene services.

(k)(1) Any licensed dental hygienist performing dental hygiene services under general supervision pursuant to this Code section shall have at least two years of experience in the practice of dental hygiene, shall be in compliance with continuing education requirements pursuant to Code Section 43-11-73.1 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements contained in Code Section 43-11-73, and shall be licensed in good standing.

(2) Licensed dental hygienists practicing under general supervision shall maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with board rules and regulations.

(1)(1) No licensed dentist shall be required to authorize a licensed dental hygienist or dental hygienists to perform dental hygiene duties pursuant to subsection (g), (h), or (i) of this Code section.

(2) It shall be in the sole discretion of the authorizing licensed dentist as to whether or not to require an initial examination of the patient prior to the performance by a licensed dental hygienist of dental hygiene services under general supervision.

(3) A licensed dentist may only authorize up to four licensed dental hygienists to provide dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (g), (h), or (i) of this Code section at any one time.

(4) A licensed dentist authorizing one or more licensed dental hygienists to provide dental hygiene services pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section shall practice dentistry and treat patients in a physical and operational dental office located in this state within 50 miles of the setting in which the dental hygiene services are to be provided under general supervision.

(m) Dental hygiene services provided by licensed dental hygienists in mobile dental vans shall always be provided under direct supervision.

(n) Dental assistants may use rubber cup prophylaxis on a patient with primary dentition under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with any guidelines or rules established by the board. Dental assistants shall meet any education, training, or other requirements as established by the board.

(o)(1) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a school or facility receiving dental hygiene services provided pursuant to subsection (h) or (i) of this Code section to purchase any equipment.

(2) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to establish independent dental hygiene practice.

(p) The Department of Community Health shall collect or cause to be collected data regarding changes to utilization rates for dental services provided to recipients of Medicaid and shall make such data readily available to members of the General Assembly upon written request.

(q) The Georgia Board of Dentistry shall provide a report to the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee by January 1 in 2018, 2019, and 2020 on the number of licensed dentists providing dental hygienist services under general supervision in each of the following settings: hospitals; nursing homes; long-term care facilities; rural health clinics; federally qualified health centers; health facilities operated by federal, state, county, or local governments; hospices; family violence shelters as defined in Code Section 19-13-20; and free health clinics as defined in Code Section 51-1-29.4."

### **SECTION 3.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

### **SECTION 4.**

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

Senator Rhett of the 33rd offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 154 (LC 37 2439S) by inserting after "construction;" on line 5 the following:*

to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income;

*By inserting between lines 198 and 199 the following:*

### **SECTION 2A.**

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended in Code Section 49-4-142, relating to modification of the state plan, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) The department shall, upon state appropriations, implement a modification of the state plan for medical assistance or any affected rules or regulations of the department, which modification shall provide that, in determining the amount of a recipient's income that is to be applied to payment for the costs of care in a nursing home, there shall be deducted a personal needs allowance of not less than \$70.00 per month which shall include the minimum amount required by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(q)(2)."

Senator Rhett of the 33rd asked unanimous consent that his amendment be withdrawn. The consent was granted, and the Rhett amendment #1 to the committee substitute was withdrawn.

Senator Jackson of the 2nd asked unanimous consent that he be excused from voting on HB 154 pursuant to Senate Rule 5-1.8(d). The consent was granted, and Senator Jackson was excused.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	E Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	E Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	E Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Harbin	McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
E Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 40, nays 1.



HB 154, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 154. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Lee Anderson  
District 24

The President resumed the Chair.

At 7:17 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:33 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The President recognized His Excellency, Governor Nathan Deal, who addressed the Senate briefly.

The following Senators were excused for business outside the Senate Chamber:

Hill of the 6th                      Hufstetler of the 52nd

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that HB 125, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 125, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 125. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st, Williams of the 168th, Gordon of the 163rd and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to create an exemption for certain tangible personal property sold or used to maintain, refit, or repair a boat during a single event to the extent that the aggregate value of such property exceeds \$500,000.00; to provide definitions; to provide for related rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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February 3, 2017

Honorable Jay Powell  
Chairman, House Ways and Means  
133 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 125 (LC 43 0479)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill would create a sales tax exemption for certain tangible property used in the repair or maintenance of boats. Under the bill, if the total cost of eligible goods used in a repair of a boat exceeds \$500,000, then all eligible goods used in that repair is exempt from sales and use taxes. Eligible goods are defined as “engines, parts, equipment, or other securely affixed tangible personal property.” The bill does not specify an effective date for the exemption, so it is assumed to be effective for purchases on or after July 1, 2017.

### **Impact on State and Local Revenue**

Limited data are available from which to estimate the revenue effects of this exemption, but an economic impact assessment of a planned boat repair yard in the Savannah area enabled estimation of the foregone sales tax revenue from the exemption for that facility. Based on that analysis and certain assumptions regarding other facilities detailed in the attached appendix, projected state revenue losses from the sales tax exemption are between \$1.03 million and \$1.54 million in FY 2019, rising to between \$1.09 and \$1.63 million in FY 2022 (Table 1). Local revenue losses are approximately 25% lower than state losses each year.

**Table 1. State and Local Revenue Loss from LC 43 0479**

<i>(\$ millions)</i>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Low Loss Estimates:					
State Revenue Loss	\$0.51	\$1.03	\$1.05	\$1.07	\$1.09
Local Revenue Loss	\$0.38	\$0.77	\$0.79	\$0.80	\$0.82
High Loss Estimates:					
State Revenue Loss	\$0.76	\$1.54	\$1.57	\$1.60	\$1.63
Local Revenue Loss	\$0.57	\$1.15	\$1.18	\$1.20	\$1.23

**Impact on State Agency Costs**

The Department of Revenue did not anticipate the need for additional funds as a result of the bill, stating that any changes could be paid for with existing funds.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
Office of Planning and Budget

**Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center**

The economic impact assessment of the Savannah Yacht Center (SYC), which is currently under construction in Savannah and scheduled to begin limited operations in 2017 (see company website, savannahyc.com), projects revenues for the facility, and describes the activities and cost structure such that the cost of parts for major repair and refitting activities could be roughly estimated.

- Revenues at anticipated operating levels are projected in the report to be \$52 million annually once the facility is fully operational. For purposes of the projections, revenues for calendar year 2018 are assumed to be \$52 million (half of that in FY 2018), growing thereafter at 2 percent per annum.
- Based on the same report, it is assumed that major repairs, those of the scope and duration likely to reach the \$500,000 of tangible property threshold in the bill, account for about 64 percent of total revenues or about \$33 million the first calendar year. Of that, about 43 percent (or about \$14 million the first calendar year) is assumed to be spent for the purchase of parts and materials for these major repairs.

No data are available from which to estimate the share of parts and materials purchases that would meet the “securely affixed” condition in the definition of an eligible good. However, anecdotal reports from online yachting publications and related websites

suggest that consumable materials and supplies, and items that may not be affixed to the vessel comprise a very small, possibly-immaterial share of tangible property purchases for major repair and refitting jobs. Thus in the interest of conservatism in estimating revenue losses, it is assumed that such ineligible purchases make up only about 5 percent of total parts and materials purchases.

On this basis, state and local (at 3%) sales tax revenues from SYC's major repairs parts and materials purchases, absent the exemption, would be as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Savannah Yacht Center Major Repair Parts, Estimated Sales Tax Cost**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
State Revenue Loss	\$0.25	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.54
Local Revenue Loss	\$0.19	\$0.38	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$0.41

Existing businesses may also qualify for the proposed exemption, but no data are available as to the volumes of such existing, qualifying activity. A search for yacht and ship repair yards in Georgia revealed two facilities that, to varying degrees, are similar to SYC in terms of facilities and services offered. Both appear to be smaller in terms of boat sizes handled and only one appears to have a dry dock. However, both have lifts and ship rails and offer major repair and refitting services. Other facilities may exist, though none could be identified. For this reason, the estimates in Table 2 are grossed up to allow for existing, qualifying activity of one and two times that estimated for SYC. These amounts are shown in Table 1 as the low and high cost estimates, respectively.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 125:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state sales and use tax, so as to create an exemption from payment of sales tax in excess of \$35,000.00 for certain tangible personal property sold or used to maintain, refit, or repair a boat during a single event; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding state sales and use taxes, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-3.4.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

- (1) 'Boat' means a vehicle used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.
- (2) 'Event' means an uninterrupted period of time beginning when a boat arrives at a maintenance, refit, or repair facility in this state and ending when such boat departs such facility.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the maximum amount of sales and use tax imposed and collected to maintain, refit, or repair a boat in this state during a single event shall not exceed \$35,000.00.
- (c) The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this Code section, including, but not limited to, calling for an annual report to be issued to the department and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee that contains the following:
- (1) The number of full-time and part-time positions created by the seller during the preceding tax year;
- (2) The average salary of individuals employed in the reported positions; and
- (3) The total revenue generated and sales and use taxes collected from qualifying events during the preceding year.
- (d) This Code section shall be automatically repealed on June 30, 2020."

## SECTION 2.

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

The following Fiscal Note, as required by law, was read by the Secretary:



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March 17, 2017

Honorable Chuck Hufstetler  
Chairman, Senate Finance  
121-C State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 125 (LC 34 5201S)

Dear Chairman Hufstetler:

The bill would create a sales tax exemption for certain tangible property used in the repair or maintenance of boats. Under the bill, the maximum combined state and local sales and use tax collected on one boat repair or refitting event is \$35,000. With a local tax rate of 3 percent and state tax rate of 4 percent, the bill would effectively exempt parts and materials in excess of \$500,000 in value. The bill does not specify an effective date for the exemption, so it is assumed to be effective for purchases on or after July 1, 2017. The bill includes a sunset date of June 30, 2020.

### **Impact on State and Local Revenue**

Limited data are available from which to estimate the revenue effects of this exemption, but an economic impact assessment of a planned boat repair yard in the Savannah area enabled estimation of the foregone sales tax revenue from the exemption for that facility. Based on that analysis and certain assumptions regarding other facilities detailed in the attached appendix, projected state revenue losses from the sales tax exemption are between \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million in FY 2019 and FY 2020 (Table 1). Local revenue losses are slightly lower than state losses each year.

**Table 1. State and Local Revenue Effect from HB 125 LC 34 5201S**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Low Loss Estimates:			
State Revenue Loss	(\$0.3)	(\$0.6)	(\$0.6)
Local Revenue Loss	(\$0.2)	(\$0.5)	(\$0.5)
High Loss Estimates:			
State Revenue Loss	(\$0.5)	(\$0.9)	(\$0.9)
Local Revenue Loss	(\$0.3)	(\$0.7)	(\$0.7)

### **Impact on State Agency Costs**

The Department of Revenue did not anticipate the need for additional funds as a result of the bill, stating that any changes could be paid for with existing funds.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

/s/ Teresa A. MacCartney, Director  
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### Analysis by the Fiscal Research Center

The economic impact assessment of the Savannah Yacht Center (SYC), which is currently under construction in Savannah and scheduled to begin limited operations in 2017 (see company website, savannahyc.com), projects revenues for the facility, and describes the activities and cost structure such that the cost of parts for major repair and refitting activities could be roughly estimated.

- Revenues at anticipated operating levels are projected in the report to be \$52 million annually once the facility is fully operational. For purposes of the projections, revenues for calendar year 2018 are assumed to be \$52 million (half of that in FY 2018), growing thereafter at 2 percent per annum.
- Based on the same report, it is assumed that major repairs, those of the scope and duration likely to reach the \$500,000 of tangible property threshold in the bill, account for about 64 percent of total revenues or about \$33 million the first calendar year. Of that, about 43 percent (or about \$14 million the first calendar year) is assumed to be spent for the purchase of parts and materials for these major repairs.
- In addition, based on the same report, 12 major repair projects are likely to reach the threshold in calendar year 2018 with an average of \$1.14 million in parts and materials each. Thus, with the first \$500,000 of each repair's parts cost taxed and the balance exempted, \$0.64 million or 56 percent of parts and materials purchased for major repairs, on average, are assumed to be exempt parts and materials purchases.

On this basis, state and local (at 3%) sales tax revenue losses from SYC's major repairs parts and materials purchases, assuming passage of the exemption, would be as shown in Table 2. These amounts are 56 percent of projected sales tax collections under current law from major repair parts and materials purchases.

**Table 2. Savannah Yacht Center Major Repair Parts, Estimated Sales Tax Revenue Loss**

(\$ millions)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
State Revenue	\$0.15	\$0.31	\$0.32
Local Revenue	\$0.11	\$0.23	\$0.24

Existing businesses may also qualify for the proposed exemption, but no data are available as to the volumes of such existing, qualifying activity. However, a search for yacht and ship repair yards in Georgia revealed two operations that, to varying degrees, are similar to SYC in terms of facilities and services offered. Both appear to be smaller in terms of boat sizes handled and only one appears to have a dry dock. However, both have lifts and ship rails and offer major repair and refitting services. Other facilities may exist, though none could be identified. For this reason, the estimates in Table 2 are grossed up to allow for existing, qualifying activity of between one and two times that estimated for

SYC. These grossed up amounts are shown in Table 1 as the low and high cost estimates, respectively.

Senator Watson of the 1st moved the previous question.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	E Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Williams
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 16.

HB 125, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.



The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 267. By Senator Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Hapeville Water and Sewer Authority, approved April 11, 1979 (Ga. L.1979, p. 3461), as amended; to provide for the assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 594. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Park of the 101st, Chandler of the 105th, Harrell of the 106th and Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Lawrenceville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, powers, and construction; to provide for a governing authority and its membership, elections, and terms; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 329. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to modify the rate of tax imposed on the Georgia taxable net income of individuals; to add Georgia income tax paid by an individual to his or her Georgia taxable income to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; to provide for a nonrefundable earned income tax credit; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 329 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Hufstetler of the 52nd, Hill of the 4th and Millar of the 40th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Heath of the 31st asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 280 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Heath of the 31st, Kirk of the 13th and Ginn of the 47th.

Senator Millar of the 40th asked unanimous consent that HB 430, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 430, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 430. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to implement recommendations from the Governor's Education Reform Commission with respect to charter schools; to provide for allotment sheets for charter schools; to provide for the establishment of a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing; to provide for termination and nonrenewal of charters for charter schools that perform in the bottom quartile on state-wide student performance tests for three consecutive years; to provide for a facilities grant program for charter schools; to define

"unused facilities" for purposes of charter schools; to revise provisions relating to funding for state charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Millar of the 40th.

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to HB 430:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to implement various recommendations from the Governor's Education Reform Commission with respect to charter schools; to provide for the establishment of a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing; to provide for a facilities grant program for charter schools; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by adding a new Code section to Article 31 of Chapter 2, relating to charter schools, to read as follows:

"20-2-2063.3.

(a) The State Board of Education and the State Charter Schools Commission shall jointly establish a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing to guide local boards of education, the state board, and the State Charter Schools Commission in meeting high-quality authorizing practices. The principles and standards established by the state board and the State Charter Schools Commission shall include:

(1) Maintaining high standards for approving charter petitions;

(2) Establishing high academic, financial, and operational performance standards for charter schools;

(3) Annually monitoring, evaluating, and reporting charter school progress in meeting academic, financial, and operational performance standards;

(4) Upholding charter school autonomy in school governance, instructional program implementation, personnel, and budgeting;

(5) Protecting students and holding charter schools accountable for their obligations to all students; and

(6) Protecting the public interest and holding charter schools accountable for their obligations of governance, management, and oversight of public funds.

(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall provide for the annual review of local

boards of education by an independent party for adherence to the principles and standards of charter school authorizing practices adopted by the state board pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section. The State Board of Education shall ensure that any independent party reviewing local boards of education pursuant to this paragraph has a demonstrated history of evaluating charter school authorizers for quality authorizing practices.

(2) A charter school authorized by a local board of education that fails to meet the principles and standards of charter school authorizing on its annual evaluation for two consecutive years may petition to transfer its charter authorization to the State Charter Schools Commission.

(3) In its discretion, the State Charter Schools Commission may approve a charter school petitioning for authorization pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection for an initial charter term of up to five years if, based on the charter school's prior performance, it is likely to meet the commission's comprehensive performance framework if approved. If the State Charter Schools Commission approves the transfer of a petitioning charter school to its jurisdiction, the local board shall terminate the existing charter pursuant to the terms of the charter and a new charter shall be established between the charter school and the State Charter Schools Commission. If the State Charter Schools Commission declines to authorize the charter school, the charter school shall continue to operate under the terms of its charter with the local board of education. The requirements of Code Section 20-2-2085 shall not apply to local charter schools petitioning for authorization to the State Charter Schools Commission pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection. On and after July 1, 2017, the terms of any charter entered into or renewed between a local board and a local charter school shall include a provision for termination if the local board fails to meet the principles and standards of charter school authorizing on its annual evaluation for two consecutive years.

(c) The State Charter Schools Commission shall ensure that its adherence to the principles and standards of charter school authorizing practices is annually reviewed by an independent body that has a demonstrated history of evaluating charter school authorizers for quality authorizing practices.

(d) The State Board of Education shall provide for or approve training for its staff and local board of education members on the principles and standards of charter school authorizers. The State Board of Education may incorporate training on the principles and standards into the training programs for staff and local board of education members adopted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-230. The annual evaluation of local boards of education for adherence to the principles and standards of charter school authorizing conducted pursuant to this Code section shall detail the participation of the local board of education in training on the principles and standards of charter school authorizers."

## **SECTION 2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2067.1, relating to amendment of terms of charter for charter schools, initial term of charter, and

annual report, as follows:

"(b) The initial term of a charter, except for a charter system or a local charter school that has transferred its authorization to the State Charter Schools Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-2063.3, shall be for a minimum of five years, unless the petitioner shall request a shorter period of time, and shall not exceed ten years. The local board and the state board, in accordance with Code Section 20-2-2064.1 and subject to the provisions of Code Section 20-2-2063.3, may renew a local charter, upon the request of the charter school, for the period of time specified in the request, not to exceed ten years. The state board may renew a state chartered special school, upon the request of the school, for the period of time specified in the request, not to exceed ten years. The initial term of a charter for a charter system shall not exceed five years. The state board may renew the charter of a charter system, upon the request of the local board, for the period of time specified in the request, not to exceed ten years."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (b) and (c) and by adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter school funding, as follows:

"(b) QBE formula earnings, applicable QBE grants, applicable non-QBE state grants, and applicable federal grants earned by a local charter school shall be distributed to the local charter school by the local board; provided, however, that state equalization grant earnings shall be distributed as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section. QBE formula earnings shall include the salary portion of direct instructional costs, the adjustment for training and experience, the nonsalary portion of direct instructional costs, and earnings for psychologists and school social workers, school administration, facility maintenance and operation, media centers, additional days of instruction in accordance with Code Section 20-2-184.1, and staff development. The local charter school shall report enrolled students in a manner consistent with Code Section 20-2-160; provided, however, that a local charter school shall certify that all data are correct, including enrollment data and certified personnel information, prior to a local board of education submitting any such data to the state board for purposes of funding.

(c) In addition to the earnings set out in subsection (b) of this Code section, local revenue shall be allocated to a local charter school on the same basis as for any local school in the local school system. In the case of a start-up charter school, local revenue earnings shall be calculated as follows:

(1) Determine the total amount of state and local five mill share funds earned by students enrolled in the local start-up charter school as calculated by the Quality Basic Education Formula pursuant to Part 4 of Article 6 of this chapter including any funds for psychologists and school social workers but excluding 5 percent of system-wide funds for central administration and excluding any categorical grants not applicable to the charter school;

(2) Determine the total amount of state and local five mill share funds earned by all students in the public schools of the local school system, including any charter

schools that receive local revenue, as calculated by the Quality Basic Education Formula but excluding categorical grants and other non-QBE formula grants;

(3) Divide the amount obtained in paragraph (1) of this subsection by the amount obtained in paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

(4) Multiply the quotient obtained in paragraph (3) of this subsection by the school system's local revenue.

The product obtained in paragraph (4) of this subsection shall be the amount of local funds to be distributed to the local start-up charter school by the local board; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall preclude a charter petitioner and a local board of education from specifying in the charter a greater amount of local funds to be provided by the local board to the local start-up charter school if agreed upon by all parties to the charter. Local funds so earned shall be distributed to the local start-up charter school by the local board. Where feasible and where services are provided, funds for construction projects shall also be distributed to the local start-up charter school as earned. In all other fiscal matters, including applicable federal allotments, the local board shall treat the local start-up charter school no less favorably than other local schools located within the applicable school system and shall calculate and distribute the funding for the start-up charter school on the basis of its actual or projected enrollment in the current school year according to an enrollment counting procedure or projection method stipulated in the terms of the charter. The Department of Education shall implement procedures that ensure that each local charter school receives from its local school system the proportionate amount of federal funds for which such local charter school is eligible under each federal program, including but not limited to funds earned pursuant to Title I, Title II, and Title III of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act and pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The local school system shall distribute funds to a local start-up charter school; provided, however, that by agreement between the local school system and the local start-up charter school, the proportionate amount of federal funds for which the local start-up charter school is eligible may be provided through the provision of in-kind services by the local school system. Local charter schools shall use any federal funds received pursuant to this subsection for the purposes of the federal program for which they were earned.

"(c.3) Each local board of education that has one or more local charter schools shall publish in a prominent location on its website the calculation of earnings to each local charter school made pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Code section, including federal funds received by each local charter school. Such calculations shall be published as soon as practicable prior to the distribution of funds to the local charter school by the local board and shall be updated upon receipt of any additional federal funds received pursuant to state reallocation of federal funds and distributed to local charter schools. Such calculations may be published in conjunction with the financial and transparency information required to be published by local boards of education pursuant to Part 3A of Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20. In the event that the Department of Education makes such calculations available on its website, a local

board of education may post a link in a prominent location on its website to the Department of Education's web page which contains such calculations to comply with this subsection."

#### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 20-2-2068.2, relating to facilities fund for charter schools, purposes for which funds may be used, upkeep of charter school property, and availability of unused facilities, as follows:

"20-2-2068.2.

(a) From moneys specifically appropriated for such purpose, the state board shall ~~create a~~ disburse facilities fund grants for local charter schools, state chartered special schools, and state charter schools as defined in Code Section 20-2-2081 for the purpose of ~~establishing a per pupil, need-based facilities aid program~~ providing facility funding more comparable to traditional public schools in this state.

(b) A charter school or state charter school may receive ~~moneys from the~~ facilities fund grants if the charter school or state charter school has received final approval from the State Charter Schools Commission or from the state board for operation during that fiscal year.

(c) A charter school's or state charter school's governing body may use ~~moneys from the~~ facilities fund grants for the following purposes:

(1) Purchase of real property;

(2) Construction of school facilities, including initial and additional equipment and furnishings;

(3) Purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of permanent or relocatable school facilities;

(4) Purchase of vehicles to transport students to and from the charter school or state charter school; and

(5) Renovation, repair, and maintenance of school facilities that the school owns or is purchasing through a lease-purchase or long-term lease of three years or longer.

(d) The Department of Education shall specify procedures for submitting and approving grant requests for funding under this Code section and for documenting expenditures.

(e) Local boards are required to renovate, repair, and maintain the school facilities of charter schools in the ~~district~~ local school system to the same extent as other public schools in the ~~district~~ local school system if the local board owns the charter school facility, unless otherwise agreed upon by the petitioner and the local board in the charter. Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the state board shall disburse annual facilities grants to eligible applicants in an amount of \$100,000.00 or such other amount as determined by the state board. In the event that in any fiscal year sufficient funds are not appropriated to all eligible applicants or available to make the full amount of grants to all eligible applicants, the grant award to each eligible applicant may be determined on a competitive basis by the State Board of Education. Eligible applicants may receive one or more annual grants. Nothing in this Code section shall preclude the State Board of Education from administering or continuing any other

facilities grant program for charter schools.

(f)(1) Prior to ~~releasing moneys from the~~ disbursing facilities ~~fund grants~~, the Department of Education shall ensure that the governing board of the local charter school and the local board shall enter into a written agreement that includes a provision for the reversion of any unencumbered funds and all equipment and property purchased with public education funds to the ownership of the local board in the event the local charter school terminates operations.

(2) Prior to ~~releasing moneys from the~~ disbursing facilities ~~fund grants~~, the Department of Education shall ensure that the governing board of the state chartered special school and the state board shall enter into a written agreement that includes a provision for the reversion of any unencumbered funds and all equipment and property purchased with public education funds to the ownership of the state board in the event the state chartered special school terminates operations.

(3) Prior to ~~releasing moneys from the~~ disbursing facilities ~~fund grants~~, the Department of Education shall ensure that the governing board of the state charter school and the State Charter Schools Commission shall enter into a written agreement that includes a provision for the reversion of any unencumbered funds and all equipment and property purchased with public education funds to the ownership of the State Charter Schools Commission in the event the state charter school terminates operations.

(g) The reversion of property in accordance with subsection (f) of this Code section is subject to the complete satisfaction of all lawful liens or encumbrances.

(h)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'unused facilities' means real property of a local board of education, including educational facilities, as defined in Code Section 20-2-260, which have not been used by the local board of education for the previous two years and which are not included in the local school system's five-year educational facilities plan.

(2) Each local board of education shall make its unused facilities available to local charter schools. The terms of the use of such a facility by the charter school shall be subject to negotiation between the board and the local charter school and shall be memorialized as a separate agreement. A local charter school that is allowed to use such a facility under such an agreement shall not sell or dispose of any interest in such property without the written permission of the local board. A local charter school may not be charged a rental or leasing fee for the existing facility or for property normally used by the public school which became the local charter school. A local charter school that receives property from a local board may not sell or dispose of such property without the written permission of the local board.

(3) Prior to denying the use by a local charter school of an unused facility, the local charter school shall have the right to a hearing before the local board of education in accordance with Code Section 20-2-1160, including the right to appeal an adverse local board decision.

(i) No municipality, county, or other local political subdivision of this state may require the nonprofit corporation that holds the charter for a charter school that has



passed the Department of Education facility inspection and holds a valid certificate of occupancy to obtain any other licensure to operate the school, including, but not limited to, a business license, professional license, or occupational tax certificate; provided, however, that any for profit vendor of the charter school shall be subject to any applicable local requirements relating to doing business in this state. Charter schools shall only be subject to ~~all applicable~~ the zoning, planning, and building permitting requirements that apply to traditional public schools when constructing or renovating a facility; provided, however, that the location of a charter school site shall be in conformity with existing county or city comprehensive land use plans, if applicable, or existing land use patterns in the area, which requirement shall not be waived by the State Board of Education."

### SECTION 5.

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

Senator Fort of the 39th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the substitute to HB 430 (LC 33 7066S) by inserting after "definition;" on line 5 the following:*

to provide for a pilot program to plan, implement, and improve sustainable community schools for traditional public schools and charter schools; to provide for grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for planning and implementation grants; to provide for applications for grants; to require community school plans; to provide for requirements for grant recipients; to delineate the purposes for which grant funds may be used;

*By inserting after line 243 the following:*

### SECTION 4A.

Said title is further amended by revising Article 14 of Chapter 2, which is reserved, as follows:

### "ARTICLE 14

20-2-640.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Applicant' means a school or a local board of education proposing to work in collaboration with one or more community organizations, which is seeking a Sustainable Community School Operational Grant pursuant to this article for a covered school site.
- (2) 'Community organization' means a nonprofit organization that has been in existence for three years or more and has a verifiable track record of working with the community surrounding the covered school site on education and other issues.
- (3) 'Community partner' means a community stakeholder including, but not limited to, parents, parent organizations, students, student organizations, early learning

programs, businesses, civic engagement organizations, local civic and community based organizations, local governmental agencies, local school employee organizations, and institutions of higher education.

(4) 'Community school plan' means a plan to implement community school programming at a school submitted pursuant to Code Section 20-2-642.

(5) 'Community school programming' means services, activities, and opportunities pursuant to Code Section 20-2-642.

(6) 'Covered school site' means any school site at which an applicant has proposed or has been funded to provide community school programming pursuant to a grant.

(7) 'Grant' means a Sustainable Community School Operational Grant awarded pursuant to this article.

(8) 'Grantee' means an applicant that has been awarded a grant.

(9) 'Lead partner agency' means a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization constituted to manage and lead the work of developing and sustaining the community school plan. The lead partner agency shall serve as the fiscal agent. Reserved.

20-2-641.

(a) Subject to appropriations, the Department of Education may make grants available to establish a pilot program to plan, implement, and improve sustainable community schools for traditional public schools and charter schools. Proposals may be submitted by applicants provided that each covered school site referenced in the proposal is:

(1) A Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that is among the lowest-achieving 15 percent of Title I schools in the state;

(2) A secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I funds and that is among the lowest-achieving 15 percent of secondary schools in the state; or

(3) A high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 C.F.R. 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over three years.

(b)(1) Grants may be awarded to applicants that have demonstrated a need to implement community school programming but are in need of additional planning to establish or expand existing programming. Schools that are not ready to implement community school programming immediately are authorized to use up to one year of their grant funds for planning purposes. At the end of this period, the school must submit a community school plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-642.

(2) Applicants that have demonstrated readiness to begin operation of community school programming, submitted a community school plan pursuant to Code Section 20-2-642, and made available a list of individuals participating in the implementation of the grant shall not be required to use the first year of the grant for planning purposes and shall be authorized to begin implementation immediately upon receipt of the grant award. Such grants shall supplement, not supplant, existing services and funds.

(c) The Department of Education may use a request for proposal process in awarding grants. Technical assistance, including, but not limited to, grant writing and support for the design of community school programming, may be made available to applicants.

20-2-642.

Each applicant shall demonstrate how it will transition to positive discipline practices, more engaging and relevant curriculum, and transformative parent engagement. In addition, each applicant shall propose to provide specific community school programming at each covered school site during the grant period, which may include, but not be limited to, programming relating to early childhood, academic support, parental involvement and family literacy, community involvement, and other programming designed to meet school and community needs, as defined by the Department of Education. In addition, each applicant shall submit a community school plan as delineated by the Department of Education.

20-2-643.

(a) Upon award of a grant, a grantee shall hire a resource coordinator to coordinate services at each covered school site. If proposing to serve three or more sites, the grantee may also hire a program director to coordinate activities across covered school sites. Resource coordinators and program directors shall work collaboratively with school leadership and school leadership teams to provide the services and programs that meet school and community needs and priorities.

(b) A grantee shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Department of Education regarding implementation of community school programming to include financial status and any other items required by the department.

20-2-644.

Grant funds awarded pursuant to this article may be used to support any of the following activities:

- (1) Up to a year of grant funds may be used for planning purposes to create a comprehensive community school plan;
- (2) Where the grantee has received funding to provide community school programming at multiple covered school sites, selection and compensation of a program director to oversee and coordinate programming across multiple covered school sites;
- (3) Selection and compensation of a resource coordinator at each covered school site;
- (4) Ongoing convening and consultation of institutional partners;
- (5) General coordination of programs within and between covered school sites;
- (6) Ongoing monitoring of the impact of community school programming on participating children;
- (7) Development of alternative funding strategies to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the community school;
- (8) Ongoing operation of the school leadership team; and
- (9) Other activities, both operational and programmatic, which assist in implementation of the community school plan."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Fort amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	E Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 53, nays 0.

HB 430, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following Senators were excused as Conferees:

Hill of the 4th                      Millar of the 40th

Senator Miller of the 49th asked unanimous consent that HB 243, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 243, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 243. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Williamson of the 115th, Strickland of the 111th, Shaw of the 176th and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minimum wage law, so as to preempt local government mandates requiring additional pay to employees based on schedule changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Miller of the 49th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	N Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 15.

HB 243, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

I inadvertently voted “NO” on HB 243. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “Yes”.

/s/ Steve Gooch  
District 51

Senator Cowsert of the 46th was excused as a Conferee.

Senator Miller of the 49th asked unanimous consent that HB 342, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 342, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 342. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Powell of the 171st, Rhodes of the 120th and Rogers of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to provide that certain urban redevelopment zones may be designated as enterprise zones; to provide for a sales tax exemption in such enterprise zones; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Miller of the 49th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
E Cowsert	N Jones, H	Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery

Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 35, nays 12.

HB 342, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Watson of the 1st was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Black of the 8th asked unanimous consent that HB 312, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 312, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 312. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Hawkins of the 27th, Coleman of the 97th, Buckner of the 137th and Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to deferred compensation plans, so as to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to include a qualified Roth contribution program in state and local deferred compensation plans; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Black of the 8th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer

Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
E Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	E Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

HB 312, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd was excused as a Conferee.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that HB 469, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 469, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 469. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Epps of the 144th, Tanner of the 9th, Caldwell of the 131st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for restrictions, limitations, and guidelines for the use of consumer data by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party; to provide standards for reasonable compensation by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party for parts and labor for warranty service work by a dealer; to provide for payments after a stop-sale of a motor vehicle in certain instances; to provide for right of first refusal; to correct a cross-reference; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Gooch of the 51st.



The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to HB 469:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as to provide standards for reasonable compensation by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party for parts and labor for warranty service work by a dealer; to provide for payments after a stop-sale or do not drive order of a motor vehicle in certain instances; to provide for right of first refusal; to correct a cross-reference; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, is amended by revising Code Section 10-1-641, relating to dealer's predelivery preparation, warranty service, and recall work obligations to be provided in writing, and recovery costs, as follows:

"10-1-641.

(a)(1) Each ~~distributor~~ franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor ~~or warrantor~~:

(A) Shall specify in writing to each of its dealers in this state the dealer's obligations for predelivery preparation including the repair of damages incurred in the transportation of vehicles as set forth in Code Section 10-1-642, recall work, and warranty service on its products;

(B) Shall reasonably compensate the dealer for parts and labor provided for such warranty service work and service required of the dealer by the distributor, manufacturer, or warrantor as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(C) Shall provide the dealer with a schedule of compensation to be paid such dealer for parts, work, and service in connection therewith; and

(D) Shall provide the dealer with a schedule of the time allowance for the performance of such work and service. Any such schedule of compensation shall include reasonable compensation for diagnostic work, repair service, and labor. Time allowances for the diagnosis and performance of such work and service shall be reasonable and adequate for the work to be performed.

(2)(A) In the determination of what constitutes reasonable compensation for parts ~~reimbursement~~ and labor ~~rates~~ under this Code section, the principal factors to be considered shall be the retail ~~price paid to dealers for parts and the prevailing hourly labor rates paid to dealers doing the repair, work, or service and to other dealers in the community in which the dealer doing the repair, work, or service is doing business for the same or similar repair, work, or service. However, in no event shall parts reimbursement paid to the dealer be less than the retail price for such parts~~

~~being paid to such dealer by nonwarranty customers for nonwarranty parts replacement, and in no event shall the hourly labor rate paid to a dealer for such warranty repair, work, or service be less than the rate charged by such dealer for like repair, work, or service to nonwarranty customers for nonwarranty repair, work, or service rates customarily charged by the dealer, as established pursuant to this paragraph, and the rates for parts and labor charged by other similarly situated franchised dealers in a comparable geographic area in this state offering the same line-make vehicles.~~

(B) The retail rate customarily charged by the dealer for parts shall be established by the dealer submitting to the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor 100 sequential nonwarranty customer-paid service repair orders which contain warranty-like repairs or 90 consecutive days of nonwarranty customer-paid service repair orders which contain warranty-like parts, whichever is less. Such service repair orders shall cover repairs made no more than 180 days before the submission. If the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor determines, from any set of repair orders submitted under this subparagraph, that the retail markup rate for parts calculated is substantially higher or lower than the rate currently on record with the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor, then the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor may request additional documentation for a period of either 60 days prior to or 60 days subsequent to the time period for which the repair orders were submitted for purposes of an adjustment. The dealer's retail rate percentage for parts shall be calculated by determining the dealer's total parts sales in the submitted repair orders and dividing that amount by the dealer's total cost for purchase of those parts, subtracting one from that amount, and then multiplying by 100. The declared retail rate shall be approved or disapproved within 30 days following submission by the dealer. The declared retail rate shall go into effect 30 days following approval by the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor, unless such franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor disapproves and timely contests the dealer's declared rate. If a franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor fails to disapprove within 30 days following submission by the dealer, the declared retail rate shall be deemed approved. A franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor may contest the dealer's declared parts rate not later than 30 days after submission and declaration of the parts rate by the dealer by reasonably substantiating that the rate is unreasonable in light of the practices of all other similarly situated franchised dealers in a comparable geographic area in this state offering the same line-make vehicles. In contesting the dealer's declared rate, a franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall provide a written explanation of the reasons for disagreement with the declared rate. If the declared parts rate is contested, then the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall propose an adjustment of the rate. If the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor contests the dealer's declared parts rate, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through an internal dispute resolution procedure of the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor, if available, provided that such procedure occurs within a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days after notification of disagreement with the

dealer's declared rate. If the internal dispute resolution procedure is unsuccessful or does not occur in a timely manner, the dealer may file a petition with the commissioner not later than 60 days after receipt of the proposed adjustment by the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor or not later than 30 days after conclusion of the internal dispute resolution procedure, whichever is later. If such a petition is filed, the commissioner shall inform the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor that a timely petition has been filed and that a hearing will be held on such issue. In any hearing held pursuant to this subparagraph, the burden of proof shall be upon the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor to demonstrate that the parts rate declared by the dealer was unreasonable and not in accordance with this subparagraph.

(C) The retail rate customarily charged by the dealer for labor may be established by submitting to the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor 100 sequential nonwarranty customer-paid service repair orders for warranty-like repairs or 90 consecutive days of customer-paid service repair orders for warranty-like repairs, whichever is less. Such service repair orders shall cover repairs made no more than 180 days before the submission. If the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor determines, from any set of repair orders submitted under this subparagraph, that the retail rate for labor calculated is substantially higher or lower than the rate currently on record with the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor, then the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor may request additional documentation for a period of either 60 days prior to or 60 days subsequent to the time period for which the repair orders were submitted for purposes of an adjustment. The retail rate for labor shall be calculated by determining the dealer's total labor sales from the submitted repair orders and dividing that amount by the total number of hours that generated those sales. The declared retail labor rate shall be approved or disapproved within 30 days following submission by the dealer. The declared retail labor rate shall take effect 30 days following approval by the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor unless such franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor disapproves and timely contests the dealer's declared rate. A franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor may contest the dealer's declared labor rate not later than 30 days after submission and declaration of the labor rate by the dealer by reasonably substantiating that such rate is unreasonable in light of the practices of all other similarly situated franchised motor vehicle dealers in a comparable geographic area in this state offering the same line-make vehicles. If the declared labor rate is contested, then the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall propose an adjustment of the declared retail labor rate. If the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor contests the dealer's declared labor rate, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through an internal dispute resolution procedure of the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor, if available, provided that such procedure occurs within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed 30 days after notification of disagreement with the dealer's declared rate. If the internal dispute resolution procedure is unsuccessful or does not occur in a timely manner, the dealer may file a petition with the commissioner not later than 60 days after receipt of the proposed adjustment by the franchisor, manufacturer, or

distributor or not later than 30 days after conclusion of the internal dispute resolution procedure, whichever is later. If such a petition is filed, the commissioner shall inform the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor that a timely petition has been filed and that a hearing will be held on such issue. In any hearing held pursuant to this subparagraph, the burden of proof shall be upon the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor to demonstrate that the labor rate declared by the dealer was unreasonable and not in accordance with this subparagraph.

(D) In calculating the retail rate customarily charged by the dealer for parts and labor for purposes of this paragraph, the following work shall not be included in the calculation:

- (i) Repairs for franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor special events, specials, or promotional discounts for retail customer repairs;
- (ii) Parts sold at wholesale;
- (iii) Routine maintenance not covered under any retail customer warranty, such as fluids, filters, and belts not provided in the course of repairs;
- (iv) Nuts, bolts, fasteners, and similar items which contain no individual part number;
- (v) Tires; and
- (vi) Vehicle reconditioning.

(E) If a franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor furnishes a part or component to a dealer to use in performing repairs under a recall, campaign service action, or warranty repair at no cost to the dealer, the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall compensate the dealer for the authorized repair part or component in the same manner as warranty parts compensation under this Code section by paying the dealer the retail rate markup on the cost for the part or component as listed in the price schedule of the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor less the cost for the part or component.

(F) No franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall require a dealer to establish the retail rate customarily charged by the dealer for parts and labor by an unduly burdensome or time consuming method or by requiring information that is unduly burdensome or time consuming to provide, including, but not limited to, part-by-part or transaction-by-transaction calculations. No dealer shall declare a retail rate for parts or labor or both more than once in one calendar year.

(b)(1) ~~Manufacturers~~ Franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors shall include in written notices of factory recalls to ~~new motor vehicle owners and~~ dealers the expected date by which necessary parts and equipment will be available to dealers for the ~~correction of such defects~~ repair or replacement of recalled parts and equipment. ~~Manufacturers~~ Franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors shall compensate any dealers in this state for repairs affected by all recalls.

(~~e~~)<sup>(2)</sup> All such claims shall be either approved or disapproved within 30 days after their receipt on forms and in the manner specified by the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor, ~~or warrantor~~, and any claim not specifically disapproved in writing within 30 days after the receipt shall be construed to be approved and payment must follow

within 30 days.

~~(d)~~(c) Subject to subsection (c) of Code Section 10-1-645, a franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall not otherwise recover its costs from dealers within this state, including ~~an increase in the wholesale price of a vehicle or a surcharge imposed on a dealer solely intended to recover the cost of reimbursing the dealer for parts and labor pursuant to this Code section, provided that a franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall not be prohibited from increasing prices for vehicles or parts in the normal course of business.~~

(d)(1) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'stop-sale' means a notification issued by a manufacturer to its franchised dealers stating that certain used motor vehicles in inventory shall not be sold or leased, at either retail or wholesale, due to a federal safety recall for a defect or a noncompliance or a federal emissions recall.

(2) A franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall compensate its dealers for all labor and parts required by the manufacturer to perform recall repairs. Compensation for recall repairs shall be reasonable. If parts or a remedy are not reasonably available to perform a recall service or repair on a used vehicle held for sale by a dealer authorized to sell and service new motor vehicles of the same line-make within 30 days of the manufacturer issuing the initial notice of recall, and the manufacturer has issued a stop-sale or do not drive order on the vehicle, the manufacturer shall compensate the dealer at a prorated rate of at least 1 percent of the value of the vehicle per month beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the stop-sale or do not drive order was provided to the dealer to the earlier of the date the recall or repair parts or remedy are made available or the date the dealer sells, trades, transfers, or otherwise disposes of the affected used motor vehicle.

(3) The value of a used motor vehicle shall be the average trade-in value for used motor vehicles as indicated in an independent third party guide for the year, make, and model of the recalled vehicle.

(4) This subsection shall apply only to used motor vehicles subject to safety or emissions recalls pursuant to and recalled in accordance with federal law and regulations adopted thereunder and where a stop-sale or do not drive order has been issued and repair parts or remedy remain unavailable for 30 days or longer.

(5) This subsection shall apply only to dealers holding an affected used motor vehicle for sale in inventory at the time a stop-sale or do not drive order is issued or which was taken into the used motor vehicle inventory of the dealer as a consumer trade-in incident to the purchase of a new motor vehicle from the dealer after the stop-sale or do not drive order was issued, and that are a line-make that the dealer is franchised to sell or on which the dealer is authorized to perform recall repairs.

(6) It shall be a violation of this subsection for a manufacturer to reduce the amount of compensation otherwise owed to an individual dealer, whether through a chargeback, removal of the individual dealer from an incentive program, or reduction in amount owed under an incentive program, solely because the dealer has submitted a claim for reimbursement under this subsection. The provisions under this subsection shall not apply to an action by a manufacturer that is applied uniformly

among all dealers of the same line-make in this state.

(7) All reimbursement claims made by dealers pursuant to this subsection for recall remedies or repairs, or for compensation where no part or repair is reasonably available and the vehicle is subject to a stop-sale shall be subject to the same limitations and requirements as a warranty reimbursement claim made under this subsection. In the alternative, a manufacturer may compensate its franchised dealers under a national recall compensation program provided the compensation under the program is equal to or greater than that provided under this subsection; or the manufacturer and dealer otherwise agree.

(8) A manufacturer may direct the manner and method in which a dealer must demonstrate the inventory status of an affected used motor vehicle to determine eligibility under this subsection, provided that the manner and method may not be unduly burdensome and may not require information that is unduly burdensome to provide.

(9) Nothing in this subsection shall require a manufacturer to provide total compensation to a dealer which would exceed the total average trade-in value of the affected used motor vehicle as originally determined under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(10) Any remedy provided to a dealer under this subsection is exclusive and may not be combined with any other state or federal recall compensation remedy."

## SECTION 2.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 10-1-663.1, relating to right of first refusal, as follows:

"10-1-663.1.

~~There shall be a right of first refusal to purchase in favor of the franchisor if the dealer has entered into an agreement to transfer the dealership or its assets, provided that all the following qualifications and requirements are met:~~

(a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise agreement, sales and services agreement, or similar agreement, a franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall be permitted to exercise a right of first refusal to acquire a dealer's assets or ownership, in the event of a proposed change of ownership, or transfer of dealership assets, if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The proposed transfer of the dealership or its assets is of more than 50 percent of the ownership or assets;

(2) The franchisor notifies the dealer in writing within 60 days of its receipt of the complete written proposal for the proposed sale or transfer on forms generally utilized by the franchisor for such purpose and containing the information required therein and all documents and agreements relating to the proposed sale or transfer;

(3) The exercise of the right of first refusal will result in the dealer and dealer's owners receiving the same or greater consideration as ~~is provided in the documents and agreements submitted to the franchisor under paragraph (2) of this Code section provided for through the terms of the contract related to the proposed change of~~

ownership or transfer of dealership assets;

(4) The proposed change of 50 percent or more of the ownership or of the dealership assets does not involve the transfer or sale of assets or the transfer or issuance of stock by the dealer or one or more dealer owners to a designated family member or members, including a spouse, child, grandchild, spouse of a child or grandchild, brother, sister, or parent of the dealer owner; to a manager who has been employed in the dealership for at least four years and is otherwise qualified as a dealer operator; or to a partnership or corporation owned and controlled by one or more of such persons;

(5) The franchisor agrees to pay the reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, which do not exceed the usual customary, and reasonable fees charged for similar work done for other clients incurred by the proposed new owner and transferee before the franchisor's exercise of its right of first refusal in negotiating and implementing the contract for the proposed change of ownership or transfer of dealership assets. However, payment of such expenses and attorney's fees shall not be required if the dealer has not submitted or caused to be submitted an accounting of those expenses within 20 days after the dealer's receipt of the franchisor's written request for such an accounting. Such an accounting may be requested by the franchisor before exercising its right of first refusal; and

(6) The franchisor agrees to comply with and be subject to the requirements and restraints as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-664.1 and in subsection (b) of Code Section 10-1-664.1.

(b) Within the terms of a right of first refusal contract related to the proposed change of ownership or transfer of dealership assets:

(1) The franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall have the right to assume the dealer's lease for, or acquire the real property on which the franchise is located, on the same terms as those on which the real property or lease was to be sold or transferred to the proposed new owner in connection with the sale of the franchise, unless otherwise agreed to by the dealer and manufacturer or distributor. The franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall have the right to assign the lease or to convey the real property; and

(2) The franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor shall assume all of the duties, obligations, and liabilities contained in the agreements that were to be assumed by the proposed new owner and with respect to which the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor exercised the right of first refusal, provided that the franchisor, manufacturer, or distributor has knowledge of such obligations at the time of the exercise of the right of first refusal."

### **SECTION 3.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
E Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 0.

HB 469, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/2017

I inadvertently voted “Yes” on HB 469. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to “Recuse” from vote.

/s/ Emanuel Jones  
District 10

Senator Dugan of the 30th asked unanimous consent that HB 150, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.



The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 150, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 150. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Rogers of the 10th, Efstration of the 104th, Rhodes of the 120th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 32-10-64 and 48-7-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general toll powers, police powers, and rules and regulations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and definitions relative to setoff debt collection by the Department of Revenue, respectively, so as to provide for the placement of a hold on motor vehicle registration upon failure to pay proper tolls and administrative fees; to provide for setoff of such debt owed from tax refunds by the Department of Revenue; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Dugan of the 30th.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HB 150:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 32-10-64 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general toll powers, police powers, and rules and regulations of the State Road and Tollway Authority and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to provide for setoff of debt owed on unpaid toll violations from tax refunds by the Department of Revenue; to provide for the use of the Consumer Price Index for the calculation of motor fuel excise tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 32-10-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general toll powers, police powers, and rules and regulations of the State Road and Tollway Authority, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (c) as follows:

"(1) No motor vehicle shall be driven or towed through a toll collection facility, where appropriate signs have been erected to notify traffic that it is subject to the payment of tolls beyond such sign, without payment of the proper toll. In the event of nonpayment of the proper toll, as evidenced by video or electronic recording, the registered owner of such vehicle shall be liable to make prompt payment to the authority of the proper toll and an administrative fee of up to \$25.00 per violation to

recover the cost of collecting the toll. The authority or its authorized agent shall provide notice to the registered owner of a vehicle, and a reasonable time to respond to such notice, of the authority's finding of a violation of this subsection. The authority or its authorized agent may provide subsequent notices to the registered owner of a vehicle if such owner fails to respond to the initial notice. The administrative fee may increase with each notice, provided that such fee shall not exceed a cumulative total of \$25.00 per violation. Upon failure of the registered owner of a vehicle to pay the proper toll and administrative fee to the authority after notice thereof and within the time designated in such notice, the authority may proceed to seek collection of the proper toll and the administrative fee as debts owing to the authority, in such manner as the authority deems appropriate and as permitted under law. If the authority finds multiple failures by a registered owner of a vehicle to pay the proper toll and administrative fee after notice thereof and within the time designated in such notices, the authority may refer the matter to the Office of State Administrative Hearings. The scope of any hearing held by the Office of State Administrative Hearings shall be limited to consideration of evidence relevant to a determination of whether the registered owner has failed to pay, after notice thereof and within the time designated in such notice, the proper toll and administrative fee. The only affirmative defense that may be presented by the registered owner of a vehicle at such a hearing is theft of the vehicle, as evidenced by presentation at the hearing of a copy of a police report showing that the vehicle has been reported to the police as stolen prior to the time of the alleged violation. A determination by the Office of State Administrative Hearings of multiple failures to pay by a registered owner of a vehicle shall subject such registered owner to imposition of, in addition to any unpaid tolls and administrative fees, a civil monetary penalty payable to the authority of not more than \$70.00 per violation. Upon failure by a registered owner to pay to the authority, within 30 days of the date of notice thereof, the amount determined by the Office of State Administrative Hearings as due and payable for multiple violations of this subsection, the motor vehicle registration of such registered owner shall be immediately suspended by operation of law. The authority shall give notice to the Department of Revenue of such suspension. Such suspension shall continue until the proper toll, administrative fee, and civil monetary penalty as have been determined by the Office of State Administrative Hearings are paid to the authority. The authority may seek to collect the debt owed through setoff by the Department of Revenue under procedures set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 7 of Title 48. Actions taken by the authority under this subsection shall be made in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the members of the authority."

## SECTION 2.

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended in Code Section 48-7-161, relating to definitions relative to setoff debt collection by the Department of Revenue, by revising paragraph (1) as follows:

"(1) 'Claimant agency' means and includes, in the order of priority set forth below:

- (A) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities with respect to collection of debts under Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 19, Code Section 49-4-15, and Chapter 9 of Title 37;
- (B) The Georgia Student Finance Authority with respect to the collection of debts arising under Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20;
- (C) The Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation with respect to the collection of debts arising under Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20;
- (D) The Georgia Board for Physician Workforce with respect to the collection of debts arising under Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20;
- (E) The Department of Labor with respect to the collection of debts arising under Code Sections 34-8-254 and 34-8-255 and Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 34, with the exception of Code Sections 34-8-158 through 34-8-161; provided, however, that the Department of Labor establishes that the debtor has been afforded required due process rights by such Department of Labor with respect to the debt and all reasonable collection efforts have been exhausted;
- (F) The Department of Community Supervision with respect to probation fees arising under Code Section 42-8-34 and restitution or reparation ordered by a court as a part of the sentence imposed on a person convicted of a crime who is in the legal custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Community Supervision;
- (G) The Department of Juvenile Justice with respect to restitution imposed on a juvenile for a delinquent act which would constitute a crime if committed by an adult; ~~and~~
- (H) The Georgia Lottery Corporation with respect to proceeds arising under Code Section 50-27-21; ~~and~~
- (I) The State Road and Tollway Authority with respect to collection of amounts determined by the Office of State Administrative Hearings as due and payable for violations of subsection (c) of Code Section 32-10-64."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-9-3, relating to levy of excise tax and rate, taxation of motor fuels not commonly sold or measured by the gallon and rate, prohibition on motor fuel tax by political subdivisions, exceptions, and exempted sales, by revising subparagraph (a)(1.1)(C) as follows:

"(C) Once the preliminary excise tax rate is established, it shall be multiplied by the annual percentage of increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index. The resulting calculation shall be added to the preliminary excise tax rate, and the result of such calculation shall be the new excise tax rate for motor fuels for the next calendar year. ~~The Consumer Price Index shall no longer be used after July 1, 2018."~~

### SECTION 4.

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

Senator Albers of the 56th and Shafer of the 48th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Transportation substitute to HB 150 (LC 39 1694S) by deleting lines 93 and 94 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

the new excise tax rate for motor fuels for the next calendar year. The Consumer Price Index shall no longer be used after July 1, ~~2018~~ 2022."

On the adoption of the amendment, there were no objections, and the Albers, Shafer amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
E Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 4.

HB 150, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Jones of the 25th was excused as a Conferee.

Senator Beach of the 21st asked unanimous consent that HB 472, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 472, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 472. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Watson of the 172nd, Powell of the 32nd and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving on right side of roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely, so as to provide for an exception for following requirements for vehicles following in a procession when speed of the non-leading, participating vehicles are coordinated automatically; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Beach of the 21st.

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HB 472:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for an exception for following requirements for non-leading vehicles following in a coordinated platoon; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is amended in Code Section 40-6-49, relating to following too closely, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) This Code section shall not apply to the operator of any non-leading vehicle traveling in a coordinated platoon. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'coordinated platoon' means a group of motor vehicles traveling in the same lane utilizing vehicle-to-vehicle communication technology to automatically coordinate the movement of such vehicles."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 51, nays 0.

HB 472, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Martin of the 9th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

Senator Gooch of the 51st asked unanimous consent that HB 428, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 428, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 428. By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 42 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown development authorities, so

as to authorize assessments under Code Section 36-42-17; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Gooch of the 51st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 43, nays 6.

HB 428, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Senators were excused as Conferees:

Ginn of the 47th

Heath of the 31st

Kirk of the 13th

Senator Albers of the 56th asked unanimous consent that HB 117, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 117, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 117. By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, Kelley of the 16th, Corbett of the 174th and LaRiccia of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes, so as to exclude from the definition of retail sales certain voluntary contributions for admission; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Albers of the 56th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	Y Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	E Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	E Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
E Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 1.

HB 117, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:



Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate amendments to the House substitutes to the following Bills of the Senate:

SB 14. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Hill of the 6th, Harper of the 7th, Sims of the 12th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposititon, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 147. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cemetery and funeral services, so as to permit a cemetery or cemetery company to request a trustee to distribute income earned by an irrevocable trust fund utilizing certain unitrust distribution method provisions; to provide for a definition; to modify a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

At 9:00 p.m. the President announced that the Senate would stand in recess until 9:20 p.m.

At 9:20 p.m. the President called the Senate to order.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings

to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, and Fleming of the 121st.

The House adheres to its position in insisting on its amendment and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 3. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Brass of the 28th, Cowsert of the 46th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete certain focused programs of study; to provide for industry credentialing in individual graduation plans; to provide for the identification of certain critical and emerging occupations; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Hatchett of the 150th, and Nimmer of the 178th.

The House has agreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 121. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th, Martin of the 9th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to provide for immunity; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to change the definition of a dangerous drug; to add a drug to Schedule V; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused as Conferees:

Hill of the 4th                      Millar of the 40th

Senator Tate of the 38th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 5.     By Representatives Caldwell of the 131st, Powell of the 171st, Willard of the 51st and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, so as to change provisions relating to compensation of juvenile court judges; to correct a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 5 (LC 29 7614S) by replacing line 3 with the following:*

number of days for travel to the judicial building in Atlanta for

*By replacing "~~50~~ 45" with "50" on lines 14 and 23 and by replacing "40" with "35" on lines 16 and 25.*

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 5.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	E Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	E Kirk	Y Thompson, C

Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
E Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 42, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 5.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 413. By Representatives Parsons of the 44th and Burns of the 159th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 44 and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to provide for regulation of certain matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for venue in proceedings against rural telephone cooperatives; to change certain provisions relating to the bylaws of rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for return of revenues upon the death of a member of a rural telephone cooperative; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 413 by deleting lines 1 to the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

To amend Titles 12 and 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources and eminent domain, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for the issuance of certain permits by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for appeals of the decision of the director; to require certain notices; to provide for the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to place conditions on the use of eminent domain for new construction and extension of petroleum pipelines; to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity by the commissioner of transportation under certain circumstances; to provide for appeals of the decision of the commissioner of transportation; to require certain notices; to provide for the Department of Transportation to promulgate certain rules and regulations;

to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 17

12-17-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

- (1) 'Board' means the Board of Natural Resources.
- (2) 'Director' means the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (3) 'Division' means the Environmental Protection Division within the Department of Natural Resources.
- (4) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline constructed and in use prior to January 1, 2016.
- (5) 'Expansion' means a modification to an existing petroleum pipeline within the existing easement or right of way that increases the supply of petroleum by:
  - (A) Increasing the diameter of an existing petroleum pipeline; or
  - (B) Constructing a parallel petroleum pipeline.
- (6) 'Extension' means a modification to an existing petroleum pipeline that increases the length or footprint of the existing petroleum pipeline by a distance greater than one linear mile.
- (7) 'Maintenance' means:
  - (A) The care or upkeep of an existing petroleum pipeline and its appurtenances;
  - (B) The replacement of an existing petroleum pipeline within the same easement or right of way; or
  - (C) The relocation of an existing petroleum pipeline for repair within one linear mile of the existing petroleum pipeline's alignment.
- (8) 'New petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline that was not constructed and in use prior to January 1, 2016. The term 'new petroleum pipeline' shall not include an expansion, an extension, or any maintenance.
- (9) 'Parallel petroleum pipeline' means a petroleum pipeline that runs side by side to an existing petroleum pipeline.
- (10) 'Petroleum pipeline' means a fixed conduit constructed to transport petroleum or petroleum products in or through this state.
- (11) 'Petroleum pipeline company' means a corporation organized under the laws of this state or which is organized under the laws of another state and is authorized to do business in this state and which is specifically authorized by its charter or articles of

incorporation to construct and operate petroleum pipelines for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products.

12-17-2.

On or after July 1, 2017, any construction of a new petroleum pipeline or an extension in this state shall require a permit from the director as provided in this chapter. No construction activity on any portion of a new petroleum pipeline or any extension shall occur unless and until such permit is obtained. Such permit shall be required without regard to whether the petroleum pipeline company intends to exercise any power of eminent domain pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 22 and shall be in addition to any other permits or authorization required under this title or any other provision of state or federal law.

12-17-3.

(a) Any application to the division for a permit under this chapter shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Siting information, including, but not limited to, a map showing the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(2) Information obtained from a cultural resource assessment conducted along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(3) Information as to geological and hydrologic features along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(4) Information on the presence of threatened and endangered species along the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension;

(5) Environmental information described in 40 C.F.R. Sections 1502.12 through 1502.18 as such provisions existed on January 1, 2017, to the extent required by rules and regulations of the board;

(6) Evidence of financial responsibility by the petroleum pipeline company; and

(7) Any other information that the board may require by rules and regulations.

(b) Within ten days of applying for a permit, the applicant shall provide:

(1) Public notice in the legal organ of each county through which the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension is to be located; and

(2) Written notice of the filing of an application under this Code section to all landowners whose property is located within 1,000 feet of the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension. Such notice shall be delivered to each landowner and contain the following language in boldface type:

**'YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A PROPOSED PETROLEUM PIPELINE FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT HAS BEEN FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED. SAID CHAPTER ALONG WITH ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE**

THEY MAY BUILD A NEW PETROLEUM PIPELINE OR MODIFY AN EXISTING PETROLEUM PIPELINE. THESE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS.'

12-17-4.

(a) In making the decision as to whether to grant any permits required by this chapter, the director shall determine whether the portion of the petroleum pipeline for which the permit is sought is consistent with and not an undue hazard to the environment and natural resources of this state after consideration of the following factors:

(1) The information required to be contained in the petroleum pipeline company's application under Code Section 12-17-3;

(2) The direct environmental impacts of the proposed new petroleum pipeline or the proposed extension;

(3) Alternative alignments to the proposed new petroleum pipeline or the proposed extension;

(4) Public comment; and

(5) Such other factors that the director deems reasonable and applicable or that the board by rules and regulations has established in order to protect the best interests of this state, its citizens, and its natural resources.

(b) The applicant shall bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that the director should issue a permit as provided under this chapter.

(c) The director's decision shall be based on the record before the director, which shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's submissions, written comments submitted to the director, and research the director may conduct in analyzing the application.

12-17-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'aggrieved or adversely affected' means a challenged action has caused or will cause persons injury in fact and where the injury is to an interest within the zone of interests to be protected or regulated by the provisions of this chapter that the director is empowered to administer and enforce.

(b) Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by a decision or action of the director under this chapter shall, upon filing a petition within 30 days after the issuance of such order or taking of such action, have a right to a hearing before an administrative law judge appointed by the board. The hearing before the administrative law judge shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute the final decision of the director, and any party to the hearing, including the department, shall have the right of judicial review thereof in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(c) In the event the director asserts in response to the petition before the administrative law judge that the petitioner is not aggrieved or adversely affected, the administrative

law judge shall take evidence and hear arguments on this issue and thereafter make a ruling on same before continuing with the hearing. The burden of going forward with evidence on this issue shall rest with the petitioner.

12-17-6.

(a) No later than July 1, 2018, the board shall, pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and reasonable for purposes of enforcement of this chapter, which shall include, but may not be limited to:

- (1) The submission of a permit application and provisions for the application review process, not to exceed 150 days in length;
- (2) Provisions for a nonrefundable application fee which shall be sufficient to defray the administrative costs of review of the application by the division;
- (3) Reasonable public notice of the filing of permit applications to any landowner who, after reasonable efforts, cannot personally be given the notice required in subsection (b) of Code Section 12-17-3;
- (4) Provisions for public meetings to be held prior to any action on any permits; and
- (5) Evidence of financial responsibility as required by paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 12-17-3.

(b) No permit shall be granted by the division prior to the promulgation of rules and regulations as provided for in this Code section; provided, however, that once such rules and regulations have been promulgated and applications are accepted for filing, if any application is not approved or is denied within 150 days of the date such application is filed with the division under Code Section 12-17-3, the application shall be deemed to be approved by operation of law."

## **SECTION 2.**

Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eminent domain, is amended in Chapter 3, relating to the exercise of power of eminent domain for special purposes, by repealing Article 4, relating to the construction, operation, etc., of petroleum pipelines, and enacting a new Article 4 to read as follows:

### "ARTICLE 4

22-3-80.

As used in this article, the term:

- (1) 'Existing petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (2) 'Expansion' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (3) 'Extension' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (4) 'Maintenance' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.
- (5) 'New petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.



(6) 'Parallel petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(7) 'Petroleum pipeline' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

(8) 'Petroleum pipeline company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 12-17-1.

22-3-81.

Subject to the provisions, conditions, and restrictions of this article, petroleum pipeline companies are granted the power to acquire property or interests in property by eminent domain for the purpose of an expansion, an extension, maintenance, or construction of a new petroleum pipeline.

22-3-82.

(a) A petroleum pipeline company shall not exercise the power of eminent domain granted in Code Section 22-3-81 for the purpose of constructing a new petroleum pipeline or for an extension unless and until a certificate of public convenience and necessity is issued by the commissioner of transportation as provided in Code Section 22-3-83 and a permit is issued by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources as provided in Chapter 17 of Title 12.

(b) No certificate of public convenience and necessity or permit as provided in Code Section 22-3-83 shall be required of a petroleum pipeline company that is:

(1) Not exercising the power of eminent domain to acquire property; or

(2) Exercising the power of eminent domain for the purpose of maintenance or expansion.

22-3-83.

(a) On or after July 1, 2017, a petroleum pipeline company desiring to use the power of eminent domain granted under this article to acquire property for a new petroleum pipeline or an extension shall be required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the commissioner of transportation as provided in this Code section.

(b) Any application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall contain, at a minimum:

(1) A description of the proposed project together with its siting information, including, but not limited to, a map showing the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the proposed extension;

(2) A description of the public convenience and necessity that support the proposed location of the route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the proposed extension;

(3) The width of the proposed petroleum pipeline corridor up to a maximum width of one-third mile;

(4) A showing that the use of the power of eminent domain may be necessary for construction of the new petroleum pipeline or for the proposed extension;

(5) A showing that the public convenience and necessity for the petroleum pipeline

justifies the use of the power of eminent domain; and

(6) Any other information that the Department of Transportation may require by rules and regulations.

(c) Within ten days of applying for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the applicant shall provide:

(1) Public notice in the legal organ of each county through which the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension is to be located; and

(2) Written notice of the filing of an application under this Code section to all landowners whose property is located within the proposed route of the new petroleum pipeline or of the extension. Such notice shall be delivered to each landowner and contain the following language in boldface type:

'YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF A PETROLEUM PIPELINE FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY HAS BEEN FILED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED. SAID ARTICLE ALONG WITH CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY MAY BUILD A NEW PETROLEUM PIPELINE OR MODIFY AN EXISTING PETROLEUM PIPELINE. THESE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS.'

(d)(1) In making a decision as to whether to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the commissioner of transportation shall consider the following:

(A) Whether existing petroleum pipelines or distribution systems are adequate to meet the reasonable public needs;

(B) The volume of demand for such petroleum, and whether such demand and that reasonably to be anticipated in the future can support already existing petroleum pipelines and distribution systems, if any, and also the petroleum pipeline or distribution system proposed by the applicant;

(C) The financial ability of the applicant to furnish adequate continuous service and to meet the financial obligations of the service which the applicant proposes to perform;

(D) The adequacy of the supply of petroleum to serve the public;

(E) The economic feasibility of the petroleum pipeline or distribution system and the propriety of the engineering and contracting fees, the expenses, and the financing charges and costs connected with the petroleum pipeline or distribution system; and

(F) The effect on existing revenues and service of other petroleum pipelines or distribution systems, and particularly whether the granting of such certificate of public convenience and necessity will or may seriously impair existing public

service.

(2) This subsection shall not be construed as exhaustively describing all factors which the commissioner of transportation may consider in his or her decision to grant or deny a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

(e) The applicant shall bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that the commissioner of transportation should issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity as provided under this Code section. The decision to issue or deny a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be based on the record before the commissioner of transportation, which shall include, but not be limited to, the applicant's submissions, any documents submitted to the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, and research the commissioner of transportation may conduct in analyzing the application.

(f) The issuance or denial of a certificate of public convenience and necessity may be reviewed by a judge of the superior court of the county in which the pipeline company has an agent and place of doing business. The review shall be by petition filed within 30 days of the date of approval or disapproval of the application and shall be determined on the basis of the record before the commissioner of transportation. The action of the commissioner of transportation shall be affirmed if supported by substantial evidence.

(g)(1) No later than July 1, 2018, the Department of Transportation shall, pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and reasonable for purposes of enforcement of this Code section, which shall include, but may not be limited to:

(A) The submission of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and provisions for the application review process, not to exceed 120 days in length;

(B) Provisions for a nonrefundable application fee which shall be sufficient to defray the administrative costs of review of the application by the Department of Transportation;

(C) Reasonable public notice of the filing of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to a landowner who, after reasonable efforts, cannot personally be given the notice required in subsection (c) of this Code section; and

(D) Provisions for public meetings to be held prior to any action on any certificates of public convenience and necessity.

(2) No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be granted by the commissioner of transportation prior to the promulgation of rules and regulations as provided for in this subsection; provided, however, that once such rules and regulations have been promulgated and applications are accepted for filing, if any application is not approved or is denied within 120 days of the date such application is filed with the Department of Transportation under this Code section, the application shall be deemed to be approved by operation of law.

22-3-84.

Prior to initiating eminent domain proceedings or threatening to do so, the petroleum pipeline company shall cause to be delivered to each landowner whose property may be condemned a written notice containing the following language in boldface type:

'CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 12 AND ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED BY PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO CONDEMN YOUR PROPERTY. THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED ALSO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RIGHTS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR RIGHTS PRIOR TO CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO A PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY.'

22-3-85.

When a petroleum pipeline company that has met all the requirements of this article is unable to acquire the property or interest required for the purpose of an expansion, an extension, maintenance, or construction of a new petroleum pipeline, after reasonable negotiation with the owner of such property or interest, the petroleum pipeline company may acquire such property or interest by the use of the condemnation procedures authorized by Chapter 2 of this title."

### **SECTION 3.**

For purposes of proposing rules and regulations, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. For all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

### **SECTION 4.**

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

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 413.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims

Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	E Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
E Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 42, nays 6; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 413.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 434. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 164th, Beskin of the 54th and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than a public use for 20 years from the initial condemnation; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate amendment was as follows:

*Amend the amendment to HB 434 (AM 36 0599) by deleting lines 1 through 62.*

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to HB 434.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay

Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	E Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	E Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Wilkinson
E Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 40, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to HB 434.

Senator Wilkinson of the 50th was excused as a Conferee.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 506. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Glanton of the 75th, Beskin of the 54th, Hanson of the 80th and Gardner of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965," approved March 10, 1965 (Ga. L. 1965, p. 2243), as amended, so as to provide for a vote by the Board for an award of certain contracts involving concessions; to provide for a competitive process for the award of contracts for concessions and the sale, lease, or other disposition of real property owned by the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Beach of the 21st moved that the Senate recede from its amendment to HB 506.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
N Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer

Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	E Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	E Wilkinson
E Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 45, nays 2; the motion prevailed, the Senate receded from its amendment and agreed to the bill. HB 506, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was therefore passed.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on HB 506. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Butch Miller  
District 49

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd was excused as a Conferee.

Senator Miller of the 49th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 132. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to repeal and revise provisions requiring such forms be transmitted; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and

general provisions for child custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, so as to remove the statutory civil case filing and disposition forms and allow the Judicial Council of Georgia to promulgate such forms; to revise provisions relating to the transmission of such forms; to amend Title 9, Title 15, and Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, courts, and general provisions for child custody proceedings, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to require annual reporting of certain information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, is amended by revising Code Section 9-11-133, relating to forms meeting requirements for civil case filing and disposition, as follows:

"9-11-133.

~~(a) The forms set out in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this Code section or forms substantially similar to such forms shall be sufficient to meet the requirements~~ The Judicial Council of Georgia, with the approval of the Supreme Court, shall promulgate forms to be used for civil case filing and disposition information; provided, however, that the general civil case filing information form and domestic relations case filing information form shall be required to contain an acknowledgment by the filer that the complaint and any exhibits or other attachments satisfy the redaction requirements of Code Section 9-11-7.1. ~~The civil case forms set out in Exhibit F of the 'Report and Recommendations of the 1997-1998 Court Filings Committee' published by the State Bar of Georgia and dated May 15, 1998, are substantially similar to the forms set out in this Code section.~~

~~(b) **General Civil Case Filing Information Form.**~~



GENERAL CIVIL CASE FILING  
INFORMATION FORM  
(NONDOMESTIC)

Court  
 Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 State mm-dd-yyyy  
Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s) (last, suffix, first, middle  
initial, maiden)

Defendant(s) (last, suffix, first, middle  
initial, maiden)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

No. of plaintiffs \_\_\_\_\_

No. of defendants \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK PRIMARY CASE TYPE:  
(Check only ONE)

IF TORT, IS CASE TYPE:  
(Check no more than TWO)

Contract/Account

Auto Accident

Wills/Estate

Premises Liability

Real Property

Medical Malpractice

Dispossessory/Distress

Other Professional

Personal Property

Negligence

Equity

Product Liability

Habeas Corpus

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Appeals, Reviews

\_\_\_\_\_

Postjudgment Garnishment,  
Attachment, or Other Relief

Are punitive damages pleaded?  
 Yes  No

Nondomestic Contempt

~~\_\_\_ Tort (If tort, fill in right column)~~

~~\_\_\_ Other General Civil (specify) \_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

~~(e) Domestic Relations Case Filing Information Form.~~

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE FILING  
INFORMATION FORM

Court  
~~\_\_\_ Superior~~

County \_\_\_\_\_

Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
mm-dd-yyyy

Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff(s)  
(last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

Defendant(s)  
(last, suffix, first, middle initial, maiden)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/Petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_

~~\_\_\_ Pro Se~~

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTEMPT

~~\_\_\_ Contempt—Custody,~~

~~Visitation, or~~

~~Parenting Time~~

CHECK CASE TYPE:

(one or more)

~~\_\_\_ Contempt—Child~~

~~\_\_\_ Divorce (includes  
annulment)~~

~~Support and Alimony~~

~~Contested? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No~~

~~\_\_\_ Contempt—Child Support~~

~~Child Custody~~

~~\_\_\_ Contempt—Alimony~~

~~issue? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No~~

~~\_\_\_ Other Domestic Contempt~~

~~Child Support~~

~~issue? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No~~

~~FAMILY VIOLENCE~~

- ~~\_\_\_~~ Separate Maintenance
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Adoption
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Paternity (includes legitimation)
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Interstate Support Enforcement Action
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Domestication of Foreign Custody Decree
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Family Violence Act Petition

~~Additional information—~~  
~~Ex Parte Relief~~  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Did the initial pleading include a request for relief:
1. From alleged family violence? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
  2. Was ex parte relief requested? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
  3. Was ex parte relief granted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**MODIFICATION**

**OTHER**

- ~~\_\_\_~~ Modification—Custody, Visitation, or Parenting Time  
Does the modification include a parent selection by a child who is at least 14 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Modification—Child Support and Alimony
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Modification—Child Support
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Modification—Alimony

- Have the parties agreed to binding arbitration? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Have the parties reached a custodial agreement? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- If yes, is custody:
- ~~\_\_\_~~ Joint custody
  - ~~\_\_\_~~ Joint legal custody
  - ~~\_\_\_~~ Joint physical custody
  - ~~\_\_\_~~ Sole custody to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial affidavit submitted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Child support forms submitted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

~~(d) General Civil Case Final Disposition Form.~~

GENERAL CIVIL CASE FINAL  
DISPOSITION FORM  
(NONDOMESTIC)

Court  
\_\_\_ Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ State disposed mm dd yyyy  
Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting party \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Title)

Name of plaintiff/petitioner(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of defendant/respondent(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant/respondent's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF DISPOSITION

AWARD

- 1. \_\_\_ Pretrial Dismissal (specify which type)
  - A. \_\_\_ Involuntary
  - B. \_\_\_ Voluntary (without prejudice)
  - C. \_\_\_ Voluntary (with prejudice)
- 2. \_\_\_ Pretrial Settlement

- 1. If verdict for plaintiff, how much was awarded?
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ compensatory
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ punitive
- 2. If verdict on cross or counter claims, how much was awarded?
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ compensatory

- 3.  Default Judgment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ punitive
- 4.  Summary Judgment 3. ~~Did the court modify the award?~~
- 5.  Transferred/  
Consolidated  Yes  No
- 6.  Bench Trial 4. ~~Were attorneys fees awarded?~~
- 7.  Jury Trial (specify outcome further)  Yes  No
- A.  Dismissal after jury selected \_\_\_\_\_  
ADR
- B.  Settlement during trial 1. ~~Was ADR utilized?~~  Yes  No
- C.  Judgment on Verdict 2. ~~If yes, was it (check if applicable):~~
- D.  Directed Verdict or JNOV  court annexed?
- \_\_\_\_\_  court mandated?
- 1. Judgment on verdict. 3. ~~Did the matter settle after trial for other than judgment? (If known at the time of this submission)~~
- Was the verdict:  Yes  No
- A.  For plaintiff(s) (all)
- B.  For defendant(s) (all)
- C.  Other: (explain \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**(e) Domestic Relations Case Final Disposition Information form.**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE FINAL DISPOSITION INFORMATION FORM**

Court \_\_\_\_\_ Superior County \_\_\_\_\_ Date filed \_\_\_\_\_  
disposed mm-dd-yyyy

Docket no. \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting party \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Name of plaintiff/petitioner(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff/petitioner's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of defendant/respondent(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant/respondent's attorney  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pro Se

Bar #  
\_\_\_\_\_

~~RELIEF GRANTED (Check all that apply)~~

1. \_\_\_ ~~Ex Parte Relief~~

2. \_\_\_ ~~Temporary Relief~~

3. \_\_\_ ~~Final Relief~~

~~TYPE OF DISPOSITION~~

1. ~~Dismissed Without Final Order~~

A. \_\_\_ ~~Voluntary (by parties)~~

B. \_\_\_ ~~Involuntary (by court)~~

A. \_\_\_ ~~Divorce/Annulment/ Separate Maintenance~~

B. \_\_\_ ~~Child Custody~~

(i) ~~Parenting plan included? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

(ii) ~~Custodial arrangement:~~

\_\_\_ ~~Joint custody~~

\_\_\_ ~~Joint legal custody~~

\_\_\_ ~~Joint physical custody~~

\_\_\_ ~~Sole custody~~

2. \_\_\_ ~~Pretrial Settlement~~

3. \_\_\_ ~~Judgment on the Pleadings~~

4. \_\_\_ ~~Summary Judgment~~

5. ~~\_\_\_~~ Trial to: \_\_\_\_\_

A. ~~Bench Trial~~

(iii) ~~Fourteen year old~~

B. ~~Jury Trial~~

~~made parental~~

1. ~~\_\_\_~~ Dismissal after jury selected

~~selection? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

2. ~~\_\_\_~~ Settlement during trial

C. ~~Visitation or parenting time~~

~~Approximate percentage of parenting time per~~

3. ~~\_\_\_~~ Judgment on Verdict

~~year (or number of days)~~

~~for: \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father~~

4. ~~\_\_\_~~ Directed Verdict or JNOV

~~Parenting time was~~

~~contested? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

D. ~~\_\_\_~~ Child Support

(i) ~~Forms attached? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

E. ~~\_\_\_~~ Legitimation/

~~Paternity~~

F. ~~\_\_\_~~ Alimony

G. ~~\_\_\_~~ Contempt

H. ~~\_\_\_~~ Equitable Division

I. ~~\_\_\_~~ Protective Order

ADR

1. ~~Was mediation utilized?~~

~~\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

2. ~~If yes, was it (check if applicable):~~

~~\_\_\_ court annexed?~~

~~\_\_\_ court mandated?~~

~~Finding of family~~

~~violence? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

3. ~~Was there an agreement to binding arbitration? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No~~

~~If yes, what matters were~~

~~subject to binding arbitration?~~

J. ~~\_\_\_~~ Adoption

K. ~~\_\_\_~~ Attorney's fees? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

~~If yes, in what amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~and to whom: \_\_\_\_\_~~

L. ~~\_\_\_~~ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_





**SECTION 2-3.**

Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24, relating to the duties of the Administrative Office of the Courts, as follows:

"(4) Analyze data relating to civil cases ~~collected pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58~~ and on or before the first day of October each year provide such data, analysis, or both data and analysis to the courts and agencies of the judicial branch, agencies of the executive branch, and the General Assembly chairpersons of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Judiciary;"

**SECTION 2-4.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82, relating to the authority of the Georgia Courts Automation Commission, as follows:

"(a) The commission shall be authorized to:

(1) Define, implement, and administer a state-wide courts automation system including data collection, networking, data storage, retrieval, processing, and distribution;

(2) Coordinate and cooperate with the state's chief information officer with regard to planning, implementation, and administration of a state-wide courts automation system to take advantage of existing state resources where possible;

~~(3) Receive electronic data from the civil case filing and disposition forms that are required to be filed in civil cases pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58 and that are transmitted to the commission by the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority in a format and media agreed to by the commission and the authority;~~

~~(4) Compile the civil filings and dispositions data, and provide such data to the Administrative Office of the Courts;~~

~~(5)~~(3) Participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the duties specified in this paragraph and ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (2), ~~(3), and (4)~~ of this subsection and for the release of the information from civil case filing and disposition forms;

~~(6)~~(4) Administer federal, state, local, and other public or private funds made available to it for implementation of the courts automation system;

~~(7)~~(5) Coordinate state-wide strategies and plans for incorporating county and local governments into the courts automation system, including review of requirements of the several state agencies for documents, reports, and forms and the consolidation, elimination, or conversion of such documents, reports, and forms to formats compatible with electronic transmittal media;

~~(8)~~(6) Establish policies and procedures, rules and regulations, and technical and performance standards for county and local government access to the courts automation system network; and

~~(9)~~(7) Offer advisory services to county and local governments to assist in guiding

their efforts toward automating their court procedures and operations."

#### SECTION 2-5.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraphs (17) and (18) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-61, relating to duties of superior court clerks generally, as follows:

~~"(17) To file and transmit all civil case filing and disposition forms required to be filed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58 and transmit the data contained on such forms to the Administrative Office of the Courts through electronic means provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts for such purpose which shall constitute the only transmission of such data required between the clerks of the superior courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts;~~

~~(18)(A) To transmit to the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within 30 days of filing the civil case filing and disposition forms prescribed in Code Section 9-11-133.~~

~~(B)~~(18) To electronically collect and transmit to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority all data elements required in subsection (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 in a form and format required by the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. The data transmitted to the authority pursuant to this ~~Code section~~ paragraph shall be transmitted to the Georgia Crime Information Center in satisfaction of the clerk's duties under subsection (g) of Code Section 35-3-36 and to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission which shall provide the data to the Administrative Office of the Courts for use ~~of~~ by the state judicial branch. Public access to said data shall remain the responsibility of the Georgia Crime Information Center. No release of collected data shall be made by or through the authority;"

#### SECTION 2-6.

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-6-94, relating to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority, as follows:

"(3) The purpose of the authority shall be to provide a cooperative for the development, acquisition, and distribution of record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials for superior court clerks of the state, on such terms and conditions as may be determined to be in the best interest of the operation of the office of the clerk of superior court, local government, and the state, in light of the following factors:

(A) The public interest in providing cost-efficient access to record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials, and a pool which will provide related resources and uniformity;

(B) Cost savings to local government and the state, through efficiency in the provision of record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials;

(C) Fair and adequate compensation to local governments for costs incurred in the operation of the offices of clerks of superior court; and

(D) Such other factors as are in the public interest and welfare.

The authority shall be the sole owner of its compiled and developed information developed through any function performed or any program or system administered on behalf of the authority. For the purposes of this subsection, the authority shall not be considered the sole owner of information developed pursuant to ~~Code Section 15-6-97.1~~ or Code Section 15-6-97.2 and Article 5 of Chapter 6 of Title 12."

#### SECTION 2-7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-6-97.1, relating to the superior court civil case information system and funding, as follows:

~~"(a) The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority and The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia, in agreement with the Georgia Courts Automation Commission and the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall participate in the development and operation of the civil case filing and disposition information system described in paragraph (4) of Code Section 15-5-24 and paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-5-82. The authority shall provide such data in electronic format to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission within three days of receipt. The media and format shall be determined by the authority and the commission.~~  
~~(b) The authority shall have the power to use funds available and participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the duties described in subsection (a) of this Code section~~ Reserved."

#### SECTION 2-8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 15-7-50, relating to the authority of the clerks of state courts, as follows:

"15-7-50.

Clerks of state courts are authorized and directed to:

- (1) File and enter all civil case filing and disposition forms ~~required to be filed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-3 and subsection (b) of Code Section 9-11-58;~~
- (2) ~~Transmit to the Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority within 30 days of filing~~ the data contained on the civil case filing and disposition forms prescribed in Code Section 9-11-133 to the Administrative Office of the Courts through electronic means provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts for such purpose which shall constitute the only transmission of such data required between the clerks of the state courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts; and
- (3) Participate in agreements, contracts, and networks necessary or convenient for the performance of the duties provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Code section."

#### SECTION 2-9.

Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for child custody proceedings, is amended by revising Code Section

19-9-1.2, relating to the required domestic relations case filing information form, as follows:

"19-9-1.2.

Pursuant to Code Section 9-11-3, and in addition to the filing requirements contained in Code Section 19-6-15, in all proceedings under this article the plaintiff shall file a domestic relations case filing information form as ~~set forth in Code Section 9-11-133~~ prescribed by the Judicial Council of Georgia."

#### **SECTION 2-10.**

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (h) of Code Section 19-9-3, relating to discretion of judge in child custody disputes and filing of domestic relations final disposition form, as follows:

"(h) In addition to filing requirements contained in Code Section 19-6-15, upon the conclusion of any proceeding under this article, the domestic relations final disposition form as ~~set forth in Code Section 9-11-133~~ prescribed by the Judicial Council of Georgia shall be filed."

### **PART III**

#### **SECTION 3-1.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

#### **SECTION 3-2.**

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

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 132.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

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Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	E Kirk	Y Thompson, C
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Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
E Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 46, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 132.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 15. By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 121st, Beskin of the 54th and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to require certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically in superior and state courts; to change provisions relating to electronic filings and payments; to provide for fees; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Tillery of the 19th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 15 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Cowsert of the 46th, Dugan of the 30th and Tillery of the 19th.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 292. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for the specific repeal of a certain local Act; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the office of commissioner of Walker County, approved February 10, 1939 (Ga. L. 1939, p. 751), as amended, so as to create the Board of Commissioners of Walker County; to provide for continuation of certain obligations and liabilities; to provide for the composition of the board; to provide for elections and terms of office; to provide for qualifications; to provide for commissioner districts; to provide for filling of vacancies; to provide for oaths of office and surety bonds; to provide for the compensation and expenses of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for a vice chairperson; to provide for powers and duties of such officers; to provide for meetings; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the chairperson and members of the board; to provide for formal bids for certain purchases; to provide for the appointment of a clerk and other officials; to provide for the preparation, submission, review, adoption, and amendment of budgets; to provide for expenditure of county funds; to provide for audits of county finances and financial records; to provide for a referendum; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I.**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

An Act creating the office of commissioner of Walker County, approved February 10, 1939 (Ga. L. 1939, p. 751), as amended, is amended by striking Section 1 through the end and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 1.

There is created the Board of Commissioners of Walker County to be elected and organized as provided for in this Act. The board shall be the successor to the office of commissioner of Walker County and shall continue to have the obligations and liabilities of the commissioner of Walker County as existed immediately prior to January 1, 2021. The board shall constitute the governing authority of Walker County and shall exercise the powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in and upon such officers by the provisions of this Act. The term 'board,' whenever used in this Act, shall mean the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, including the chairperson and all members.

SECTION 2.

(a) The board shall consist of a chairperson and four district commissioners. The four district commissioners shall be residents of their respective commissioner districts as described in subsection (b) of this section and shall be elected by the electors of their

respective districts as provided in Section 3 of this Act. The chairperson shall be elected at large as provided in Section 3 of this Act.

(b) For the purpose of electing members of the board, Walker County shall be divided into four commissioner districts. One member of the board shall be elected from each such district. Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: walkercc-2017 Plan Type: Local Administrator: SD053 User: Gina.

(c)(1) When used in such attachment, the term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(3) Any part of Walker County which is not included in any district described in the plan shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

(4) Any part of Walker County described in the plan as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2010 for the State of Georgia.

### SECTION 3.

(a) No person shall be a member of the board if that person is ineligible for such office pursuant to Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A. or any other general law.

(b) In order to be elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district, a person shall be 18 years of age or older, shall have resided in that district for at least 12 consecutive months prior to election thereto, and shall receive a majority of the votes cast for that office by the electors of that district. At the time of qualifying, each candidate for such office shall specify the commissioner district for which that person is offering as a candidate. A person elected as a member of the board from a commissioner district shall continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall thereupon become vacant.

(c) The chairperson of the board shall be 25 years of age or older, shall have resided in Walker County for at least 12 consecutive months prior to election to such office, may reside anywhere within Walker County, and shall receive a majority of the votes cast

for such office by the electors of the entire county. The chairperson shall continue to reside within Walker County during that person's term of office or that office shall thereupon become vacant.

#### SECTION 4.

(a) The first members of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County shall be elected at the 2020 November general election. The members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 in 2020 shall take office on January 1, 2021, and shall serve for an initial term of office which shall expire on January 1, 2023, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. The chairperson and the members of the board elected thereto from Commissioner Districts 3 and 4 in 2020 shall take office on January 1, 2021, and shall serve for initial terms of office which shall expire on January 1, 2025, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to the chairperson and members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the November state-wide general election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office on the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

(b) The chairperson and members of the board shall be nominated and elected in accordance with Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'

#### SECTION 5.

(a) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of the board, whether the vacancy is in the office of chairperson or any other member, for any reason other than expiration of term, that vacancy shall be filled as provided in this section.

(b) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board when at least 180 days remain in the unexpired term of office, the election superintendent of Walker County, within 15 days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue the call for a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Such special election shall be called and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code,' as now or hereafter amended. Any person elected in a special election to fill such a vacancy shall take office immediately upon certification of the results of such special election and qualification. If such vacancy is in the office of chairperson of the board of commissioners, the vice chairperson of the board shall exercise the powers and duties of the chairperson for the period beginning on the date the vacancy occurs and ending on the date the successor chairperson takes office for the unexpired term following the special election provided for in this subsection.

(c) In the event a vacancy occurs on the board when less than 180 days remain in the unexpired term of office, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any person appointed by the board to fill a vacancy as provided in this subsection shall possess the residency and other qualifications required for the office and shall take office immediately upon



appointment and qualification. If such vacancy is in the office of chairperson of the board, the vice chairperson of the board shall exercise the powers and duties of the chairperson for the period beginning on the date the vacancy occurs and ending on the date the successor chairperson takes office for the unexpired term following his or her appointment as provided for in this subsection. During the time when the board has a vacancy under this subsection and only during such time, if a vote on a matter before the board results in a tie, the chairperson or, if the office of chairperson is vacant and the vice chairperson is serving as chairperson, the vice chairperson shall be allowed to cast an additional vote to break such tie.

#### SECTION 6.

Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, the chairperson and district commissioners shall subscribe to an oath before the judge of the probate court of such county for the true and faithful performance of their duties and that they are not the holders of any public funds unaccounted for. In addition, the chairperson and each district commissioner shall further give a satisfactory surety bond to the judge of the probate court of the county payable to the judge of the probate court or that judge's successor in office and filed in the office of the judge of the probate court, in the sum of \$25,000.00, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office. The costs of said bonds shall be paid out of the county treasury.

#### SECTION 7.

- (a) District commissioners, other than the chairperson, shall serve in such capacity on a part-time basis and shall be paid a salary of \$12,000.00 per year. Such compensation shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Walker County.
- (b) The chairperson shall serve in such capacity on a full-time basis and shall be paid an annual salary equal to the annual salary of the highest paid elected county officer of Walker County, plus an additional \$500.00, or \$100,000.00 per annum, whichever is greater. For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'county officer' shall mean only the tax commissioner, the judge of the probate court, the sheriff, or the clerk of superior court. The salary provided in this subsection shall be paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Walker County. The salary and expenses provided for in this subsection shall constitute the entire compensation to which the chairperson shall be entitled to be paid from county funds.
- (c) The chairperson and the district commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Expenses may be reimbursed only after the submission of receipts or records of said expenses to the county clerk and approval by majority vote of the board of commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. The chairperson and commissioners shall be entitled to compensation for serving on any other boards or authorities for which their membership is provided by law.
- (d) At their own expense, the district commissioners may participate in county provided health, dental, and other health related programs and in county sponsored retirement programs. No county funds shall be spent on these programs for the benefit of the district commissioners.

## SECTION 8.

At the first regular meeting of each year, the board shall elect from its members a vice chairperson. In the event of death, disqualification, or resignation of the chairperson, the vice chairperson shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of the chairperson until a new chairperson is chosen as provided in this Act. The vice chairperson shall preside at meetings of the board in the absence of the chairperson and shall serve for the calendar year in which he or she is elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice chairperson, the board shall elect a new vice chairperson to serve for the remainder of the calendar year.

## SECTION 9.

Each month, at the county seat, the board of commissioners shall hold a minimum of two regular meetings. All meetings shall be open to the public as required by law and shall provide a time period exclusively for public comment. The time, date, and place of the meetings shall be determined by the board in the first meeting of the year. Any resolution passed by the board regarding the time, date, and place of its monthly meetings shall be published in the official county organ once a week for two weeks during a period of 30 days immediately following the passage of the resolution. The board of commissioners may hold such additional meetings as shall be necessary when called by the chairperson or any two commissioners, provided that all members of the board of commissioners shall have been notified at least three days in advance of such special meeting which is open to the public. Three district commissioners or the chairperson and any two district commissioners shall constitute a quorum. No official action shall be taken except upon the affirmative vote of at least three members of the board of commissioners and except upon compliance with Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A. The chairperson shall be entitled to vote on a question only if the chairperson's vote would affect the outcome of any vote or issue before the board. The vice chairperson while serving as chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the board. All regular and called meetings shall be conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

## SECTION 10.

The chairperson shall administer the affairs and day-to-day business of the county and preside over the meetings of the board. The duties of the chairperson shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Calling meetings of the board as provided in Section 9 of this Act;
- (2) Preparing a proposed agenda and presiding over meetings of the board;
- (3) Representing the county government at ceremonial functions;
- (4) Being empowered to submit motions that are made and seconded by district commissioners to the board for action;
- (5) Appointing members and chairpersons to all committees of the board with the approval of the board; and
- (6) Performing such other duties as shall be delegated to the chairperson by the board

or as provided by law or ordinance.

The chairperson shall be authorized, in his or her sole discretion, to spend not more than \$25,000.00 without approval of the board.

#### SECTION 11.

The board shall have the power and authority to fix and establish, by appropriate resolution entered on its minutes, policies, rules, and regulations governing all matters reserved to its exclusive jurisdiction. Such policies, rules, and regulations, when so adopted with proper entry thereof made on the minutes of the board, shall be conclusive and binding. The board shall exercise only those administrative powers which are necessarily and properly incident to its functions as a policy-making or rule-making body or which are necessary to compel enforcement of its adopted resolutions. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the following powers are vested in the board and reserved to its exclusive jurisdiction:

- (1) To levy taxes;
- (2) To make appropriations;
- (3) To fix rates and charges for services provided by the county;
- (4) To authorize the incurring of indebtedness;
- (5) To order work done where the cost is to be assessed against benefited property and to fix the basis for such assessment;
- (6) To authorize and provide for the execution of contracts;
- (7) To establish, alter, open, close, build, repair, or abolish public roads, bridges, and ferries, according to law; provided, however, that the chairperson shall have the authority to accept subdivision plats when the requirements established by the board for subdivisions have been met;
- (8) To establish, abolish, or change election precincts and militia districts according to law;
- (9) To accept, for the county, the provisions of any optional statute where the statute permits its acceptance by the governing authority of the county;
- (10) To exercise all powers, duty, and authority formerly imposed upon or vested in the commissioner of Walker County in respect to zoning and planning;
- (11) To create and change the boundaries of special taxing districts authorized by law;
- (12) To fix the bonds of county officers where same are not fixed by statute;
- (13) To enact any ordinances or other legislation which the county may be given authority to enact;
- (14) To determine the priority of capital improvements;
- (15) To call elections for the voting of bonds;
- (16) To exercise all of the power and authority formerly vested by law in the commissioner of Walker County together with the power and authority which may be delegated by law to the governing authority of the county, by whatever name designated;
- (17) To appoint retained legal counsel and an independent county auditor and provide

for their compensation; and

(18) To require all county officers to report on the general or specific conduct of the financial affairs of their respective offices.

#### SECTION 12.

Formal sealed bids shall be received for all purchases in amounts over the state limit for sealed bids unless the board sets a lower limit. Advertisements for such bids shall be published for two consecutive weeks in the official organ of Walker County. The need for such bids may be dispensed with by the board if it decides that an emergency exists which will not permit a delay.

#### SECTION 13.

The internal organization of the county government shall be established and altered by the board. Existing departments may be abolished and their functions transferred to other departments, additional departments may be created, and any two or more departments may be consolidated.

#### SECTION 14.

The board shall appoint a clerk who shall keep a proper and accurate book of minutes. The book of minutes of the board shall contain all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the board in chronological order. The minutes book of the board shall be open to the public for inspection at all times during regular office hours, and certified copies of any entries in the minutes book shall be furnished by the clerk to any person requesting same upon payment of a reasonable fee to be paid into the county treasury as are other funds and to be assessed by the board in an amount sufficient to defray the cost of preparing same.

#### SECTION 15.

The chairperson shall submit annually to the board a proposed budget governing expenditures of all county funds, including capital outlay and public works projects for the following fiscal year. The board shall thereafter hold two public hearings at least seven days apart on the budget, giving notice thereof at least ten days in advance by publication of such notice and of the proposed budget in the official organ of Walker County and by posting same at the courthouse. The budget shall then be reviewed and adopted or amended by the board prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year to which it applies, which budget, when so adopted or amended by the board, shall constitute the board's appropriation of all funds for such year. The budget so adopted may be revised during the year only by formal action of the board in a regular meeting, and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing the same. The proposed budget submitted by the chairperson shall be accompanied by a report containing information and data relating to the financial affairs of the county pertinent to arriving at and establishing the annual budget. A copy of the budget and of each revision or amendment to the same shall be transmitted by the chairperson to the grand

jury of the Superior Court of Walker County within ten days from the time such budget or amendment thereof is adopted by the board. The board may from time to time, upon a majority vote thereof, change the ending and beginning date of the fiscal year for the county or may operate on a calendar basis; provided, however, that in the event of such change, the budget shall be submitted at least two months prior to the beginning date of the next fiscal year or January 1, whichever shall apply, and shall be adopted at least one month prior to such beginning date. The procedures for budget preparation, submission to the governing authority, review by the governing authority, public review, notice, and hearings shall be as provided for in Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

#### SECTION 16.

No expenditures of county funds shall be made except in accordance with the county budget, or amendments thereto, adopted by the board. The chairperson of the board shall enforce compliance with this section by all departments of county government and to this end shall institute a system of allotments of all moneys appropriated and budgeted.

#### SECTION 17.

The board shall on or before the final day of the month following the end of each fiscal year employ a certified public accountant for the making of an annual continuous audit of county finances and financial records. The accountant so employed shall be paid out of county funds and shall perform a complete audit of the financial records of the county for the preceding year, pointing out any irregularities found to exist and reporting the results of such audit to the board. The same person or firm shall not perform such audit for more than four consecutive annual periods. Each annual report submitted to the board shall be made available for public inspection as are other records in such office. The board shall cause to be published in the official organ of Walker County and posted at the courthouse a statement of the financial condition of the county as of December 31 and June 30 of each year. Said accountant shall transmit to the grand jury of the Superior Court of Walker County a copy of each annual report furnished by such accountant to the board.

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Walker County  
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## District 002

## Walker County

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## **PART II.**

### **SECTION 2-1.**

The election superintendent of Walker County shall call and conduct an election on the date of the 2018 November general election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of Walker County for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Walker County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the governing authority of Walker County be changed from a sole  
( ) NO commissioner to a five-member board of commissioners with the  
chairperson elected at large and four commissioners elected by district?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of changing the form of the governing authority of Walker County to a board consisting of four members elected by district and a chairperson elected at large shall vote "Yes." Those persons desiring to vote against changing the form of the governing authority of Walker County shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are for approval of changing the form of the governing authority of Walker County to a board of commissioners consisting of four members elected by district and a chairperson elected at large, then Part I of this Act shall become effective immediately for purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners in November, 2020, and for all other purposes on January 1, 2021; otherwise, this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by Walker County. It shall be the duty of the election superintendent to certify the results thereof to the Secretary of State.

### **SECTION 2-2.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2-1 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without such approval.

### **SECTION 2-3.**

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

Senator Mullis of the 53rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 292.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

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On the motion, the yeas were 44, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 292.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 222. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 45, and 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, public officers and employees, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for members, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities; to change certain provisions relating to the remittance of 9-1-1 charges; to provide for payment by service suppliers to the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for legal representation; to provide for penalties and interest for noncompliance; to revise definitions relative to the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Titles 36, 45, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, public officers and employees, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for members, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities; to change certain provisions relating to the remittance of 9-1-1 charges; to provide for payment by service suppliers to the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for legal representation; to provide for penalties and interest for noncompliance; to revise definitions relative to the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability to certain causes of action; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 93

36-93-1.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Local Government 9-1-1 Authority Act.'

36-93-2.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Authority' means the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority established pursuant to Code Section 36-93-3.

(2) 'Board of directors' or 'board' means the governing body of the authority.

(3) 'Emergency 9-1-1 system' or '9-1-1 system' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (5) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(4) 'Enhanced ZIP Code' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (6) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(5) 'Local government' means a county, municipality, regional authority, or consolidated government in this state that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point and has adopted a resolution or ordinance pursuant to Code Section 46-5-133 to impose 9-1-1 charges under Code Section 46-5-134.

(6) '9-1-1 charge' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (11) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(7) 'Prepaid wireless service' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (12.1) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(8) 'Public safety answering point' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (15) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(9) 'Service supplier' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (16) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(10) 'Telephone subscriber' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (17) of Code Section 46-5-122.

(11) 'Wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge' has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (18) of Code Section 46-5-122.

36-93-3.

(a)(1) There is established the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority as a body corporate and politic, an instrumentality of the state, and a public corporation, and by that name the authority may contract and be contracted with and defend and bring actions, including a private right of action to enforce this chapter.

(2) All local governments that operate or contract for the operation of a public safety answering point as of July 1, 2017, shall be members of the authority. Additional local governments shall become members upon their adoption of a resolution or ordinance to impose the monthly 9-1-1 charge as authorized by Code Section 46-5-134. Any local government member of the authority that ceases operating or contracting for the operation of a public safety answering point shall withdraw from the authority subject to the terms of any contract, obligation, or agreement with the authority.

(b) The purpose of the authority shall be to administer, collect, audit, and remit 9-1-1 revenue for the benefit of local governments, as specified in this chapter, and on such terms and conditions as may be determined to be in the best interest of the operation of local government in light of the following factors:

(1) The public interest in providing cost-efficient collection of revenues;

(2) Increasing compliance in collection of revenues in providing fairness to the persons and entities currently paying their share and the taxpayers who make up for the revenue shortfall through higher tax rates;

(3) Easing the administrative burden on vendors and service suppliers; and

(4) Such other factors as are in the public interest and welfare of the citizens of Georgia.

(c) In addition to the purposes specified in subsection (b) of this Code section, the authority shall have the duties and responsibilities to:

(1) Apply for, receive, and use federal grants, state grants, or both;

(2) Study, evaluate, and recommend technology standards for the state-wide provision of a public safety communications network and 9-1-1 service;

(3) Identify any changes necessary to accomplish more effective and efficient 9-1-1

service across this state including consolidation and interoperability of 9-1-1 systems;

(4) Identify any changes necessary in the assessment and collection of fees under Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46;

(5) Develop, offer, or make recommendations to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center or another state agency as to training that should be provided to directors of public safety answering points;

(6) Provide an annual report which shall include proposed legislation, if any, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year; and

(7) Collect data and statistics regarding the performance of public safety answering points.

(d)(1) Control and management of the authority shall be vested in a board of directors. Such board shall consist of the following:

(A) Two members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be an elected official of a city or county governing authority that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point;

(B) Two members who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one of whom shall be an elected official of a city or county governing authority that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point;

(C) The commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or his or her designee;

(D) The director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency or his or her designee;

(E) Three members who shall be 9-1-1 directors, each of whom shall be currently employed by a public safety answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The 9-1-1 Directors Association may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointments;

(F) One member who shall be an elected member of a county governing authority that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Association County Commissioners of Georgia may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointment;

(G) One member who shall be a county manager, county administrator, or finance officer from a county that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Association County Commissioners of Georgia may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointment;

(H) One member who shall be an elected member of a city governing authority or a city manager or finance director from a city that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Georgia Municipal Association may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointment;

(I) One member from the telecommunications industry who shall be appointed by the Governor;

(J) One member shall be a sheriff who is responsible for managing a public safety

answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Georgia Sheriffs' Association may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointment;

(K) One police chief who is serving a local government that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointment;

(L) One fire chief who is serving a local government that operates or contracts for the operation of a public safety answering point, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs may provide recommendations to the Governor for such appointment;

(M) The director of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center or his or her designee, who shall be a nonvoting member; and

(N) The director of the Georgia Technology Authority or his or her designee, who shall be a nonvoting member.

(2) The initial term for appointments made pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be from July 1, 2017, until June 30, 2020. The initial term for appointments made pursuant to subparagraphs (E), (F), (G), and (H) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be from July 1, 2017, until June 30, 2019. The initial term for appointments made pursuant to subparagraphs (I), (J), (K), and (L) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be from July 1, 2017, until June 30, 2018. All subsequent terms shall be for three years. Any vacancies that occur prior to the end of a term shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(3) The board may appoint additional persons to serve in an advisory role to the board. Such advisers shall be nonvoting and shall not be counted in ascertaining if a quorum is present.

(4) Members of the board of directors shall receive no compensation for their services but may be authorized by the authority to receive an expense allowance and reimbursement from funds of the authority in the same manner as provided for in Code Section 45-7-21, but only in connection with the member's physical attendance at a meeting of the board.

(5) Nine members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative votes of a majority of a quorum shall be required for any action to be taken by the board.

(6) The director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall convene the initial meeting of the board of the authority no later than September 1, 2017, at which meeting the board shall elect one of their members, who is an elected official, as chairperson. In addition, the board shall elect from their membership a vice chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer.

(7) The board of directors shall promulgate bylaws and may adopt other procedures for governing its affairs and for discharging its duties as may be permitted or required by law or applicable rules and regulations.

(e) The authority shall have perpetual existence.

(f) The authority through its board of directors shall have the power and authority to:

(1) Have a seal and alter the same at its pleasure;

(2) Make and execute contracts, lease agreements, and all other instruments necessary or convenient to exercise the powers of the authority or to further the public purpose for which the authority is created;

(3) Acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and dispose of real or personal property of every kind and character, or any interest therein, in furtherance of the public purpose of the authority;

(4) Apply for and to accept any gifts or grants, loan guarantees, loans of funds, property, or financial or other aid in any form from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, from the state government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source for any or all of the purposes specified in this Code section and to comply, subject to the provisions of this Code section, with the terms and conditions thereof;

(5) Fix and collect fees and charges for data, media, and incidental services furnished by it to any individual or private entity;

(6) Deposit or otherwise invest funds held by it in any state depository or in any investment that is authorized for the investment of proceeds of state general obligation bonds and to use for its corporate purposes or redeposit or reinvest interest earned on such funds;

(7) Exercise any power granted by the laws of this state to public or private corporations that is not in conflict with the public purpose of the authority;

(8) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred by this Code section and to carry out such duties and activities as are specifically imposed upon the authority by law;

(9) Bring and defend actions;

(10) Provide for the collection of moneys;

(11) Manage, control, and direct proceeds retained under subsection (a) of Code Section 36-93-6 and the expenditures made therefrom;

(12) Distribute the proceeds identified under subsection (b) of Code Section 36-93-6 in such manner and subject to such terms and limitations as provided by such Code section; and

(13) Exercise all other powers necessary for the development and implementation of the duties and responsibilities provided for in this chapter.

(g) The creation of the authority and the carrying out of its purposes under this chapter are in all respects for the benefit of the people of this state and are public purposes. The authority shall be carrying out an essential governmental function on behalf of local governments in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this chapter and is, therefore, given the same immunity from liability for carrying out its intended functions as other state officials and employees.

(h) The authority shall not be required to pay taxes or assessments upon any real or personal property acquired or under its jurisdiction, control, possession, or supervision.

(i) All money received by the authority pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed to be

trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this chapter.

(j) This chapter, being for the welfare of the state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

(k) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code section to the contrary, the authority shall have no jurisdiction concerning the setting of rates, terms, and conditions for the offering of telecommunications services as defined in paragraph (18) of Code Section 46-5-162 or for the offering of broadband, VoIP, or wireless service as such terms are defined in Code Section 46-5-221.

(l) The board shall be subject to and shall comply with Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' in the same manner as an 'agency' as that term is defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 50-13-2. The board may promulgate and amend, from time to time, such rules or regulations, consistent with this chapter and Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act,' as it deems consistent with or required for the public welfare, for the administration of any provision of this chapter, or for the orderly conduct of the board's affairs. Any claim by the authority that a service supplier has violated any provision of this chapter shall be adjudicated as a contested proceeding under Code Section 50-13-13 and be subject to judicial review under Code Section 50-13-19.

36-93-4.

The board of the authority shall appoint an executive director who shall be the administrative head of the authority. The board shall establish the salary of the executive director. The executive director, with the concurrence and approval of the board, shall hire officers, agents, and employees; prescribe their duties, responsibilities, and qualifications; set their salaries; and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the authority. Such officers, agents, and employees shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director.

36-93-5.

(a) Beginning January 1, 2019, all 9-1-1 charges and all wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges imposed by the governing authority of a local government pursuant to Code Section 46-5-133 and collected by a service supplier pursuant to Code Sections 46-5-134 and 46-5-134.1 shall be remitted by each service supplier to the authority monthly not later than the twentieth day of the month following the month in which they are collected. Any charges not remitted in a timely manner shall accrue interest at the rate specified in Code Section 48-2-40, until the date they are paid.

(b)(1) Each service supplier collecting and remitting 9-1-1 and wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges to the authority pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall submit with the remitted charges a report identifying the amount of the charges being collected and remitted from telephone subscribers attributable to each county or municipality that operates a public safety answering point including counties and municipalities that operate multijurisdictional or regional 9-1-1 systems or have created a joint authority pursuant to Code Section 46-5-138.



(2) For purposes of the monthly report identifying the amount of charges collected and remitted as required in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the service supplier shall attempt to utilize enhanced ZIP Codes. If an enhanced ZIP Code designation is not available for an address or if the service supplier is unable to determine the applicable enhanced ZIP Code designation after exercising due diligence to determine the designation, the service supplier may apply the five-digit ZIP Code to that address. For purposes of this subsection, there is a rebuttable presumption that a service supplier has exercised due diligence if the service supplier has attempted to determine the enhanced ZIP Code designation by utilizing software used by the Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board for purposes of Code Section 48-8-70.

#### 36-93-5.1.

(a)(1) The authority shall contract with the Department of Revenue for the collection and disbursement of charges remitted to the authority under subsection (a) of Code Section 36-93-5, other than prepaid wireless charges under Code Section 46-5-134.2. Under such contract, the Department of Revenue may be authorized to retain an amount not to exceed 1 percent of the total amount of charges remitted to the authority under subsection (a) of Code Section 36-93-5, other than prepaid wireless charges under Code Section 46-5-134.2, to defray the cost of administering such collection and disbursement.

(2) Except for the amount authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection to be retained for the Department of Revenue to defray administrative costs, the proceeds of any and all 9-1-1 charges collected pursuant to any provision of Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46, except for prepaid wireless charges under Code Section 46-5-134.2, shall constitute proceeds of local government and shall be due and payable to local government as required under this chapter. Under no circumstances shall such charges be, or be deemed to be, revenues of the state and such charges shall not be subject to, or available for, appropriation by the state for any purpose.

(b) The authority shall also contract with the Department of Revenue for the collection and disbursement of prepaid wireless charges remitted to county and municipal government authorities under Code Section 46-5-134.2. Under such contract and to defray the cost of administering such collection and disbursement, the Department of Revenue shall receive payment for the actual and reasonable cost of its services not to exceed 1 percent of the total amount of the gross charges remitted to the department under Code Section 46-5-134.2.

#### 36-93-5.2.

The authority and telecommunications service suppliers shall work in cooperation with the state to plan for and implement a state-wide public safety communications network.

#### 36-93-6.

(a) The Department of Revenue shall retain from the charges remitted to it pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 36-93-5 and pursuant to Code Section 46-5-134.2 an

amount equal to 1 percent of the total amount of such charges and remit such amount to the authority to cover the authority's costs of administration of this chapter.

(b) Except for the amount retained under subsection (a) of this Code section, the remainder of the charges remitted by service suppliers shall be paid by the Department of Revenue to each local government on a pro rata basis based on the remitted amounts attributable to each such local government reported by service suppliers in the reports required by subsection (b) of Code Section 36-93-5. Such payments shall be made by the Department of Revenue to such local governments not later than 30 days following the date charges must be remitted by service suppliers to the Department of Revenue pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 36-93-5.

36-93-7.

(a)(1) Beginning January 1, 2019, the authority is authorized to employ or contract with an auditor, auditors, or the Department of Revenue to audit the financial and business records of any service supplier offering communication services capable of connecting 9-1-1 service to the extent necessary to ensure proper collection and remittance of charges in accordance with this chapter and with Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46. Such audits shall apply only to charges required to be imposed and collected pursuant to Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 on or after January 1, 2019, and shall be conducted at the authority's sole expense. The Department of Revenue shall provide to the authority access to all of the department's collection data and records of monthly returns of service suppliers under this Code section. Except as provided by Code Section 36-93-8, such data and records shall not be used by the authority for any purpose other than audits under this Code section and shall otherwise retain any confidential status while in the possession of or use by the authority or others retained by the authority.

(2) The board shall develop a schedule for auditing service suppliers according to criteria adopted by the board. Such schedule shall provide for an audit of a service supplier not more than once every three years. Any such audit shall cover a representative sample of the service supplier's customer base in the state.

(3) Any claim by the authority seeking to adjust the amount of any collection, remittance, or charge reported by the service supplier as required under Code Section 36-93-5 or imposing any penalty shall be limited to the period of three years prior to the date of the initial notice to the service supplier of the audit.

(b) Failure of a service supplier to comply with any audit required under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Code section, when notice of such audit has been duly served upon a service supplier's registered agent, shall result in a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 per day for each day the service supplier refuses compliance commencing on a date certain as stated in such notice, which in no case shall be less than 45 days, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties. A good faith attempt by a service supplier to comply with any such audit shall serve as a defense to a claim of failure to comply in any contested proceeding under Code Section 50-13-13 or judicial review under Code Section 50-13-19, and, if upheld, there shall be no civil penalty.

(c) Willful failure of any service supplier to have billed the monthly charges under Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 or to have remitted such collected charges as required in this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000.00 in the aggregate or 3 percent of the amount that should have been remitted, whichever is less. The civil penalty shall be in addition to the amount that should have been remitted and shall accrue interest at the rate specified in Code Section 48-2-40. The remedy set forth in this chapter shall be enforced solely by the authority.

(d)(1) A service supplier shall not incur any liability, including, but not limited to, liability for the payment of unbilled or uncollected charges, for any billing practice previously or subsequently approved in writing by the authority or otherwise approved pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection. A service supplier may request that the authority approve a billing practice by a written request sent to the executive director of such authority by certified mail. The authority may request additional information from the service supplier regarding the billing practice.

(2)(A) The authority shall issue a written decision within 90 days of the executive director's receipt of the service supplier's written request for approval of the billing practice; provided, however, that the authority may, in its discretion, either request additional information or determine that it needs more time, in which case the authority shall provide notice of same to the service supplier and a single additional 90 day period shall commence.

(B) In the event the authority does not issue a written decision within the time period specified under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the billing practice shall be deemed approved pursuant to this subsection.

(3) The written approval of a billing practice under this subsection or the approval of a billing practice under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not impair or prohibit the board from adopting and implementing subsequently new requirements by rule or regulation that the board deems appropriate that supersede any such prior approved billing practices; provided, however, that in no case shall any approval of a billing practice by the authority be superseded for a period of at least three years from the date of approval.

36-93-8.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Code section, all information submitted by a service supplier to the authority pursuant to this chapter shall be presumed to be a confidential, proprietary, trade secret or subject to exemption from disclosure under state or federal law and shall not be subject to disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50. Except as provided in this Code section, such information shall not be released to any person other than to the submitting service supplier, the authority, auditors, and attorneys employed by or under contract with the authority without the express permission of the submitting service supplier. Members of the authority may have access to information for the purpose of determining the accuracy of collections and remittances related to the member's jurisdiction. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes stated under this chapter.

(b) General information collected by the authority may be released or published but only in aggregate amounts that do not identify or allow identification of numbers of subscribers or revenues attributable to an individual service supplier.

(c) Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the authority from complying with a court order or request of a state or federal grand jury, taxing or regulatory authority, law enforcement agency, or prosecuting attorney in conjunction with an ongoing administrative, criminal, or tax investigation."

## SECTION 2.

Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-13, relating to representation of certain authorities by the Attorney General, as follows:

"45-15-13.

As used in Code Sections 45-15-14 through 45-15-16, the term 'state authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, Georgia Education Authority (Schools), Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority, ~~and~~ Stone Mountain Memorial Association, and Local Government 9-1-1 Authority."

## SECTION 3.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended in Code Section 46-5-122, relating to definitions regarding the Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 System, by repealing paragraph (2.3) and by revising paragraphs (2), (3), (7), (16.1), (17), and (17.1) as follows:

"(2) 'Agency Authority' means the ~~Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency established pursuant to Code Section 38-3-20 unless the context clearly requires otherwise~~ Local Government 9-1-1 Authority established pursuant to Code Section 36-93-3."

"(3) '~~Director~~' means the ~~director of emergency management appointed pursuant to Code Section 38-3-20~~ Reserved."

"(7) 'Exchange access facility' means the access from a particular telephone subscriber's premises to the telephone system of a service supplier. Exchange access facilities include service supplier provided access lines, PBX trunks, and Centrex network access registers, all as defined by tariffs of the telephone companies as approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission or, in the case of detariffed services, as defined in publicly available guidebooks or other publicly available service supplier publications. The term 'exchange access facility' also includes Voice over Internet Protocol service suppliers and any other communication, message, signal, or information delivery system capable of initiating a 9-1-1 emergency call. Exchange access facilities do not include service supplier owned and operated telephone pay station lines, Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Foreign Exchange (FX), or incoming only lines."

"(16.1)(A) 'Telephone service' means any method by which a 9-1-1 emergency call is delivered to a public safety answering point. ~~The term 'telephone service' shall include local~~ Such term shall include exchange telephone service access facilities or other telephone communication service, wireless service, ~~prepaid wireless service,~~ mobile telecommunications service, computer service, Voice over Internet Protocol service, or any technology that delivers ~~or is required by law to deliver~~ a call to a public safety answering point that:

(i) Is capable of contacting and has been enabled to contact a public safety answering point via a 9-1-1 system by entering or dialing the digits 9-1-1;

(ii) Is a telecommunications service as such term is defined by paragraph (39) of Code Section 48-8-2; and

(iii) Is neither a prepaid calling service as such term is defined in paragraph (22) of Code Section 48-8-2 nor a prepaid wireless calling service as such term is defined in paragraph (25) of Code Section 48-8-2.

(B) When a service supplier provides to the same person, business, or organization the voice channel capacity to make more than one simultaneous outbound call from an exchange access facility, then each such separate simultaneous outbound call voice channel capacity, regardless of technology, shall constitute a separate telephone service.

(C) When the same person, business, or organization has several wireless telephones, each wireless telecommunications connection shall constitute a separate telephone service.

(D) A broadband connection used for telephone service shall not constitute a separate voice channel capacity subscription for purposes of the 9-1-1 charge.

(17) 'Telephone subscriber' means a person or entity to ~~whom~~ which retail telephone service, either residential or commercial, is provided. ~~When the same person, business, or organization has several telephone access lines, each exchange access facility shall constitute a separate subscription. When the same person, business, or organization has several wireless telephones, each wireless telecommunications connection shall constitute a separate connection.~~

(17.1) 'Voice over Internet Protocol service' ~~means~~ includes any technology that permits a voice conversation using a voice connection through any device to a computer, whether through a microphone, a telephone, or other device, ~~which that~~ sends a digital signal over the Internet or in Internet Protocol through a broadband connection to be converted back to the human voice at a distant terminal and that delivers ~~or is required by law to deliver~~ a call to a public safety answering point. Voice over Internet Protocol service shall also include interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service, which is service that enables real-time, two-way voice communications, requires a broadband connection from the user's location, requires Internet protocol compatible customer premises equipment, and allows users to receive calls that originate on the public service telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network."

**SECTION 4.**

Said title is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 46-5-123, relating to creation of 9-1-1 Advisory Committee, selection of members, filling of vacancies, organization, and roles and responsibilities.

**SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 46-5-124, relating to guidelines for implementing state-wide emergency 9-1-1 system and training and equipment standards, by revising subsections (a), (b), and (d) as follows:

"(a) The agency authority shall develop guidelines for implementing a state-wide emergency 9-1-1 system. The guidelines shall provide for:

(1) Steps of action necessary for public agencies to effect the necessary coordination, regulation, and development preliminary to a 9-1-1 system that shall incorporate the requirements of each public service agency in each local government of Georgia;

(2) Identification of mutual aid agreements necessary to effect the 9-1-1 system, including coordination on behalf of the State of Georgia with any federal agency to secure financial assistance or other desirable activities in connection with the receipt of funding that may be provided to communities for the planning, development, or implementation of the 9-1-1 system;

(3) The coordination necessary between local governments planning or developing a 9-1-1 system and other state agencies, the Public Service Commission, all affected utility and telephone companies, wireless service suppliers, and other agencies;

(4) The actions to establish emergency telephone service necessary to meet the requirements for each local government, including law enforcement, fire-fighting, medical, suicide prevention, rescue, or other emergency services; and

(5) The actions to be taken by a local government desiring to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service, including requirements contained in 47 Code of Federal Regulations Section 20.18.

(b) The agency authority shall be responsible for encouraging and promoting the planning, development, and implementation of local 9-1-1 system plans. The agency shall develop any necessary procedures to be followed by public agencies for implementing and coordinating such plans and shall mediate whenever disputes arise or agreements cannot be reached between the local political jurisdiction and other entities involving the 9-1-1 system."

"(d) The agency authority shall maintain the registry of wireless service suppliers provided for in Code Section 46-5-124.1."

**SECTION 6.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 46-5-124.1, relating to service suppliers or Voice over Internet Protocol service suppliers must register certain information with the director, updating information, and notices of delinquency, as follows:

"46-5-124.1.

(a) Any service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier doing business in Georgia shall register the following information with the ~~director~~ authority:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the representative of the service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier to whom the resolution adopted pursuant to Code Section 46-5-133 or other notification of intent to provide automatic number identification or automatic location identification, or both, of a telephone service connection should be submitted;

(2) The name, address, and telephone number of the representative of the service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier with whom a local government must coordinate to implement automatic number identification or automatic location identification, or both, of a telephone service connection;

(3) The counties in Georgia in which the service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier is authorized to provide telephone service at the time the filing is made; and

(4) Every corporate name under which the service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier is authorized to provide telephone service in Georgia.

(b) After the initial submission by each service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier doing business in this state, if the information required by subsection (a) of this Code section changes, it shall be updated and submitted to the ~~director~~ by the tenth day of January and the tenth day of July of each year or such other semiannual schedule as the director may establish authority within 60 days of such change.

(c) ~~The director shall send a notice of delinquency to any~~ Every service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier ~~which fails to~~ shall comply with ~~subsection (b)~~ subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section. ~~Such notice shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery.~~ Any service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier that fails to register and provide the information required by this Code section:

(1) ~~within 30 days after receipt of a notice of delinquency shall~~ Shall not be eligible to receive cost recovery funds as provided in subsection (e) of Code Section 46-5-134 until the service supplier or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier is in compliance with ~~subsection~~ subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when notice of such failure has been duly served upon a service supplier's or Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier's registered agent;

(2) Shall be subject to a fine by the authority in the amount of \$1,000.00 per each day of failure to comply with subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(3) Shall, when audited, not be subject to the three-year limit under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 36-93-7."

#### SECTION 7.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 46-5-127, relating to approval of 9-1-1 systems by agency, as follows:

"46-5-127.

After January 1, 1978, and prior to January 1, 2019, no emergency 9-1-1 system shall

be established, and no existing system shall be expanded to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service, without written confirmation by the ~~agency~~ Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency that the local plan conforms to the guidelines and procedures provided for in Code Section 46-5-124. On or after January 1, 2019, no emergency 9-1-1 system shall be established, and no existing system shall be expanded to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service, without written confirmation by the authority that the local plan conforms to the guidelines and procedures provided for in Code Section 46-5-124. The authority shall not deny establishment of a new system or an expansion to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service if the local plan conforms to the guidelines and procedures provided in Code Section 46-5-124."

#### **SECTION 8.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 46-5-128, relating to cooperation by public agencies, as follows:

"46-5-128.

All public agencies shall assist the ~~agency~~ authority in its efforts to carry out the intent of this part; and such agencies shall comply with the guidelines developed pursuant to Code Section 46-5-124 by furnishing a resolution of intent regarding an emergency 9-1-1 system."

#### **SECTION 9.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 46-5-129, relating to use of 9-1-1 emblem, as follows:

"46-5-129.

The ~~agency~~ authority may develop a 9-1-1 emblem which may be utilized on marked vehicles used by public safety agencies participating in a local 9-1-1 system."

#### **SECTION 10.**

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 46-5-130, relating to federal assistance, as follows:

"46-5-130.

The ~~agency~~ authority is authorized to apply for and accept federal funding assistance in the development and implementation of a state-wide emergency 9-1-1 system."

#### **SECTION 11.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 46-5-131, relating to exemptions from liability in operation of 9-1-1 system, as follows:

"(a) Whether participating in a state-wide emergency 9-1-1 system or an emergency 9-1-1 system serving one or more local governments, neither the state, nor the authority, nor any local government of the state nor any emergency 9-1-1 system provider or service supplier or its employees, directors, officers, contractors, and agents, except in cases of wanton and willful misconduct or bad faith, shall be liable for death or injury to any person or for damage to property as a result of either developing, adopting,



establishing, participating in, implementing, maintaining, or carrying out duties involved in operating the emergency 9-1-1 system or in the identification of the telephone number, address, or name associated with any person accessing an emergency 9-1-1 system."

#### SECTION 11A.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 46-5-133, relating to authority of local government to adopt resolution to impose monthly 9-1-1 charge, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) Unless a city has imposed any charge authorized by this part, a county's imposition by resolution of any charge authorized by this part shall be applied county wide and the emergency 9-1-1 system shall be provided as a county-wide service. Any emergency call from a member of the public received by such a county operated or contracted public safety answering point shall be directed to the appropriate county or city public safety agency personnel who are able to respond to such call, and such public safety answering point shall maintain the connection with the caller and such personnel until the connection is terminated by such personnel. Such county shall not impose fees or charges on the city or its public safety agency for the emergency call and connection services described in this subsection; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection is intended to supersede any existing intergovernmental agreements not in conflict with this subsection."

#### SECTION 12.

Said title is further amended by revising subsections (a), (d), and (e) of Code Section 46-5-134, relating to billing of subscribers, liability of subscriber for service charge, taxes on service, establishment of Emergency Telephone System Fund, records, and use of funds, as follows:

"(a)(1)(A)(i) ~~The Unless exempt, the~~ telephone subscriber of any telephone service ~~may shall~~ be billed for the monthly 9-1-1 charge, if any, imposed with respect to such telephone service by the service supplier. Such 9-1-1 charge ~~may not exceed shall be~~ \$1.50 per month per telephone service provided to the telephone subscriber except as reduced pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (d) of this Code section. ~~In the event that any telephone service supplier, due to its normal billing practices, is unable to charge differing amounts set by each local government as the 9 1 1 charge, such telephone service supplier shall collect on behalf of local governments that have authorized a 9-1-1 charge \$1.50 per month per telephone service provided to the telephone subscribers to whom it provides telephone service in every area served by the emergency 9 1 1 system.~~

(ii) In computing the amount due under this subsection, the number of 9-1-1 charges a telephone subscriber shall be assessed shall not exceed the number of simultaneous outbound calls that can be made from voice channels the service supplier has activated and enabled. For telephone service that provides to multiple locations shared simultaneous outbound voice channel capacity configured to and

capable of accessing a 9-1-1 system in different states, the monthly 9-1-1 charge shall be assessed only for the portion of such shared voice channel capacity in Georgia as identified by the service supplier's books and records. In determining the portion of the shared capacity in the state, a service supplier may rely on, among other factors, a customer's certification of its allocation of capacity in Georgia, which may be based on each end user location, the total number of end users, and the number of end users at each end user location.

(B) All telephone services billed to federal, state, or local governments shall be exempt from the 9-1-1 charge. Each service supplier shall, on behalf of the local government, collect the 9-1-1 charge from those telephone subscribers to whom it provides telephone service in the area served by the emergency 9-1-1 system. As part of its normal billing process, the service supplier shall collect the 9-1-1 charge for each month a telephone service is in service, and it ~~shall~~ may list the 9-1-1 charge as a separate entry on each bill. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a service supplier to list the 9-1-1 charge as a surcharge or separate entry on each bill. Service suppliers that do not list the 9-1-1 charge as a separate entry on each bill shall remit the 9-1-1 charge for each telephone subscriber that pays the bill; provided, however, that this information shall be maintained in a form that auditors can access. If a service supplier receives a partial payment for a bill from a telephone subscriber, the service supplier shall apply the payment against the amount the telephone subscriber owes the service supplier first.

(C) This paragraph shall not apply to wireless service or prepaid wireless service or the telephone subscribers or service suppliers of such services.

(2)(A) If the governing authority body of a local government operates or contracts for the operation of ~~an emergency 9-1-1 system which~~ a public safety answering point that is capable of providing or provides automatic number identification of a wireless telecommunications connection and the location of the base station or cell site which receives a 9-1-1 call from a wireless telecommunications connection, the subscriber of a wireless telecommunications connection whose ~~billing address~~ primary place of use is within the geographic area that is served by the local government or that would be served by the local government for the purpose of such ~~an emergency 9-1-1 system~~ a public safety answering point may be billed for the monthly wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge, if any, imposed with respect to that connection by the wireless service supplier. Such wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge ~~may not exceed the amount of the monthly 9-1-1 charge imposed upon other telephone subscribers pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection nor exceed \$1.00~~ shall be \$1.50 per month per wireless telecommunications connection provided to the telephone subscriber except as otherwise provided in paragraph (5) of subsection (d) of this Code section.

(B) If the governing authority body of a local government operates or contracts for the operation of an emergency 9-1-1 system which is capable of providing or provides automatic number identification and automatic location identification of a wireless telecommunications connection, the subscriber of a wireless

telecommunications connection whose place of primary use is within the geographic area that is served by the local government or that would be served by the local government for the purpose of such an emergency 9-1-1 system may be billed for the monthly wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge, if any, imposed with respect to that connection by the wireless service supplier. Such wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge may not exceed the amount of the monthly 9-1-1 charge imposed upon other telephone subscribers pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall be imposed on a monthly basis for each wireless telecommunications connection provided to the telephone subscriber.

(C) All wireless telecommunications connections billed to federal, state, or local governments shall be exempt from the wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge. Each wireless service supplier shall, on behalf of the local government, collect the wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge from those telephone subscribers whose place of primary use is within the geographic area that is served by the local government or that would be served by the local government for the purpose of such an emergency 9-1-1 system. As part of its normal billing process, the wireless service supplier shall collect the wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge for each month a wireless telecommunications connection is in service, and it ~~shall~~ may list the wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge as a separate entry on each bill. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require a wireless service supplier to list the 9-1-1 charge as a separate entry on each bill. Wireless service suppliers that do not list the 9-1-1 charge as a separate entry on each bill shall remit the 9-1-1 charge for each telephone subscriber that pays the bill; provided, however, that this information shall be maintained in a form that auditors can access. If a wireless service supplier receives partial payment for a bill from a telephone subscriber, the wireless service supplier shall apply the payment against the amount the telephone subscriber owes the wireless service supplier first.

(D) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the application of any 9-1-1 service charge with respect to a mobile telecommunications service, as defined in 4 U.S.C. Section 124(7), shall be governed by the provisions of Code Section 48-8-6.

(E) This paragraph shall not apply to prepaid wireless service or the telephone subscribers or service suppliers of such service."

"(d)(1) Each service supplier that collects 9-1-1 charges or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges on behalf of the local government is entitled to retain as an administrative fee in an amount equal to 3 percent of the gross 9-1-1 or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge receipts to be remitted to the authority for distribution to the local government; ~~provided, however, that such amount shall not exceed 3¢ for every dollar so remitted pursuant to Code Section 36-93-5.~~ The remaining amount shall be due ~~quarterly~~ monthly to the ~~local government~~ authority and shall be remitted to it no later than ~~60 days after the close of a calendar quarter~~ the twentieth day of the month following the month in which such fee is collected.

(2) The 9-1-1 charges and the wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges collected by the service supplier and transmitted to the authority for distribution to local governments

pursuant to Code Section 36-93-5 shall, upon being received by a local government, be deposited and accounted for in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by the such local government. The local government may invest the money in the fund in the same manner that other moneys of the local government may be invested and any income earned from such investment shall be deposited into the Emergency Telephone System Fund.

(3) On or before July 1, 2005, any funds that may have been deposited in a separate restricted wireless reserve account required by this Code section prior to such date shall be transferred to the Emergency Telephone System Fund required by paragraph (2) of this subsection.

~~(4) The local government may on an annual basis, and at its expense, audit or cause to be audited the books and records of service suppliers with respect to the collection and remittance of 9-1-1 charges~~ Reserved.

~~(5) Such monthly 9-1-1 charges and wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges may be reduced at any time by the governing authority by resolution; provided, however, that said governing authority~~ The governing body of a local government shall be required to reduce such monthly 9-1-1 charge or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge at any time the projected revenues from 9-1-1 charges or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charges will cause the unexpended revenues in the Emergency Telephone System Fund at the end of the fiscal year to exceed by one and one-half times the unexpended revenues in such fund at the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year or at any time the unexpended revenues in such fund at the end of the fiscal year exceed by one and one-half times the unexpended revenues in such fund at the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year. Such reduction in the 9-1-1 charge or wireless enhanced 9-1-1 charge shall be in an amount which will avert the accumulation of revenues in such fund at the end of the fiscal year which will exceed by one and one-half times the amount of revenues in the fund at the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

~~(e)(1) A wireless service supplier may recover its costs expended on the implementation and provision of wireless enhanced 9-1-1 services to subscribers in an amount not to exceed 30¢ of each 9-1-1 charge collected from a place of primary use that is within the geographic area that is served by the local government or would be served by the local government for the purpose of such emergency 9-1-1 system; provided, however, that such amount may be increased to 45¢ upon implementation of step two of the state plan governing 9-1-1 enhanced communications as provided in subsection (g) of this Code section. Such cost recovery amount shall be based on the actual cost incurred by the wireless service supplier in providing wireless enhanced 9-1-1 services~~ by imposing a cost recovery fee, not to exceed 45 cents per month, or including such costs in existing cost recovery or regulatory recovery fees billed to the subscriber. In no event shall a service supplier deduct any amounts for cost recovery or otherwise from the charges to be remitted to the authority pursuant to Code Section 36-93-5.

(2) A wireless service supplier shall not be authorized to recover any costs under paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to any prepaid wireless services."

**SECTION 13.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 46-5-134.2, relating to prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge, definitions, imposition of fee by localities, collection and remission of charges, and distribution of funds, as follows:

"(b)(1) Counties and municipalities that operate a 9-1-1 public safety answering point, including counties and municipalities that operate multijurisdictional or regional 9-1-1 systems or have created a joint authority pursuant to Code Section 46-5-138, are authorized to impose by ordinance or resolution a prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge in the amount of ~~75¢~~ \$1.50 per retail transaction. Imposition of the charge authorized by this Code section by a county or municipality shall be contingent upon compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1) of subsection (j) of this Code section."

**SECTION 14.**

(a) This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, for purposes of creating the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority and appointing the members thereof, and enactment of Section 11A; the provisions regarding billing practices contained in subsection (d) of Code Section 36-93-7 shall become effective on July 1, 2018; and, for all other purposes, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

(b) The provisions of this Act shall not in any manner diminish, extinguish, reduce, or affect any cause of action for audits, services, or the recovery of funds from service providers which arose prior to January 1, 2019. Any such cause of action is expressly preserved.

**SECTION 15.**

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

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 222.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

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Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate

Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
E Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Millar	Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 42, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 222.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3/30/17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 222. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

/s/ Dean Burke  
District 11

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 216. By Senators Henson of the 41st and Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-109.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration, collection, and disbursement of the equalized homestead option sales tax, so as to eliminate a provision providing for the per capita share of certain municipalities to be paid to the county governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 134. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Brockway of the 102nd, Stephens of the 164th, Williams of the 168th, Watson of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to change the definition of transportation purposes regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to special districts and the imposition of such tax; to change certain provisions relating to notice, intergovernmental agreements, and resolutions regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the ballot question regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to the commencement of imposition and the timing of cessation of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 154. By Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th, Abrams of the 89th, Hawkins of the 27th and Henson of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House insists on its position in disagreeing to the Senate substitute, and has appointed a Committee of Conference to confer with a like committee on the part of the Senate on the following Bill of the House:

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker has appointed on the part of the House, Representatives Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th, and Knight of the 130th.

Senator Jones of the 25th was excused as a Conferee.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 452. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Reeves of the 34th, Clark of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to require the bureau to publicly post certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, instead of the Georgia Sheriffs Association, to prepare and issue guidelines and procedures regarding compliance with Code Section 42-4-14; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 452 (HB452/SCSFA) by replacing lines 1 through 9 with the following:*

To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to domestic terrorism and penalty; to provide for the crime of domestic terrorism; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for venue and jurisdiction for prosecutions; to change provisions relating to possessing, transporting, or receiving explosives or destructive devices with intent to kill, injure, or intimidate individuals or destroy public buildings; to change provisions relating to disclosures by service providers pursuant to investigations; to amend Code Section 17-10-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for imposition of the death penalty generally, so as to provide for domestic terrorism to be a statutory aggravating circumstance; to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for training in identifying domestic terrorism and reporting information to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center; to require the bureau to publicly post and share certain information from the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security to the extent permitted by federal law; to provide for a short title; to

*By replacing lines 14 through 726 with the following:*

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protect Georgia Act."



**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by repealing Code Section 16-4-10, relating to domestic terrorism and penalty.

**SECTION 2-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, by adding a new article to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 6

16-11-220.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Critical infrastructure' means publicly or privately owned facilities, systems, functions, or assets, whether physical or virtual, providing or distributing services for the benefit of the public, including, but not limited to, energy, fuel, water, agriculture, health care, finance, or communication.

(2) 'Domestic terrorism' means any felony violation of, or attempt to commit a felony violation of the laws of this state which, as part of a single unlawful act or a series of unlawful acts which are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics, is intended to cause serious bodily harm, kill any individual or group of individuals, or disable or destroy critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system when such disability or destruction results in major economic loss, and is intended to:

(A) Intimidate the civilian population of this state or any of its political subdivisions;

(B) Alter, change, or coerce the policy of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by intimidation or coercion; or

(C) Affect the conduct of the government of this state or any of its political subdivisions by use of destructive devices, assassination, or kidnapping.

(3) 'Public transportation system' means all facilities, conveyances, and instrumentalities, whether publicly or privately owned, that are used in or for publicly available services for the transportation of individuals or cargo.

(4) 'Serious bodily harm' means harm to the body of another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof.

(5) 'State or government facility' means any permanent or temporary facility or conveyance that is used or occupied by representatives of this state or any of its political subdivisions, by the legislature, by the judiciary, or by officials or employees of this state or any of its political subdivisions.

16-11-221.

(a) Any person who commits domestic terrorism shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as follows:

(1) If death results to any individual, by death, by imprisonment for life without parole, or by imprisonment for life;

(2) If kidnapping occurs, by imprisonment for not less than 15 nor more than 35 years, or by imprisonment for life;

(3) If serious bodily harm occurs, by imprisonment for not less than 15 nor more than 35 years; or

(4) If critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system is disabled or destroyed, by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 35 years.

(b) No sentence imposed under this Code section shall be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; provided, however, that in the court's discretion, the court may suspend, stay, probate, defer, or withhold part of such sentence when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have agreed to such sentence.

16-11-222.

A person shall be subject to prosecution in this state pursuant to Code Section 17-2-1 for any conduct made unlawful by this article which the person engages in while:

(1) Either within or outside of this state if, by such conduct, the person commits a violation of this article which involves an individual who resides in this state or which involves critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system located in this state; or

(2) Within this state if, by such conduct, the person commits a violation of this article which involves an individual who resides within or outside this state or which involves critical infrastructure, a state or government facility, or a public transportation system located in this state.

16-11-223.

The Attorney General shall have concurrent jurisdiction with district attorneys to conduct the criminal prosecution of a violation of this article.

16-11-224.

This article shall not be construed to infringe upon constitutionally protected speech or assembly."

### **PART III**

#### **SECTION 3-1.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of Code Section 16-7-80, relating to definitions, and adding new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(1) 'Bacteriological weapon' or 'biological weapon' means:

(A) The following toxic chemicals:

- (i) O-Alkyl (=C10, including cycloalkyl) alkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr)-phosphonofluoridates; e.g., Sarin: O-Isopropyl methylphosphonofluoridate, Soman: O-Pinacolyl methylphosphonofluoridate;
- (ii) O-Alkyl (=C10, including cycloalkyl) N,N-dialkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr) phosphoramidocyanidates; e.g., Tabun: O-Ethyl N,N-dimethyl phosphoramidocyanidate;
- (iii) O-Alkyl (H or =C10, including cycloalkyl) S-2-dialkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr)-aminoethyl alkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr) phosphonothiolates and corresponding alkylated or protonated salts; e.g., VX: O-Ethyl S-2-diisopropylaminoethyl methyl phosphonothiolate;

(B) Sulfur mustards:

- (i) 2-Chloroethylchloromethylsulfide;
- (ii) Mustard gas: Bis(2-chloroethyl)sulfide;
- (iii) Bis(2-chloroethylthio)methane;
- (iv) Sesquimustard: 1,2-Bis(2-chloroethylthio)ethane;
- (v) 1,3-Bis(2-chloroethylthio)-n-propane;
- (vi) 1,4-Bis(2-chloroethylthio)-n-butane;
- (vii) 1,5 Bis(2-chloroethylthio)-n-pentane;
- (viii) Bis(2-chloroethylthiomethyl)ether;
- (ix) O-Mustard: Bis(2-chloroethylthioethyl)ether;

(C) Lewisites:

- (i) Lewisite 1: 2-Chlorovinylchloroarsine;
- (ii) Lewisite 2: Bis(2-chlorovinyl)chloroarsine;
- (iii) Lewisite 3: Tris(2-chlorovinyl)arsine;

(D) Nitrogen mustards:

- (i) HN1: Bis(2-chloroethyl)ethylamine;
- (ii) HN2: Bis(2-chloroethyl)methylamine;
- (iii) HN3: Tris(2-chloroethyl)amine;

(E) Saxitoxin;

(F) Ricin;

(G) Precursors:

- (i) Alkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr) phosphonyldifluorides; e.g., DF: Methylphosphonyldifluoride;
- (ii) O-Alkyl (H or =C10, including cycloalkyl) O-2-dialkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr)-aminoethyl alkyl (Me, Et, n-Pr or i-Pr) phosphonites and corresponding alkylated or protonated salts; e.g., QL: O-Ethyl O-2-diisopropylaminoethyl methylphosphonite;
- (iii) Chlorosarin: O-Isopropyl methylphosphonochloridate;
- (iv) Chlorosoman: O-Pinacolyl methylphosphonochloridate; or

(H) Any ~~any~~ device which is designed in such a manner as to permit the intentional release into the population or environment of microbial or other biological agents or toxins or vectors whatever their origin or method of production in a manner not

otherwise authorized by law ~~or any device the development, production, or stockpiling of which is prohibited pursuant to the 'Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction,' 26 U.S.T. 583, TIAS 8063.~~

(1.1) "Biological agent" means any microorganism, including, but not limited to, bacteria, viruses, fungi, rickettsiae or protozoa, or infectious substance, or any naturally occurring, bioengineered or synthesized component of any such microorganism or infectious substance, capable of causing:

(A) Death, disease, or other biological malfunction in a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism;

(B) Deterioration of food, water, equipment, supplies, or material of any kind; or

(C) Deleterious alteration of the environment."

"(16.1) 'Toxin' means the toxic material or product of plants, animals, microorganisms, including, but not limited to, bacteria, viruses, fungi, rickettsiae or protozoa, or infectious substances, or a recombinant or synthesized molecule, whatever their origin and method of production, and includes:

(A) Any poisonous substance or biological product that may be engineered as a result of biotechnology produced by a living organism; or

(B) Any poisonous isomer or biological product, homologue, or derivative of such a substance.

(16.2) 'Vector' means a living organism, or molecule, including a recombinant or synthesized molecule, capable of carrying a biological agent or toxin to a host."

### **SECTION 3-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 16-7-88, relating to possessing, transporting, or receiving explosives or destructive devices with intent to kill, injure, or intimidate individuals or destroy public buildings, sentencing, and enhanced penalties, as follows:

"(a) Any person who possesses, transports, or receives or attempts to possess, transport, or receive any destructive device, ~~or explosive, bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon~~ with the knowledge or intent that it will be used to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual or to destroy any public building shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years or by a fine of not more than \$125,000.00 or both or, if the defendant is a corporation, by a fine of not less than \$125,000.00 nor more than \$200,000.00 or sentenced to perform not fewer than 10,000 nor more than 20,000 hours of community service or both."

### **SECTION 3-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 16-9-109, relating to disclosures by service providers pursuant to investigations, as follows:

"(a) Any law enforcement unit, the Attorney General, or any district attorney who is conducting an investigation of a violation of this article or an investigation of a violation of Code Section 16-12-100, 16-12-100.1, 16-12-100.2, ~~or 16-5-90, or 16-11-~~

221, Article 8 of Chapter 5 of this title, or Article 8 of this chapter involving the use of a computer, cellular telephone, or any other electronic device used in furtherance of the act may require the disclosure by a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service of the contents of a wire or electronic communication that is in electronic storage in an electronic communications system for 180 days or less pursuant to a search warrant issued under the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 by a court with jurisdiction over the offense under investigation. Such court may require the disclosure by a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service of the contents of a wire or electronic communication that has been in electronic storage in an electronic communications system for more than 180 days as set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section."

**PART IV**  
**SECTION 4-1.**

Code Section 17-10-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for imposition of the death penalty generally, is amended in subsection (b) by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (10), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of paragraph (11), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(12) The murder was committed during an act of domestic terrorism."

**PART V**  
**SECTION 5-1.**

Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-1-21.

(a) The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center shall establish guidelines and procedures for the incorporation of training materials and information in methods for:

(1) Identifying and reporting activity that may lead to domestic terrorism;

(2) Combating domestic terrorism; and

(3) Individuals, law enforcement officials, and personnel within state agencies and departments and local governments to provide information to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center to report activity that may lead to domestic terrorism.

(b) The guidelines and procedures listed in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be for use by law enforcement training centers monitored by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and monitored and funded by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in all courses for which they have responsibility and oversight."

**SECTION 5-2.**

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"35-3-14.

To the extent permitted by federal law, the bureau shall post on its public website the information of persons who are aliens and who have been released from federal custody within the boundaries of this state, as such information is presented within the Law Enforcement Notification System of the Enforcement Integrated Database of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System as received by the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the bureau or any replacement agency. Within 12 hours of receiving such information, the bureau shall post such information as required by this Code section and electronically send a copy of such information to the Georgia Sheriffs' Association. The bureau shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Code section."

**PART VI**  
**SECTION 6-1.**

Senator Cowser of the 46th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 452.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	Y James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowser	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 16; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 452.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Burke of the 11th asked unanimous consent that the Senate adhere to its substitute to HB 196 and that a Conference Committee be appointed.

The consent was granted, and the President appointed as a Conference Committee the following Senators: Burke of the 11th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Orrock of the 36th.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate amendments to the following Bill of the House:

HB 198. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 43rd, Newton of the 123rd, Gardner of the 57th and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on influenza and its vaccine whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 125. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st, Williams of the 168th, Gordon of the 163rd and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use

taxes, so as to create an exemption for certain tangible personal property sold or used to maintain, refit, or repair a boat during a single event to the extent that the aggregate value of such property exceeds \$500,000.00; to provide definitions; to provide for related rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Fort of the 39th assumed the Chair.

Senator Jeffares of the 17th asked unanimous consent that HB 485, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 485, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 485. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Maxwell of the 17th and Powell of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to distilled spirits, so as to remove the requirement that a referendum election be held prior to the issuance of licenses for the manufacture of distilled spirits; to change certain provisions relating to the procedures for calling and conducting certain referendum elections and nullifications thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Jeffares of the 17th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Kirk	Y Thompson, C



N Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	N Wilkinson
Heath	Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 38, nays 6.

HB 485, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

March 30, 2017

I inadvertently voted “NO” on HB 485. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “YES”.

/s/ Tonya P. Anderson  
District 43

3/30/2017

I inadvertently voted “NO” on HB 485. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “YES”.

/s/ Gail Davenport  
District 44

The President resumed the Chair.

Senator Kirk of the 13th asked unanimous consent that HB 486, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 486, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 486. By Representatives Benton of the 31st, Petrea of the 166th, Spencer of the 180th and Kirby of the 114th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-26-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions to operation of the Georgia

Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act and burden of proof, so as to provide for training of proxy caregivers; to provide for selection of curricula by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; to provide for select providers to train proxy caregivers in accordance with selected curriculum; to provide for professional delegation exceptions; to revise good faith efforts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Kirk of the 13th.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 46, nays 1.

HB 486, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has disagreed to the Senate amendment to the House substitute to the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 4. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval; to require agencies' cooperation; to provide for the abolishment; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senator Hill of the 6th asked unanimous consent that HB 206, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 206, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 206. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Welch of the 110th, Collins of the 68th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hogan of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-118 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights," so as to remove an exception relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Hill of the 6th.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 206:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 26-4-118 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights," so as to provide for requirements relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to provide for a right to a hearing; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 26-4-118 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights," is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) The provisions of paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to the Department of Community Health conducting audits under Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49; provided, however, that the provisions of Code Section 49-4-151.1 shall apply to such audits conducted by the Department of Community Health under Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49."

**SECTION 2.**

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"49-4-151.1.

(a) Any clerical or record-keeping error, including but not limited to a typographical error, scrivener's error, or computer error; any unintentional error or omission in billing, coding, or required documentation; or any isolated instances of incomplete documentation by a provider of medical assistance regarding reimbursement for medical assistance may not in and of itself constitute fraud or constitute a basis to recoup payment for medical assistance provided, so long as any such errors or instances do not result in an improper payment. An improper payment includes any payment that was made to an ineligible recipient, payment for noncovered services, duplicate payments, payments for services not received, payments that are for the incorrect amount, and instances when the department is unable to discern whether a payment was proper because of insufficient or lack of documentation. The department or its agents shall not recoup the cost of medical assistance if such error, omission, or incomplete documentation has been resolved in accordance with subsection (b) of this Code section; provided, however, that recoupment shall be allowed to the extent that the error, omission, or incomplete documentation resulted in an improper payment, though

recoupment shall be limited to the amount improperly paid.

(b) A provider of medical assistance shall be allowed 30 calendar days following receipt by the provider of a preliminary audit review report in which to submit records or documents to correct an error or omission or to complete documentation identified in such review report; provided, however, that the department or its agents, in the discretion of the department, may reject the submission of a corrected record or document if the submission would result in an improper payment, or the provider demonstrates a pattern of repeated errors, omissions, or incomplete documentation. The department shall be authorized to establish rules and regulations delineating what constitutes a pattern of repeated errors, omissions, or incomplete documentation taking into consideration the type of provider; frequency of audits; volume of claims submitted by a provider; type of error, omission, or incomplete documentation; and other pertinent factors.

(c) A provider of medical assistance shall be afforded the right to a hearing in accordance with Code Section 49-4-153 for any attempted withholding of reimbursement or recoupment by the department or its agents relating to an error, omission, incomplete documentation, or improper payment relating to the provision of medical assistance.

(d) This Code section shall not apply to criminal or civil investigations which involve fraud, willful misrepresentation, reckless disregard, or abuse conducted by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or other law enforcement agencies."

### **SECTION 3.**

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

Senators Rhett of the 33rd and Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment #1:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services substitute to HB 206 (LC 33 7056S) by inserting after "applicability;" on line 7 the following:*

*to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income;*

*By inserting between lines 54 and 55 the following:*

### **SECTION 3.**

Said article is further amended in Code Section 49-4-142, relating to modification of the state plan, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) The department shall, upon state appropriations, implement a modification of the state plan for medical assistance or any affected rules or regulations of the department, which modification shall provide that, in determining the amount of a recipient's income that is to be applied to payment for the costs of care in a nursing home, there shall be deducted a personal needs allowance of not less than \$70.00 per month which shall include the minimum amount required by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(q)(2)."

*By redesignating Section 3 as Section 4.*

On the adoption of the amendment, the President asked unanimous consent.

Senator Hill of the 6th objected.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 28, nays 11, and the Rhett, Unterman amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted.

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

HB 206, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator David Shafer, President Pro Tempore, assumed the Chair.

Senator Tippins of the 37th asked unanimous consent that HB 237, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 237, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 237. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, England of the 116th, Casas of the 107th, Chandler of the 105th, Nix of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and to revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to receive private donations to be used for grants to public schools; to provide for grant criteria; to provide for an income tax credit for qualified education donations; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to such donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Tippins of the 37th.

The Senate Committee on Finance offered the following substitute to HB 237:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 20 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and to revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to receive private donations to be used for grants to public schools; to provide for grant criteria; to provide for an income tax credit for qualified education donations; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to such donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for a sunset date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by revising Code Section 20-14-26.1, relating to the authority of the Office of Student Achievement to incorporate nonprofit corporations as public foundations, as follows:

"20-14-26.1.

(a) The office shall have the power and authority to incorporate a nonprofit corporation that could qualify as a public foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to aid the office in carrying out any of its powers and in accomplishing any of its purposes. Any nonprofit corporation created pursuant to this power shall be created pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 14, the 'Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code,' and the Secretary of State shall be authorized to accept such filing.

(b) Any nonprofit corporation created pursuant to this Code section shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) In accordance with the Constitution of Georgia, no governmental functions or regulatory powers shall be conducted by any such nonprofit corporation;

(2) Upon dissolution of any such nonprofit corporation incorporated by the office, any assets shall revert to the office or to any successor to the office or, failing such succession, to the State of Georgia;

(3) As used in this paragraph, the term 'direct employee costs' means salary, benefits, and travel expenses. To avoid the appearance of undue influence on regulatory functions by donors, no donations to any such nonprofit corporation from private sources shall be used for direct employee costs of the office;

(4) Any such nonprofit corporation shall be subject to all laws relating to open meetings and the inspection of public records;

(5) The office shall not be liable for the action or omission to act of any such nonprofit corporation;

(6) No debts, bonds, notes, or other obligations incurred by any such nonprofit corporation shall constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the State of Georgia nor shall any act of any such nonprofit corporation constitute or result in the creation of an indebtedness of the state. No holder or holders of any such bonds, notes, or other obligations shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the state nor to enforce the payment thereof against the state; and

(7) Any nonprofit corporation created pursuant to this Code section shall not acquire or hold a fee simple interest in real property by any method, including but not limited to gift, purchase, condemnation, devise, court order, and exchange.

(b.1)(1) Pursuant to this Code section, the office may establish a nonprofit corporation to be designated as the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to promote Public-Private Partnerships between businesses, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, local school systems, and public schools, for the purpose of improving student achievement. Funds received by the foundation may be awarded through a competitive grant process administered by the office. The General Assembly may appropriate funds for purposes of this foundation beginning in Fiscal Year 2015.

(2)(A) Such foundation shall also be authorized to receive donations from taxpayers pursuant to Code Section 48-7-29.21 for the purpose of awarding grants to public schools for the implementation of academic and organizational innovations to improve student achievement, with priority given to schools that have performed in the lowest 5 percent of schools in this state identified in accordance with the state-



wide accountability system established in the state plan pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, and for the dissemination of information regarding successful innovations to other public schools in this state. Funds received by the foundation for such purpose may be awarded through a competitive grant process administered by the office. The criteria for awarding such grants shall include the potential to which the innovation is likely to result in the proposed improvement, the potential for widespread adoption of such innovation by other public schools in the state, the quality of the proposed project design, the reasonableness of the costs involved in conducting the project, and such other criteria which the office may deem appropriate and necessary. The foundation shall not be authorized to withhold any funds to cover costs incurred in administering the grant process.

(B) The foundation shall report to the Department of Revenue, on a form provided by the Department of Revenue, by January 12 of each tax year the following:

(i) The total number and dollar value of donations and tax credits approved. Individual contributions shall include contributions made by those filing income tax returns as a single individual or head of household and those filing joint returns;

(ii) The total number and dollar value of corporate donations and tax credits approved;

(iii) The total number and dollar value of grants awarded to public schools; and

(iv) A list of donors, including the dollar value of each donation and the dollar value of each approved tax credit.

The Department of Revenue shall post on its website the information received pursuant to divisions (i) through (iii) of this subparagraph.

(C) Except for the information reported pursuant to divisions (i) through (iii) of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, all information or reports provided by the foundation to the Department of Revenue shall be confidential taxpayer information, governed by Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, whether it relates to the donor or the foundation.

(c) Any nonprofit corporation created pursuant to this Code section shall make public and provide an annual report showing the identity of all donors and the amount each person or entity donated as well as all expenditures or other disposal of money or property donated, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (b.1) of this Code section. Such report shall be provided to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee. Any such nonprofit corporation shall also provide such persons with a copy of all corporate filings with the federal Internal Revenue Service."

## **SECTION 2.**

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-7-29.21.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Qualified education donation' means a donation made by a taxpayer to the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation for the purpose of awarding grants to public schools in this state pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b.1) of Code Section 20-14-26.1.

(2) 'Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation' or 'foundation' means the foundation established pursuant to subsection (b.1) of Code Section 20-14-26.1.

(b) An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified education donations as follows:

(1) In the case of a single individual or a head of household, the actual amount donated or \$1,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less;

(2) In the case of a married couple filing a joint return, the actual amount donated or \$2,500.00 per tax year, whichever is less; or

(3) Anything to the contrary contained in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection notwithstanding, in the case of an individual who is a member of a limited liability company duly formed under state law, a shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or a partner in a partnership, the amount donated or \$10,000.00 per tax year, whichever is less; provided, however, that tax credits pursuant to this paragraph shall only be allowed for the portion of the income on which such tax was actually paid by such member of the limited liability company, shareholder of a Subchapter 'S' corporation, or partner in a partnership.

(c) A corporation or other entity shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for qualified education donations in an amount not to exceed the actual amount donated or 75 percent of the corporation's income tax liability, whichever is less.

(d)(1) The tax credit shall not be allowed if the taxpayer designates the taxpayer's qualified education donation for the direct benefit of any particular school or program which the taxpayer's child or children attend.

(2) In soliciting donations, the foundation shall not represent that, in exchange for donating to the foundation, the school a taxpayer's child or children attend shall receive a grant pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b.1) of Code Section 20-14-26.1.

(e) In no event shall the total amount of the tax credit under this Code section for a taxable year exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused tax credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against the succeeding five years' tax liability. No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(f)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed \$5 million per tax year.

(2) The commissioner shall allow the tax credits on a first come, first served basis.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the foundation shall notify a potential donor of the requirements of this Code section. Before making a donation to the foundation, the taxpayer shall electronically notify the department, in a manner

specified by the department, of the total amount of donations that the taxpayer intends to make to the foundation. The commissioner shall preapprove or deny the requested amount within 30 days after receiving the request from the taxpayer and shall provide notice to the taxpayer and the foundation of such preapproval or denial which shall not require any signed release or notarized approval by the taxpayer. In order to receive a tax credit under this Code section, the taxpayer shall make the donation to the foundation within 60 days after receiving notice from the department that the requested amount was preapproved. If the taxpayer does not comply with this paragraph, the commissioner shall not include this preapproved donation amount when calculating the limit prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall establish a web based donation approval process to implement this subsection.

(4) Preapproval of donations by the commissioner shall be based solely on the availability of tax credits subject to the aggregate total limit established under paragraph (1) of this subsection. The department shall maintain an ongoing, current list on its website of the amount of tax credits available under this Code section.

(g) In order for the taxpayer to claim a tax credit under this Code section, a confirmation of receipt of donation issued by the foundation shall be attached to the taxpayer's income tax return. However, in the event the taxpayer files an electronic return, such confirmation shall only be required to be electronically attached to the return if the Internal Revenue Service allows such attachments when the return is transmitted to the department. In the event the taxpayer files an electronic return and such confirmation is not attached because the Internal Revenue Service does not, at the time of such electronic filing, allow electronic attachments to the Georgia return, such confirmation shall be maintained by the taxpayer and made available upon request by the commissioner. The confirmation of receipt of donation shall contain the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, the amount of the donation, the date of the donation, and the amount of the credit.

(h) No credit shall be allowed under this Code section with respect to any amount deducted from taxable net income by the taxpayer as a charitable contribution to a bona fide charitable organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(i) The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer the tax provisions of this Code section."

### **SECTION 3.**

(a) This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

(b) This Act shall be automatically repealed December 31, 2020.

### **SECTION 4.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Y Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 39, nays 8.

HB 237, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Watson of the 1st asked unanimous consent that HB 405, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 405, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 405. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, Rogers of the 10th, Powell of the 32nd, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the emergency

powers of the Governor, so as to require the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish a state-wide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency declared by the Governor; to provide for a definition; to provide for the certification of organizations and business entities that would be engaged in such transportation and such distribution; to provide for privileges for employees and agents of such organizations and business entities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Watson of the 1st.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 48, nays 0.

HB 405, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 469. By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Epps of the 144th, Tanner of the 9th, Caldwell of the 131st, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for restrictions, limitations, and guidelines for the use of consumer data by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party; to provide standards for reasonable compensation by a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or third party for parts and labor for warranty service work by a dealer; to provide for payments after a stop-sale of a motor vehicle in certain instances; to provide for right of first refusal; to correct a cross-reference; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 472. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Watson of the 172nd, Powell of the 32nd and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to driving on right side of roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely, so as to provide for an exception for following requirements for vehicles following in a procession when speed of the non-leading, participating vehicles are coordinated automatically; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Senators were excused as Conferees:

Burke of the 11th

Orrock of the 36th

Tillery of the 19th

Senator Martin of the 9th asked unanimous consent that HB 92, having been placed on the Table on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, be taken from the Table.

The consent was granted, and pursuant to Senate Rule 4-2.9(a), HB 92, having been taken from the Table, was put upon its passage.

HB 92. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hugley of the 136th, Maxwell of the 17th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of

automobile or motorcycle policies, so as to expand the definition of policy to include policies issued by the same insurer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Sponsor: Senator Martin of the 9th.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor offered the following substitute to HB 92:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 33-24-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of automobile or motorcycle policies, so as to expand the definition of policy to include policies issued by the same insurer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 33-24-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of automobile or motorcycle policies, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(1) 'Policy' means a policy, or policies issued by the same insurer, insuring a natural person as named insured or one or more related individuals resident of the same household and which provides bodily injury coverage and property damage liability coverage, personal injury protection, physical damage coverage, medical payments coverage, or uninsured motorists' protection coverage or any combination of coverages and under which the insured vehicles designated in the policy are of the following types only:

(A) Any motor vehicle of the private passenger, station wagon, or jeep type or a motorcycle that is not used as a public or livery conveyance for passengers nor rented to others; or

(B) Any other four-wheel motor vehicle with a load capacity of 1,500 pounds or less which is not used in the occupation or professional business of the insured; provided, however, that this Code section shall not apply to policies of automobile liability insurance issued under the Georgia Automobile Insurance Plan nor to any policy insuring an automobile which is one of more than four insured under a single policy nor to any policy covering garage, automobile sales agency, repair shop, service station, or public parking place operation hazards."

**SECTION 2.**

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

On the adoption of the substitute, there were no objections, and the committee substitute was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	P Shafer
E Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	E Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Henson		

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 44, nays 0.

HB 92, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Senator Jones of the 25th was excused as a Conferee.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 201. By Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for



conditions to take leave; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to provide for definitions; to provide for conditions to take leave; to provide for applicability; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"34-1-10.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Employee' means an individual who works for salary, wages, or other remuneration for an employer for at least 30 hours per week.

(2) 'Employee stock ownership plan' shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. Section 4975(e)(7).

(3) 'Employer' means any individual or entity that employs 25 or more employees and shall include the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities.

(4) 'Immediate family member' means an employee's child, spouse, grandchild, grandparent, or parent or any dependents as shown in the employee's most recent tax return.

(5) 'Sick leave' means time away from work by an employee, due to his or her own incapacity, illness, or injury, for which the employee receives his or her regular salary, wages, or other remuneration. The term 'sick leave' shall not include paid short-term or long-term disability.

(b) An employer that provides sick leave shall allow an employee to use such sick leave for the care of an immediate family member; provided, however, that nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require an employer to offer sick leave or to require an employer to allow an employee to use more than five days of earned sick leave per calendar year for the care of an immediate family member.

(c) An employee shall not be entitled to use sick leave under this Code section until that leave has been earned. Any employee who uses such sick leave shall comply with

the terms of the employer's employee sick leave policy.

(d) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to create a new cause of action against an employer.

(e) This Code section shall not apply to any employer that offers to their employees an employee stock ownership plan.

(f) This Code section shall be repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2020, unless extended by an Act of the General Assembly.

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Williams of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 201.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	N Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	P Shafer
E Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	E Tillery
N Ginn	Lucas	Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 31, nays 14; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 201.

The President resumed the Chair.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 125. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st, Williams of the 168th, Gordon of the 163rd and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to create an exemption for certain tangible personal property sold or used to maintain, refit, or repair a boat during a single event to the extent that the aggregate value of such property exceeds \$500,000.00; to provide definitions; to provide for related rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Finance substitute to HB 125 (LC 34 5201S) by deleting "2020." on line 30 and inserting in lieu thereof "2025."*

Senator Watson of the 1st moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 125.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 27, nays 14; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 125.

Senator Watson of the 1st moved that the Senate reconsider its action in not agreeing to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 125.

On the motion to reconsider, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	E Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and HB 125 was reconsidered.

Senator Watson of the 1st moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 125.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	E Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
E Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B

Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	E Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 32, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 125.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 87. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Williamson of the 115th, Welch of the 110th, Golick of the 40th, Petrea of the 166th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide for multiple-year registrations for certain types of business organizations; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Secretary of State as necessary to implement such a multiple-year registration process; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 430. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to implement recommendations from the Governor's Education Reform Commission with respect to charter schools; to provide for allotment sheets for charter schools; to provide for the establishment of a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing; to provide for termination and nonrenewal of charters for charter schools that perform

in the bottom quartile on state-wide student performance tests for three consecutive years; to provide for a facilities grant program for charter schools; to define "unused facilities" for purposes of charter schools; to revise provisions relating to funding for state charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 46. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Thompson of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 133. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 6th, Heath of the 31st, Wilkinson of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the corporate net worth tax, so as to make such tax inapplicable to corporations worth less than a certain amount; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to establish an eligible business investment; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain entities may earn credit against the entity's state tax liability; to disallow refundability and sale on the open market of claimed credits; to provide for certification of qualified capital investments; to provide for recapture of credit claimed under certain circumstances; to provide for a request of determination for eligibility; to provide for reporting; to amend

Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the corporate net worth tax, so as to make such tax inapplicable to corporations worth less than a certain amount; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"33-1-25.

(a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act.'

(b) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Affiliate' means an entity that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with another entity. For the purposes of this Code section, an entity is 'controlled by' another entity if the controlling entity holds, directly or indirectly, the majority voting or ownership interest in the controlled entity or has control over the day-to-day operations of the controlled entity by contract or by law.

(2) 'Applicable percentage' means 0 percent for the first two credit allowance dates and 15 percent for the next four credit allowance dates.

(4) 'Capital investment' means any equity investment in a rural fund by a rural investor that:

(A) Is acquired after the effective date of this Code section at its original issuance solely in exchange for cash;

(B) Has 100 percent of its cash purchase price used by the rural fund to make qualified investments in eligible businesses located in this state by the second anniversary of the initial credit allowance date; and

(C) Is designated by the rural fund as a capital investment under this Code section and is certified by the department pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section. This term shall include any capital investment that does not meet the provisions of subsection (e)(1)(A) of this Code section if such investment was a capital investment in the hands of a prior holder.

(5) 'Credit allowance date' mean the date on which a capital investment is made and each of the five anniversary dates of such date thereafter.

(5.1) 'Department' means the Department of Community Affairs.

(6) 'Eligible business' means a business that, at the time of the initial qualified investment in the company:

(A) Has less than 250 employees; and

(B)(i) Has its principal business operations in one or more rural areas in this state; and

(ii) Produces or provides any goods or services produced in Georgia normally used by farmers, ranchers, or producers and harvesters of aquatic products in their business operations, or to improve the welfare or livelihood of such persons, or is involved in the processing and marketing of agricultural products, farm supplies, and input suppliers, or is engaged in agribusiness as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, or is engaged in manufacturing, health care, technology, transportation, or related services, or if not engaged in such industries, the department determines that such investment will be beneficial to the rural area and the economic growth of the state. Any business which is classified as an eligible business at the time of the initial investment in said business by a rural fund shall remain classified as an eligible business and may receive follow-on investments from any rural fund, and such follow-on investments shall be qualified investments even though such business may not meet the definition of an eligible business at the time of such follow-on investments.

(7) 'Eligible distribution' means:

(A) A distribution of cash to one or more equity owners of a rural investor to fully or partially offset a projected increase in the owner's federal or state tax liability, including any penalties and interest, related to the owner's ownership, management, or operation of the rural investor;

(B) A distribution of cash as payment of interest and principal on the debt of the rural investor or rural fund; or

(C) A distribution of cash related to the reasonable costs and expenses of forming, syndicating, managing, and operating the rural investor or the rural fund, or a return of equity to affiliates of a rural investor or rural fund. Such distributions may include reasonable and necessary fees paid for professional services, including legal and accounting services, related to the formation and operation of the rural fund and an annual management fee that shall not exceed 2 percent of the rural fund's qualified investment authority.

(8) 'Principal business operations' means the location where at least 60 percent of a business's employees work or where employees who are paid at least 60 percent of such business's payroll work. A business that has agreed to relocate employees using the proceeds of a qualified investment to establish its principal business operations in a new location shall be deemed to have its principal business operations in such new location if it satisfies these requirements no later than 180 days after receiving a qualified investment.

(9) 'Purchase price' means the amount paid to the rural fund that issues a capital investment which shall not exceed the amount of capital investment authority certified pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section.

(10) 'Qualified investment' means any investment in an eligible business or any loan to an eligible business with a stated maturity date of at least one year after the date of issuance, excluding revolving lines of credit and senior secured debt unless the



eligible business has a credit refusal letter or similar correspondence from a depository institution or a referral letter or similar correspondence from a depository institution referring the business to a rural fund; provided that, with respect to any one eligible business, the maximum amount of investments made in such business by one or more rural funds, on a collective basis with all of the businesses' affiliates, with the proceeds of capital investments shall be the greater of 20 percent of the rural fund's capital investment authority or \$6.5 million, exclusive of investments made with repaid or redeemed investments or interest or profits realized thereon.

(11) 'Rural area' means any county of this state that has a population of less than 50,000 according to the latest decennial census of the United States.

(12) 'Rural fund' means an entity certified by the department under subsection (e) of this Code section.

(13) 'Rural investor' means an entity that makes a capital investment in a rural fund.

(14) 'State tax liability' means any liability incurred by any entity under Code Sections 33-3-26 and 33-8-4 or Code Sections 48-7-21 and 48-7-27, or, if such taxes are eliminated or reduced, the term shall also mean any tax liability imposed on an entity or other person that had tax liability under the laws of this state.

(c) Upon making a capital investment in a rural fund, a rural investor earns a vested right to a credit against such entity's state tax liability that may be utilized on each credit allowance date of such capital investment in an amount equal to the applicable percentage for such credit allowance date multiplied by the purchase price paid to the rural fund for the capital investment. The amount of the credit claimed by a rural investor shall not exceed the amount of such entity's state tax liability for the tax year for which the credit is claimed. Any amount of credit that a rural investor is prohibited from claiming in a taxable year as a result of this Code section may be carried forward for use in any subsequent taxable year. It is the intent of this Act that a rural investor claiming a credit under this Code section is not required to pay any additional tax that may arise as a result of claiming such credit.

(d) No credit claimed under this Code section shall be refundable or saleable on the open market. Credits earned by or allocated to a partnership, limited liability company, or S-corporation may be allocated to the partners, members, or shareholders of such entity for their direct use in accordance with the provisions of any agreement among such partners, members, or shareholders, and a rural fund must notify the department of the names of the entities that are eligible to utilize credits pursuant to an allocation of credits or a change in allocation of credits or due to a transfer of a capital investment upon such allocation, change, or transfer. Such allocation shall be not considered a sale for purposes of this Code section.

(e)(1) A rural fund that seeks to have an equity investment certified as a capital investment and eligible for credits under this Code section shall apply to the department. The department shall begin accepting applications within 90 days of the effective date of this Act. The rural fund shall include the following:

(A) The amount of capital investment requested;

(B) A copy of the applicant's or an affiliate of the applicant's license as a rural

business investment company under 7 U.S.C. Section 2009cc or as a small business investment company under 15 U.S.C. Section 681 and a certificate executed by an executive officer of the applicant attesting that such license remains in effect and has not been revoked;

(C) Evidence that, as of the date the application is submitted, the applicant or affiliates of the applicant have invested at least \$100 million in nonpublic companies located in rural areas within the United States;

(D) An estimate of the number of jobs that will be created or retained in this state as a result of the applicant's qualified investments;

(E) A business plan that includes a revenue impact assessment projecting state and local tax revenue to be generated by the applicant's proposed qualified investments prepared by a nationally recognized, third-party, independent economic forecasting firm using a dynamic economic forecasting model that analyzes the applicant's business plan over the ten years following the date the application is submitted to the department; and

(F) A nonrefundable application fee of \$5,000.00 payable to the department.

(2) Within 30 days after receipt of a completed application, the department shall grant or deny the application in full or in part. The department shall deny the application if:

(A) The applicant does not satisfy all of the criteria described in paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(B) The revenue impact assessment submitted with the application does not demonstrate that the applicant's business plan will result in a positive economic impact on this state over a ten-year period that exceeds the cumulative amount of tax credits that would be issued to the applicant if the application were approved; or

(C) The department has already approved the maximum amount of capital investment authority under paragraph (6) of this subsection.

If the department denies any part of the application, it shall inform the applicant of the grounds for the denial. If the applicant provides any additional information required by the department or otherwise completes its application within 15 days of the notice of denial, the application shall be considered completed as of the original date of submission. If the applicant fails to provide the information or fails to complete its application within the 15 day period, the application remains denied and must be resubmitted in full with a new submission date.

(3) If the application is complete, the department shall certify the proposed equity investment as a capital investment that is eligible for credits under this Code section, subject to the limitations contained in paragraph (6) of this subsection. The department shall provide written notice of the certification to the rural fund.

(4) The department shall certify capital investments in the order that the applications were received by the department. Applications received on the same day shall be deemed to have been received simultaneously.

(5) For applications that are complete and received on the same day, the department shall certify applications in proportionate percentages based upon the ratio of the

amount of capital investments requested in an application to the total amount of capital investments requested in all applications.

(6) The department shall certify \$100 million in capital investments pursuant to this Code section.

(7) Within 60 days of the applicant receiving notice of certification, the rural fund shall issue the capital investment to and receive cash in the amount of the certified amount from a rural investor. At least 50 percent of the rural investor's capital investment shall be composed of capital raised by the rural investor from sources, including directors, members, employees, officers, and affiliates of the rural investor, other than the amount of capital invested by the allocatee claiming the tax credits in exchange for such allocation of tax credits. The rural fund shall provide the department with evidence of the receipt of the cash investment within 65 days of the applicant receiving notice of certification. If the rural fund does not receive the cash investment and issue the capital investment within such time period following receipt of the certification notice, the certification shall lapse and the rural fund shall not issue the capital investment without reapplying to the department for certification. Lapsed certifications revert to the authority and shall be reissued pro rata to applicants whose capital investment allocations were reduced pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection and then in accordance with the application process.

(f)(1) The department may recapture, from a rural investor that claimed the credit on a tax return, the credit allowed under this Code section if:

(A) The rural fund does not invest 100 percent of its capital investment authority in qualified investments in this state within two years of the closing date, with at least 10 percent of its capital investment authority initially invested in eligible businesses engaged in agribusiness as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture and at least 10 percent of such investment shall be equity investments;

(B) The rural fund, after satisfying subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, fails to maintain qualified investments equal to 100 percent of its capital investment authority until the fifth anniversary of the credit allowance date. For the purposes of this subsection, a qualified investment is considered maintained even if the qualified investment was sold or repaid so long as the rural fund reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned or recovered by the rural fund from the original investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in other qualified investments in this state within 12 months of the receipt of such capital. Amounts received periodically by a rural fund shall be treated as continually invested in qualified investments if the amounts are reinvested in one or more qualified investments by the end of the following calendar year. A rural fund shall not be required to reinvest capital returned from qualified investments after the fourth anniversary of the credit allowance date, and such qualified investments shall be considered held continuously by the rural fund through the fifth anniversary of the credit allowance date;

(C) The rural fund, before exiting the program in accordance with subsection (i) of this Code section, makes a distribution or payment that results in the rural fund having less than 100 percent of its capital investment authority invested in qualified

investments in this state or available for investment in qualified investments and held in cash and other marketable securities; or

(D) The rural fund violates subsection (h) of this Code section.

(2) Recaptured credits and the related capital investment authority revert to the department and shall be reissued pro rata to applicants whose capital investment allocations were reduced pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of this Code section and then in accordance with the application process.

(g) Enforcement of each of the recapture provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of this Code section shall be subject to a six-month cure period. No recapture shall occur until the rural fund has been given notice of noncompliance and afforded six months from the date of such notice to cure the noncompliance.

(h) No eligible business that receives a qualified investment under this chapter, or any affiliates of such eligible business, may directly or indirectly:

(1) Own or have the right to acquire an ownership interest in a rural fund or member or affiliate of a rural fund, including, but not limited to, a holder of a capital investment issued by the rural fund; or

(2) Loan to or invest in a rural fund or member or affiliate of a rural fund, including, but not limited to, a holder of a capital investment issued by a rural fund, where the proceeds of such loan or investment are directly or indirectly used to fund or refinance the purchase of a capital investment under this Code section.

(i) On or after the sixth anniversary of the closing date, a rural fund may apply to the department to exit the program and no longer be subject to regulation under this Code section. The department shall respond to the exit application within 30 days of receipt. In evaluating the exit application, the fact that no credits have been recaptured and that the rural fund has not received a notice of recapture that has not been cured pursuant to subsection (g) of this Code section shall be sufficient evidence to prove that the rural fund is eligible for exit. The department shall not unreasonably deny an exit application submitted under this subsection. If the exit application is denied, the notice shall include the reasons for the determination. The state shall receive a 10 percent share of any distributions annually from a rural fund that made a capital investment, other than the amount in excess of equity invested in the rural fund and tax distributions made by the rural fund. A rural fund shall distribute all amounts not held in qualified investments no later than the fourteenth anniversary of the closing date. No claimant of credits pursuant to subsection (c) of this Code section shall receive distributions in excess of an amount that would result in an internal rate of return on capital invested that is more than 20 percent if the number of jobs created is:

(1) Less than 60 percent of the projected jobs in the rural fund's approved business plan, then the state shall receive a penalty of 10 percent of the total tax credits distributed to the rural fund; or

(2) Greater than 60 percent but less than 80 percent of the projected jobs in the rural fund's approved business plan, then the state shall receive a penalty of 5 percent of the total tax credits distributed to the rural fund.

(j) A rural fund, before making a qualified investment, may request from the

department a written opinion as to whether the business in which it proposes to invest is an eligible business. The department, not later than the twentieth business day after the date of receipt of such request, shall notify the rural fund of its determination. If the department fails to notify the rural fund of its determination by the twentieth business day, the business in which the rural fund proposes to invest shall be considered an eligible business.

(k)(1) Rural funds shall submit a report to the department within the first 15 business days after the second anniversary of the initial credit allowance date that provides documentation as to the investment of 100 percent of the purchase price of such capital investment in qualified investments. Such report shall include:

(A) The location of each eligible business receiving a qualified investment;

(B) Bank statements of such rural fund evidencing each qualified investment;

(C) A copy of the written opinion of the department set forth in subsection (j) of this Code section or evidence that such business was an eligible business at the time of such qualified investment, as applicable;

(D) The number of employment positions created and retained as a result of qualified investments;

(E) The average annual salary of positions described in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph; and

(F) Such other information required by the department`.

(2) Thereafter, rural funds shall submit an annual report to the department within 45 days of the beginning of the calendar year during the compliance period. The report shall include but is not limited to the following:

(A) The number of employment positions created and retained as a result of qualified investments; and

(B) The average annual salary of positions described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph."

## **PART II**

### **SECTION 2-1.**

Article 4 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the corporate net worth tax, is amended by revising Code Section 48-13-71, relating to entities exempt from the corporate net worth tax, as follows:

"48-13-71.

The following are exempt from the payment of the tax imposed by this article:

(1) Those organizations not organized for pecuniary gain or profit; and

(2) Insurance companies which are separately taxed; and

(3) Those corporations having a net worth, including capital stock, paid-in surplus, and earned surplus, of no more than \$100,000.00."

### **SECTION 2-2.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 48-13-72, relating to imposition of annual corporate net worth tax on corporations doing business or owning property in

the state, as follows:

"48-13-72.

In addition to all other taxes imposed by law, there is imposed an annual corporate net worth tax on all corporations incorporated under the laws of this state, all domesticated foreign corporations, and all corporations incorporated or organized under the laws of any other state, territory, or nation doing business or owning property in this state for the privilege of carrying on a business within this state in the corporate form, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 48-13-71."

**SECTION 2-3.**

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 48-13-73, relating to the corporate net worth tax amount, as follows:

"48-13-73.

(a) The tax imposed by this article shall be based upon corporate net worth according to the following table:

<u>Corporations with Net Worth</u> <u>Including Issued Capital Stock,</u> <u>Paid-in Surplus, and Earned Surplus</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>of Tax</u>
<del>Not exceeding \$10,000.00</del> . . . . .	<del>\$ 10.00</del>
<del>Over \$10,000.00 and not exceeding \$25,000.00</del> . . . . .	<del>20.00</del>
<del>Over \$25,000.00 and not exceeding \$40,000.00</del> . . . . .	<del>40.00</del>
<del>Over \$40,000.00 and not exceeding \$60,000.00</del> . . . . .	<del>60.00</del>
<del>Over \$60,000.00 and not exceeding \$80,000.00</del> . . . . .	<del>75.00</del>
<del>Over \$80,000.00 and not exceeding \$100,000.00</del> . . . . .	<del>100.00</del>
Over \$100,000.00 and not exceeding \$150,000.00 . . . . .	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
Over \$150,000.00 and not exceeding \$200,000.00 . . . . .	150.00
Over \$200,000.00 and not exceeding \$300,000.00 . . . . .	200.00
Over \$300,000.00 and not exceeding \$500,000.00 . . . . .	250.00
Over \$500,000.00 and not exceeding \$750,000.00 . . . . .	300.00
Over \$750,000.00 and not exceeding \$1,000,000.00 . . . . .	500.00
Over \$1,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$2,000,000.00 . . . . .	750.00
Over \$2,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$4,000,000.00 . . . . .	1,000.00
Over \$4,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$6,000,000.00 . . . . .	1,250.00

Over \$6,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$8,000,000.00 .....	1,500.00
Over \$8,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$10,000,000.00 .....	1,750.00
Over \$10,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$12,000,000.00 .....	2,000.00
Over \$12,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$14,000,000.00 .....	2,500.00
Over \$14,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$16,000,000.00 .....	3,000.00
Over \$16,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$18,000,000.00 .....	3,500.00
Over \$18,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$20,000,000.00 .....	4,000.00
Over \$20,000,000.00 and not exceeding \$22,000,000.00 .....	4,500.00
Over \$22,000,000.00 .....	5,000.00

(b) With respect to any corporation coming into existence or becoming subject to the tax for the first time for an initial taxable period of less than six months, the tax imposed for such period shall be 50 percent of the tax imposed by this article for an entire year."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

- (a) Part I of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017, and shall apply to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.
- (b) Part II of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018, and shall apply to all tax years beginning on or after such date.

**SECTION 3-2.**

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

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 133.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved the previous question.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 23, nays 12; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the motion to agree to the House substitute to SB 133, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 26, nays 23; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House substitute to SB 133.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in failing to agree to the House substitute to SB 133.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker



Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
N Heath  
N Henson

Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
N Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 28, nays 23; the motion prevailed, and SB 133 was reconsidered.

Senator Walker III of the 20th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 133.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

N Albers  
Y Anderson, L  
N Anderson, T  
Y Beach  
Y Black  
Y Brass  
Y Burke  
N Butler  
N Cowser  
N Davenport  
Y Dugan  
N Fort  
Y Ginn  
N Gooch  
N Harbin  
Y Harbison  
Y Harper  
N Heath  
N Henson

N Hill, H  
Y Hill, Ja  
N Hufstetler  
Y Jackson  
Y James  
Y Jeffares  
Jones, B  
N Jones, E  
N Jones, H  
Y Kennedy  
Y Kirk  
N Ligon  
Y Lucas  
Y Martin  
N McKoon  
Y Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

N Orrock  
N Parent  
N Payne  
Y Rhett  
N Seay  
Y Shafer  
Y Sims  
Y Stone  
E Tate  
N Thompson, B  
Y Thompson, C  
Y Tillery  
Tippins  
N Unterman  
Y Walker  
Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
N Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 23; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 133.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

3-30-17

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 133. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

/s/ Burt Jones  
District 25

Senator Jones of the 25th was excused as a Conferee.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 217. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Kelley of the 16th, Knight of the 130th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations in order to receive income tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate Committee on Finance substitute to HB 217 (LC 34 5223S) by deleting lines 15 through 28 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

"(f)(1) In no event shall the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed under this Code section exceed:

(A) Fifty-eight \$58 million per dollars for the tax year ending on December 31, 2017;

(B) Sixty-five million dollars for the tax year ending on December 31, 2018;

(C) Seventy-five million dollars for the tax year ending on December 31, 2019; and

(D) Eighty-five million dollars for the tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

(E) Any portion of the tax credits allowed under this Code section that are not approved by the commissioner, or, if approved, not funded by the taxpayer, shall be applied to the next calendar year in the manner specified by the commissioner.

(2) The commissioner shall allow the tax credits on a first come, first served basis.

*By deleting lines 64 through 75 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(1) With respect to the first \$1.5 million of its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants, must obligate at least ~~90~~ 92 percent of such revenue for scholarships or tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of \$1.5 million and up to and including \$10 million, must obligate at least ~~93~~ 94 percent of such revenue for scholarships and tuition grants; with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of \$10 million and up to and including \$20 million, must obligate at least 94 95 percent of such revenue for scholarships and tuition grants; and, with respect to its annual revenue received from donations for scholarships or tuition grants in excess of \$20 million, must obligate at least ~~95~~ 96 percent of such revenue for scholarships and tuition grants. On or before

*By deleting lines 122 through 124 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

(5) The average scholarship dollar amount by quartile; and

(6) A list of donors, including the dollar value and date of receipt of each donation and the dollar value of each approved tax credit.

*By replacing "(4)" with "~~(4)~~ (5)" on lines 128 and 129.*

Senator Williams of the 27th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 217.

Senator Millar of the 40th moved the previous question.

On the motion, there was no objection; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 217, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	N Jackson	N Rhett
N Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	E Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	N Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
N Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	N Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	N Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
N Harper	Miller	N Wilkinson
N Heath	N Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 12, nays 39; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 217.

Senator Tippins of the 37th moved that the Senate disagree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 217.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Shafer
Y Burke	E Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 48, nays 4; the motion prevailed, and the Senate disagreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 217.

Senator Williams of the 27th was excused for business outside the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 430. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Jones of the 47th, Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th and Nix of the 69th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to implement recommendations from the Governor's Education Reform Commission with respect to charter schools; to provide for allotment sheets for charter schools; to provide for the establishment of a code of principles and standards of charter school authorizing; to provide for termination and nonrenewal of charters for charter schools that perform in the bottom quartile on state-wide student performance tests for three consecutive years; to provide for a facilities grant program for charter schools; to define

"unused facilities" for purposes of charter schools; to revise provisions relating to funding for state charter schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the amendment (AM 33 1721) to the substitute to HB 430 (LC 33 7066S) by striking all matter from line 1 through 100.*

Senator Millar of the 40th moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 430.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	N Kirk	Y Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	N Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	E Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 37, nays 15; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 430.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 153. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Hill of the 4th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hearing aid dealers and dispensers, so

as to exempt certain activities of hearing aid dealers, hearing aid dispensers, and others related to the manufacture and sale of certain nonprescription hearing aids from the applicability of said chapter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-30-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, so as to authorize doctors of optometry to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 43-30-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to optometrists, is amended by revising subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) as follows:

"(C) A doctor of optometry ~~shall not~~ may administer ~~any~~ pharmaceutical ~~agent~~ agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi by injection, except for sub-tenon, retrobulbar, peribulbar, facial nerve block, subconjunctival anesthetic, dermal filler, intravenous injections, intramuscular injections, intraorbital nerve block, intraocular, or botulinum toxin injections, if he or she:

(i) Holds a current license or certificate of registration issued by the board and has obtained a certificate showing successful completion of an injectables training program, sponsored by a school or college of optometry credentialed by the United States Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, consisting of a minimum of 30 hours approved by the board; or

(ii)(I) Is enrolled in an injectables training program, sponsored by a school or college of optometry credentialed by the United States Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, in order to fulfill the requirements of such training program consisting of a minimum of 30 hours approved by the board; and

(II) Is under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under Chapter 34 of this title and board certified in ophthalmology.

(D) Pharmaceutical agents which are used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes ~~and administered orally~~ may only be:

(i)(I) Nonnarcotic oral analgesics, ~~and~~ hydrocodone administered orally, and Schedule III or Schedule IV controlled substances which are oral analgesics;

- (II) Used for ocular pain; and
- (III) Used for no more than 72 hours without consultation with the patient's physician; provided, however, that with respect to hydrocodone, used for no more than 48 hours without consultation with the patient's physician; or
- (ii) ~~Antibiotics, antivirals, corticosteroids, antifungals, antihistamines, or antiglaucoma~~ Other pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances; ~~provided, however, that a doctor of optometry shall not be authorized to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection.~~

Doctors of optometry using such pharmaceutical agents shall be held to the same standard of care imposed by Code Section 51-1-27 as would be applied to a physician licensed under Chapter 34 of this title performing similar acts; provided, however, that a doctor of optometry shall not be authorized to treat systemic diseases."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Brass of the 28th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 153.

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved the previous question.

On the motion, the yeas were 20, nays 11; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the motion to agree to the House substitute to SB 153, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
N Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Rhett
Y Black	N James	Y Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

N Harbison  
N Harper  
N Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
N Miller  
Y Mullis

N Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 30, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 153.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute, as amended by the House, to the following Bill of the House:

HB 155. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Reeves of the 34th, Hatchett of the 150th, Frye of the 118th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 46. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Thompson of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, McKoon of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide for the regulation of certain matters relating to property; to amend Code Section 9-3-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limitations of actions relative to breach of restrictive covenant, so as to provide for accrual periods of rights of action; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to provide for the expansion of a condominium after the declarant's right to expand has expired and provide for procedures for such expansion; to provide for the procedure and right of certain property owners to take control of a condominium association, property owner's association, or entity created pursuant to covenants restricting land to certain uses affecting certain planned subdivisions; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to provide for regulation of certain matters pertaining to rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for the donation of abandoned dividends or capital credits by rural telephone cooperatives for certain purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for venue in proceedings against rural telephone cooperatives; to change certain provisions relating to the bylaws of rural telephone cooperatives; to provide for return of revenues upon the death of a member of a rural telephone cooperative; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 9-3-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limitations of actions relative to breach of restrictive covenant, is amended by revising subsection (c) as

follows:

"(c) For the purpose of this Code section, the right of action shall accrue immediately upon the erection of a permanent fixture which results in a violation of the covenant restricting lands to certain uses or the violation of a set-back line provision. When an alleged violation or complaint is based upon a continuous violation of the covenant resulting from an act or omission, the right of action shall accrue each time such act or omission occurs. This Code section shall not be construed so as to extend any applicable statute of limitations affecting actions in equity."

## SECTION 2.

Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in Code Section 44-3-89, relating to expansion of condominiums and amendments to declarations, as follows:

"44-3-89.

(a) No condominium shall be expanded except in accordance with the provisions of the declaration and this article.

(b) Any expansion shall be deemed to have occurred at the time of the recordation of plats or plans pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 44-3-83 and an amendment to the declaration effecting the expansion duly executed by the declarant, all other owners or lessees of the additional property being added to the condominium, and all mortgages of the additional property being added to the condominium. The amendment shall contain a legal description by metes and bounds of the additional property being added to the condominium and shall reallocate undivided interests in the common elements, votes in the association, and liabilities for future common expenses all in accordance with the provisions of the declaration.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a condominium may be expanded by the association at any time after the declarant's right to expand the condominium has expired, provided that the unit owners of units to which two-thirds of the votes in the association appertain, or such higher amount as may be required by the declaration, exclusive of any vote or votes appurtenant to any unit or units then owned by the declarant, consent to an amendment to the governing documents expanding the condominium under the same terms and conditions as set forth in an explicit reservation of an option or options to expand the condominium contained in the condominium instruments as required by subsection (b) of Code Section 44-3-77; and provided, further, that such explicit reservation existed within the first seven years of the recording of the governing documents. The amendment shall contain a legal description by metes and bounds of the additional property being added to the condominium and shall reallocate undivided interests in the common elements, votes in the association, and liabilities for future common expenses all in accordance with the provisions of the declaration. The amendment shall be executed by all owners or lessees of the additional property being added to the condominium and all mortgagees of the additional property being added to the condominium. Additionally, the agreement of the required majority of unit owners to the amendment shall be evidenced

by their execution of the amendment. In the alternative, the sworn statement of the president, any vice president, or the secretary of the association attached to or incorporated in an amendment executed by the association, which sworn statement states unequivocally that agreement of the required majority was otherwise lawfully obtained and that any notices required under this article were properly given, shall be sufficient to evidence the required agreement."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended in Code Section 44-3-101, relating to control of a condominium association by a declarant, surrender of control to unit owners, liability for books and records, and cancellation of leases and contracts, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c)(1) Notwithstanding and prior to the usual expiration of the period of the declarant's right to control the association pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any condominium instruments, the association's articles of incorporation, or the association's bylaws, the right to control also may pass to the unit owners as provided in this subsection if the declarant fails to do any of the following:

~~(1)(A) incorporate the association~~ Incorporate or maintain an annual registration pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-100;

~~(2)(B) cause~~ Cause the board of directors to be duly appointed and the officers to be elected pursuant to subsection (b) of Code ~~section~~ Section 44-3-100;

~~(3)(C) maintain~~ Maintain and make available to owners, upon written request, a list of the names and business or home addresses of the association's current directors and officers;

~~(4)(D) call~~ Call meetings of the members of the association in accordance with the provisions of the association's bylaws at least annually pursuant to Code Section 44-3-102; ~~or~~

~~(5)(E) prepare~~ Prepare an annual operating budget, ~~and~~ establish the annual assessment, and distribute ~~the~~ such budget and notice of assessment to the owners in accordance with the condominium instruments no later than 30 days after the beginning of the association's fiscal year; or

(F) Pay property taxes on common property of the condominium for two or more years.

(2) In the event that the declarant fails to meet one or more of the obligations of this subsection, then any owner, acting individually or jointly with other owners, may send the declarant written notice of the failure to comply with such requirements and provide the declarant a 30 day opportunity to cure the failure; and such notice shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the declarant's principal office. If the declarant fails to cure any or all deficiencies identified in the notice within 30 days of such notice, then any owner, acting individually or jointly with other owners, ~~may file a petition~~ shall have standing individually, and not solely through a derivative action, to institute an action in the superior court of the county in which any

portion of the condominium is located in order to obtain ~~an order~~ a declaratory judgment to grant the owner or owners control of the association by ordering an election and setting the terms thereof, or issuing any other orders appropriate to transfer control of the association. The superior court shall have authority to hold a hearing and issue a summary ruling on said ~~petition~~ action at any time designated by the court not earlier than 20 days after the service thereof, unless the parties consent in writing to an earlier trial. No discovery shall be had unless ordered by the court for good cause. In addition, the superior court shall be authorized to issue a summary ruling on the conveyance of any intended common areas or other property in the common interest community to the association or other appropriate entity. If the owner or owners prevail in such action, then the superior court shall award to the owner or owners all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred ~~by the owners~~ for the prosecution of such action. This subsection shall not be the basis for any liability against any party or agent of any party outside of the exclusive remedies provided herein."

#### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-3-232.1.

(a) Notwithstanding and prior to the usual expiration of the period of the declarant's right to control the association pursuant to any property owners' association instruments, the association's articles of incorporation, or the association's bylaws, the right to control may pass to the property owners as provided in this Code section if the declarant fails to do any of the following:

(1) Incorporate or maintain an annual registration pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 44-3-227;

(2) Cause the board of directors to be duly appointed and the officers to be elected pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 44-3-227;

(3) Maintain and make available to owners, upon written request, a list of the names and business or home addresses of the association's current directors and officers;

(4) Call meetings of the members of the association in accordance with the provisions of the association's bylaws at least annually pursuant to Code Section 44-3-230;

(5) Prepare an annual operating budget, establish the annual assessment, and distribute such budget and notice of assessment to the owners in accordance with the condominium instruments no later than 30 days after the beginning of the association's fiscal year; or

(6) Pay property taxes on common property of the association for two or more years.

(b) In the event that the declarant fails to meet one or more of the obligations of this Code section, then any owner, acting individually or jointly with other owners, may send the declarant written notice of the failure to comply with such requirements and provide the declarant a 30 day opportunity to cure the failure; and such notice shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the declarant's principal office. If the declarant fails to cure any or all deficiencies identified in the notice within 30

days of such notice, then any owner, acting individually or jointly with other owners, shall have standing individually, and not solely through a derivative action, to institute an action in the superior court of the county in which any portion of the property owner's association is located in order to obtain a declaratory judgment to grant the owner or owners control of the association by ordering an election and setting the terms thereof, or issuing any other orders appropriate to transfer control of the association. The superior court shall have authority to hold a hearing and issue a summary ruling on said action at any time designated by the court not earlier than 20 days after the service thereof, unless the parties consent in writing to an earlier trial. No discovery shall be had unless ordered by the court for good cause. In addition, the superior court shall be authorized to issue a summary ruling on the conveyance of any intended common areas or other property in the common interest community to the association or other appropriate entity. If the owner or owners prevail in such action, then the superior court shall award to the owner or owners all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred for the prosecution of such action. This Code section shall not be the basis for any liability against any party or agent of any party outside of the exclusive remedies provided herein."

#### **SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 44-5-60, relating to covenants running with the land, effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements for use of public, renewal of certain covenants, and costs, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(5)(A) Notwithstanding and prior to the usual expiration of the period of covenants restricting land to certain uses affecting planned subdivisions containing no fewer than 15 individual plots as provided for by this subsection, the right to control any entity formed for the purpose of enforcing such covenants may pass to the subdivision plot owners as provided in this paragraph if such entity fails to do any of the following:

- (i) Incorporate or maintain an annual registration pursuant to the terms of the covenants;
- (ii) Cause the board of directors to be duly appointed and the officers to be elected pursuant to the terms of the covenants;
- (iii) Maintain and make available to owners, upon written request, a list of the names and business or home addresses of the entity's current directors and officers;
- (iv) Call meetings of the members of the entity in accordance with the provisions of the covenants;
- (v) Prepare an annual operating budget, establish the annual assessment, and distribute such budget and notice of assessment to plot owners in accordance with the provisions of the covenants no later than 30 days after the beginning of the entity's fiscal year; or
- (vi) Pay property taxes on common property in the planned subdivision for two or

more years.

(B) In the event that an entity formed for the purpose of enforcing covenants restricting land to certain uses fails to meet one or more of the obligations of this paragraph, then any plot owner, acting individually or jointly with other plot owners, may send such entity written notice of the failure to comply with such requirements and provide the entity a 30 day opportunity to cure the failure; and such notice shall be sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the entity's principal office. If the entity fails to cure any or all deficiencies identified in the notice within 30 days of such notice, then any plot owner, acting individually or jointly with other plot owners, shall have standing individually, and not solely through a derivative action, to institute an action in the superior court of the county in which any portion of the entity is located in order to obtain declaratory judgment to grant the plot owner or owners control of the entity by ordering an election and setting the terms thereof, or issuing any other orders appropriate to transfer control of the entity. The superior court shall have authority to hold a hearing and issue a summary ruling on said action at any time designated by the court not earlier than 20 days after the service thereof, unless the parties consent in writing to an earlier trial. No discovery shall be had unless ordered by the court for good cause. In addition, the superior court shall be authorized to issue a summary ruling on the conveyance of any intended common areas or other property in the common interest community to the association or other appropriate entity. If the plot owner or owners prevail in such action, then the superior court shall award to the plot owner or owners all reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred for the prosecution of such action. This paragraph shall not be the basis for any liability against any party or agent of any party outside of the exclusive remedies provided herein."

#### **SECTION 6.**

Said title is further amended in Chapter 12, relating to rights in personality, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"44-12-236.1.

(a) As used in the Code section, the term:

(1) 'Area' means any county in which a telephone cooperative provides telephone service and any county adjacent thereto.

(2) 'Telephone cooperative' shall have the same meaning as provided for the term 'cooperative' in Code Section 46-5-62.

(3) 'Telephone service' shall have the same meaning as provided for in Code Section 46-5-62.

(b) All patronage dividends or capital credits held by a telephone cooperative that are presumed abandoned pursuant to this article in a given calendar year may, in lieu of payment of delivery to the commissioner pursuant to this article, be donated to a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that supports education or economic development in the area if the telephone cooperative has:

- (1) Maintained for at least six months on the telephone cooperative's website or on a public posting in the telephone cooperative's main office, a list of the names and last known addresses of all owners of property held by the telephone cooperative that have been presumed abandoned, together with instructions on how to claim such property; and
- (2) Published in the legal organ in the county in which the telephone cooperative's main office is located notice of the last date to claim property that has been presumed abandoned. Such notice shall be published within three to six months prior to the last date to claim the property and shall state that the names of the owners may be found at the telephone cooperative's website or main office."

#### SECTION 7.

Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, is amended in Chapter 5, relating to acquisition and loss of property, by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"46-5-64.1.

(a) Venue in proceedings against a cooperative shall be determined in accordance with the Constitution of Georgia and this Code section.

(b) Unless otherwise required by the Constitution of Georgia, a cooperative may be sued only in the county of its residence, as described below:

(1) Each cooperative authorized to transact business in this state shall be deemed to reside in the county where its registered office is maintained. If any such cooperative fails to maintain a registered office, it shall be deemed to reside in the county in this state where its last named registered office or principal office, as shown by the records of the Secretary of State, was maintained;

(2) Each cooperative authorized to transact business in this state shall be deemed to reside and may be sued on contracts in the county in which the contract sought to be enforced was made or is to be performed, if it has an office and transacts business in that county; or

(3) Each cooperative authorized to transact business in this state shall be deemed to reside, and may be sued for damages because of torts, wrong, or injury done, in the county where the cause of action originated, if it has an office and transacts business in that county."

#### SECTION 8.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 46-5-78, relating to bylaws of cooperative generally, as follows:

"46-5-78.

The board of directors shall adopt the first bylaws of a cooperative to be adopted following an incorporation, conversion, combined consolidation and conversion, merger, or consolidation. Thereafter, the board of directors shall have the power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws, or adopt new bylaws, unless such power is reserved exclusively to the members of the cooperative by this part, the articles of incorporation,

or bylaws previously adopted by the members; provided, however, that any bylaws adopted by the board of directors may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the members. The members may prescribe that any bylaws adopted by them shall not be altered, amended, or repealed by the board of directors. The members shall may adopt, amend, or repeal the bylaws by the affirmative vote of a majority of those members voting thereon at a meeting of the members. The bylaws shall set forth the rights and duties of members, directors, and shareholders, if any, and may contain other provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the cooperative not inconsistent with this part or with its articles of incorporation."

### SECTION 9.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"46-5-92.1.

(a) Unless the bylaws provide otherwise, upon the death of a member or former member who is a natural person, the board of directors shall have authority, but shall not be required, to pay revenues allocated but not previously paid to such member or former member.

(b) If the member or former member dies testate, such payments shall be made to the person who is the executor of the estate of the decedent at the time of the payment.

(c) If the member or former member dies intestate and the cooperative is provided a copy of letters of administration for the estate of the decedent, such payments shall be made to the administrator of the estate named therein.

(d) If the member or former member dies intestate and the cooperative is not provided a copy of letters of administration of the estate of the deceased and such payment is \$2,500.00 or less, such payment shall be made to the persons listed below and according to the priority indicated:

(1) To the surviving spouse of the decedent;

(2) If no surviving spouse, then to the surviving children of the decedent, pro rata;

(3) If no surviving children, then to the surviving mother and father of the decedent, pro rata; or

(4) If no surviving parent, then to the surviving brothers and sisters of the decedent, pro rata.

(e) If the member or former member dies intestate and the cooperative is not provided a copy of the letters of administration and such payment is greater than \$2,500.00, such payment shall be made to the person entitled thereto under the laws of descent and distribution of this state.

(f) Payment to the persons listed in subsections (b) through (e) of this Code section shall operate as a complete acquittal and discharge to the cooperative from any action, claim, or demand of whatever nature for the amount so paid by any heir, distributee, or creditor of the decedent or any other person. Payment to such persons is authorized to be made as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this Code section without the administration of the estate of the decedent and without the necessity of obtaining an order that no administration is necessary."



**SECTION 10.**

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

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 46.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Lucas	Y Tippins
Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 50, nays 1; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 46.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 30, 2017

Due to business outside the Senate Chamber, I missed the vote on SB 46. Had I been present, I would have voted "YES".

/s/ Tonya Anderson  
District 43

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed, by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the Senate:

SB 87. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to provide for the discharge of judgments against exempt property in bankruptcy; to provide for procedure; to provide for the effect of an order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has agreed to the Senate substitute to the following Bill of the House:

HB 237. By Representatives Coleman of the 97th, England of the 116th, Casas of the 107th, Chandler of the 105th, Nix of the 69th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and to revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to receive private donations to be used for grants to public schools; to provide for grant criteria; to provide for an income tax credit for qualified education donations; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to such donations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

HB 155. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Reeves of the 34th, Hatchett of the 150th, Frye of the 118th, Hawkins of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process

related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House amendment to the Senate substitute was as follows:

*Amend the Senate substitute to HB 155 (LC 43 0685S) by replacing line 22 with the following:*

prepares and rehearses a minimum of seven days within this state and

*By replacing lines 70 through 73 with the following:*

(c) A production company that invests in a state certified production shall be allowed an income tax credit against the tax imposed under this article if such production company's qualified production expenditures equal or exceed the spending threshold as follows:

(1) A production company shall be allowed a tax credit equal to 15 percent of such production company's qualified production expenditures; and

(2) A production company shall be allowed an additional tax credit equal to 5 percent for such production company's qualified production expenditures incurred in a county designated as tier 1 or tier 2 by the commissioner of community affairs pursuant to Code Section 48-7-40.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd moved that the Senate agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 155.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	N Ligon	Y Tillery
Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker

Harbison  
Y Harper  
N Heath  
Y Henson

Y Millar  
Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
N Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 40, nays 7; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate substitute to HB 155.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 87. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Anderson of the 24th, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to provide for the discharge of judgments against exempt property in bankruptcy; to provide for procedure; to provide for the effect of an order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to add assets in health savings accounts and medical savings accounts to the list of property that is exempt from bankruptcy to provide for the cancellation of judgment liens against certain property in bankruptcy; to provide for procedure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, is amended in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) by deleting "and" at the end of subparagraph (E), by replacing the period with "; and" at the end of subparagraph (F), and by adding a new subparagraph and a new subsection to read as follows:

"(G) Moneys paid into or out of, the assets of, and the income of a health savings account or medical savings account authorized under Chapter 51 of Title 33 or Sections 220 and 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."

- (d)(1) At any time after closing of a case filed pursuant to an act of Congress relating to bankruptcy, the debtor, his or her receiver or trustee, or any interested party may file with a clerk of court where a judgment lien is recorded an affidavit of lien release and shall attach thereto a certified copy of the discharge of such bankrupt or debtor and a lien avoidance order, or a certified copy of the order of confirmation of a plan and the plan as confirmed, together with a copy of the portions of the schedules filed by the debtor in the bankruptcy case listing the judgment creditor and identifying property as exempt. In addition, the filer shall certify that no order has been entered in the bankruptcy limiting the discharge as to the judgment or retaining the judgment lien.
- (2) Upon filing such affidavit, the lien of such judgment shall be deemed cancelled as to:
- (A) Any property which was:
- (i) Identified as exempt and for which a lien avoidance order was issued; or
- (ii) Re-vested in the debtor without lien retention under a plan; and
- (B) Any other property acquired by the debtor after the filing of the bankruptcy petition.
- (3) The clerk of court shall file such affidavit in the deed records and index the recording information as to the affidavit of lien release on the judgment lien in the appropriate lien record."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Stone of the 23rd moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 87.

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker

Harbison  
 Y Harper  
 Y Heath  
 Y Henson

Y Millar  
 Y Miller  
 Y Mullis

Y Watson  
 Y Wilkinson  
 Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 52, nays 0; the motion prevailed, and the Senate agreed to the House substitute to SB 87.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 216. By Senators Henson of the 41st and Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-109.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration, collection, and disbursement of the equalized homestead option sales tax, so as to eliminate a provision providing for the per capita share of certain municipalities to be paid to the county governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 AN ACT

To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to change the provisions regarding the furnishing of sales and use tax information to municipalities and counties; to provide for additional procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for a criminal penalty; to provide that no interest shall be paid on certain refunds of sales and use taxes to certain purchasers under certain circumstances; to revise procedures, conditions, and limitations relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures; to authorize promulgation of regulations; to provide for preapproval of additional tax credits for current recipients of tax credits; to require the Department of Revenue to establish and maintain a direct pay permit program that permits a qualified taxpayer to accrue and pay directly to the department certain state and local sales and use taxes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is amended by repealing and reserving subsection (d) of Code Section 48-2-15, relating to

confidential information secured in the administration of taxes, and enacting a new subsection to read as follows:

~~"(d) Notwithstanding this Code section, the commissioner, upon request by resolution of the governing authority of any municipality of this state having a population of 350,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1970 or any future such census, shall furnish to the finance officer or taxing official of the municipality any pertinent tax information from state tax returns to be used by those officials in the discharge of their official duties. Any information so furnished shall retain, in the hands of the local officials, its privileged and confidential nature to the same extent and under the same conditions as that information is privileged and confidential in the hands of the commissioner. The commissioner may make a nominal charge for any information so furnished, not to exceed the actual cost of furnishing the information. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the use of the information as evidence in any state or federal court in the event of litigation involving any municipal or county tax liability of a taxpayer. Reserved.~~

(d.1)(1) Notwithstanding this Code section, the commissioner, upon request by resolution of the governing authority of any county, consolidated government, or municipality of this state, shall furnish to the designated finance officer or taxing official of the county, consolidated government, or municipality information included on the vendor's sales tax certificate for all vendors that have filed a report for the designated period, to be used by such designated officer or official in the discharge of his or her official duties.

(2)(A) Such designated officer or official shall not be authorized to contact in any manner any taxpayer identified in such confidential information.

(B) Such designated officer or official to whom such confidential information is provided under this subsection may request the commissioner to validate the political subdivision to which a taxpayer with a business location within the political subdivision has remitted sales and use taxes for the designated period. Upon inquiry by such designated officer or official, the commissioner shall, within thirty days, respond to the inquiry and validate that the sales tax being collected from a taxpayer is being remitted to the proper political subdivision and take other appropriate action as provided by law.

(C) Any information furnished under this subsection to such designated officer or official shall retain its privileged and confidential nature to the same extent and under the same conditions as such information is privileged and confidential in the hands of the commissioner.

(3) Any such information furnished under this subsection shall constitute confidential tax information for purposes of paragraph (2) of Code Section 50-14-2 and paragraph (43) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-18-72 and shall not be discussed or disclosed except as specifically authorized under this subsection.

(4) Such information may be discussed with or disclosed to the members of the governing authority of such county or municipality levying a tax pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 8 of this title, but only when the members of such

governing authority are in executive session as defined in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-14-1. In the event of such discussion with or disclosure to the members of such governing authority, any such information so discussed or disclosed shall retain its privileged and confidential nature to the same extent and under the same conditions as such information is privileged and confidential in the hands of the commissioner and any further disclosure by the members of such governing authority is prohibited. Prior to such discussion with or disclosure to the members of such governing authority, any member of the governing authority who has a conflict of interest shall be required to recuse himself or herself from the executive session. For purposes of such recusal, a conflict of interest shall include, but not be limited to, engaging in similar business to those which are identified in the confidential information or having a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, in such matter which is incompatible with the impartial and proper discharge of that person's official duties, which would tend to impair the independence of that person's judgment or actions, or which would make such person privy to information that would provide a competitive business advantage.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to divulge confidential tax information in violation of this subsection. Any person who violates this paragraph shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the same penalties that would apply to an employee of the department convicted of divulging confidential tax information.

(6) The commissioner may make a nominal charge for any information so furnished, not to exceed the actual cost of furnishing the information; provided, however, that any such charge shall be in addition to the 1 percent administrative fee otherwise allowed to the commissioner for defraying the cost of collecting a local sales and use tax.

(7) Nothing contained in this subsection shall prevent or be construed to prevent:

(A) The use of the information as evidence in any state or federal court in the event of litigation involving any municipal or county tax liability of a taxpayer; or

(B) The release of the information pursuant to a subpoena or court order."

## **SECTION 2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 48-2-35.1, relating to refunds of sales and use taxes, as follows:

"(a)(1) If a certificate or exemption determination letter issued by the commissioner certifying that the purchaser is entitled to purchase tangible personal property or taxable services without the payment of sales and use tax has not been obtained and used prior to purchasing such tangible personal property or taxable services, a refund of sales and use taxes shall be made to such purchaser without interest.

(2)(A) For refunds of overpayments of state and local sales and use taxes made pursuant to a direct payment permit issued in accordance with Code Section 48-8-49.1, interest shall be paid on the overpaid amount of the taxes or fees pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-2-35; however, if a taxpayer has overpaid its actual liability by 15 percent or more for any one payment during a filing period,



interest shall not be paid on any overpaid amounts by such taxpayer for all of such filing period, unless such taxpayer demonstrates to the commissioner a good faith effort to avoid such overpayment.

(B) Interest shall only be paid pursuant to this paragraph after the calculation of net payments at the end of a filing period.

(C) The commissioner shall pay and a taxpayer shall not waive the interest on refunds owed to such taxpayer pursuant to this paragraph.

(D) In the event of an underpayment of state and local sales and use taxes made pursuant to a direct payment permit issued in accordance with Code Section 48-8-49.1, interest shall be paid on the underpaid amount of the taxes or fees pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 48-2-35; however, such interest shall not begin accruing until the earlier of 90 days following purchase or the date of first use of such personal property or taxable services."

### SECTION 3.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, as follows:

"48-7-29.8.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Certified rehabilitation' means repairs or alterations to a certified structure which are certified by the Department of Natural Resources as meeting the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation or the Georgia Standards for Rehabilitation as provided by the Department of Natural Resources.

(2) 'Certified structure' means a historic building or structure that is located within a national historic district, individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually listed in the Georgia Register of Historic Places, or is certified by the Department of Natural Resources as contributing to the historic significance of a Georgia Register Historic District.

(3) 'Historic home' means a certified structure which, or any portion of which is or will, within a reasonable period, be owned and used as the principal residence of the person claiming the tax credit allowed under this Code section. Historic home shall include any structure or group of structures that constitute a multifamily or multipurpose structure, including a cooperative or condominium. If only a portion of a building is used as such person's principal residence, only those qualified rehabilitation expenditures that are properly allocable to such portion shall be deemed to be made to a historic home.

(4) 'Qualified rehabilitation expenditure' means any qualified rehabilitation expenditure as defined by Section 47(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amount properly chargeable to a capital account expended in the substantial rehabilitation of a structure that by the end of the taxable year in which the certified rehabilitation is completed is a certified structure. This term does not include the cost of acquisition of the certified structure, the cost attributable to enlargement or additions to an existing building, site preparation, or personal property.

(5) 'Substantial rehabilitation' means rehabilitation of a certified structure for which the qualified rehabilitation expenditures, at least 5 percent of which must be allocable to the exterior during the 24 month period selected by the taxpayer ending with or within the taxable year, exceed:

(A) For a historic home, the lesser of \$25,000.00 or 50 percent of the adjusted basis of the property as defined in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of Code Section 48-5-7.2; or, in the case of a historic home located in a target area, \$5,000.00; or

(B) For any other certified structure, the greater of \$5,000.00 or the adjusted basis of the property.

(6) 'Target area' means a qualified census tract under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, found in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development document number N-94-3821; FR-3796-N-01.

(b) A taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit against the tax imposed by this chapter ~~for the taxable year in which~~ at such time as the certified rehabilitation is completed:

(1) In the case of a historic home, equal to 25 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures, except that, in the case of a historic home located within a target area, an additional credit equal to 5 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures shall be allowed; and

(2) In the case of any other certified structure, equal to 25 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

Qualified rehabilitation expenditures may only be counted once in determining the amount of the tax credit available, and more than one entity may not claim a credit for the same qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

(c)(1) In no event shall credits for a historic home exceed \$100,000.00 in any 120 month period.

(2) The maximum credit for any other individual certified structure shall be \$5 million for any taxable year, except in the case that the project creates 200 or more full-time, permanent jobs or \$5 million in annual payroll within two years of the placed in service date, in which case the project is eligible for credits up to \$10 million for an individual certified structure. In no event shall more than one application for any individual certified structure under this paragraph be approved in any 120 month period.

(3) In no event shall credits issued under this Code section for projects earning more than \$300,000.00 in credits exceed in the aggregate ~~\$25 million~~ \$30 million per calendar year.

(d)(1) A taxpayer seeking to claim a tax credit under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall submit an application to the commissioner for preapproval of such tax credit. An applicant shall, at the time of application, either own the real property for which said tax credit is to be claimed, or be a party to a written purchase contract, written option contract, written lease-purchase contract, or written lease having a term of more than 40 years. Such application shall include a precertification from the Department of Natural Resources certifying that the improvements to the certified structure are to be consistent with the Department of Natural Resources

Standards for Rehabilitation. The ~~Department~~ department shall have the authority to require electronic submission of such application in the manner specified by the department. The commissioner shall preapprove the tax credits within 30 days based on the order in which properly completed applications were submitted. In the event that two or more applications were submitted on the same day and the amount of funds available will not be sufficient to fully fund the tax credits requested, the commissioner shall prorate the available funds between or among the applicants. For applications on projects over the annual ~~\$25 million~~ \$30 million limitation, those applications shall be given priority the following year.

(2) In order to be eligible to receive the credit authorized under subsection (b) of this Code section, a taxpayer must attach to the taxpayer's state tax return a copy of the completed certification of the Department of Natural Resources verifying that the improvements to the certified structure are consistent with the Department of Natural Resources Standards for Rehabilitation.

(e)(1) If the credit allowed under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section in any taxable year exceeds the total tax otherwise payable by the taxpayer for that taxable year, the taxpayer may apply the excess as a credit for succeeding years until the earlier of:

- (A) The full amount of the excess is used; or
- (B) The expiration of the tenth taxable year after the taxable year in which the certified rehabilitation has been completed.

(2) Any tax credits with respect to credits earned by a taxpayer under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and previously claimed but not used by such taxpayer against its income tax may be transferred or sold in whole or in part by such taxpayer to another Georgia taxpayer, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) A taxpayer who makes qualified rehabilitation expenditures may sell or assign all or part of the tax credit that may be claimed for such costs and expenses to one or more entities, but no further sale or assignment of any credit previously sold or assigned pursuant to this subparagraph shall be allowed. All such transfers shall be subject to the maximum total limits provided by subsection (c) of this Code section;
- (B) A taxpayer who sells or assigns a credit under this Code section and the entity to which the credit is sold or assigned shall jointly submit written notice of the sale or assignment to the department not later than 30 days after the date of the sale or assignment. The notice must include:
  - (i) The date of the sale or assignment;
  - (ii) The amount of the credit sold or assigned;
  - (iii) The names and federal tax identification numbers of the entity that sold or assigned the credit or part of the credit and the entity to which the credit or part of the credit was sold or assigned; and
  - (iv) The amount of the credit owned by the selling or assigning entity before the sale or assignment and the amount the selling or assigning entity retained, if any, after the sale or assignment;

(C) The sale or assignment of a credit in accordance with this Code section does not

extend the period for which a credit may be carried forward and does not increase the total amount of the credit that may be claimed. After an entity claims a credit for eligible costs and expenses, another entity may not use the same costs and expenses as the basis for claiming a credit; and

(D) Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, a credit earned or purchased by, or assigned to, a partnership, limited liability company, Subchapter 'S' corporation, or other pass-through entity may be allocated to the partners, members, or shareholders of that entity and claimed under this Code section in accordance with the provisions of any agreement among the partners, members, or shareholders of that entity and without regard to the ownership interest of the partners, members, or shareholders in the rehabilitated certified structure, provided that the entity or person that claims the credit must be subject to Georgia tax.

(E) Only a taxpayer who earned a credit, and no subsequent good faith transferee, shall be responsible in the event of a recapture, reduction, disallowance, or other failure related to such credit.

(3) No such credit shall be allowed the taxpayer against prior years' tax liability.

(f) In the case of any rehabilitation which may reasonably be expected to be completed in phases set forth in architectural plans and specifications completed before the rehabilitation begins, a 60 month period may be substituted for the 24 month period provided for in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of this Code section.

(g)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h) of this Code section, in the event a tax credit under this Code section has been claimed and allowed the taxpayer, upon the sale or transfer of the certified structure, the taxpayer shall be authorized to transfer the remaining unused amount of such credit to the purchaser of such certified structure. If a historic home for which a certified rehabilitation has been completed by a nonprofit corporation is sold or transferred, the full amount of the credit to which the nonprofit corporation would be entitled if taxable shall be transferred to the purchaser or transferee at the time of sale or transfer.

(2) Such purchaser shall be subject to the limitations of subsection (e) of this Code section. Such purchaser shall file with such purchaser's tax return a copy of the approval of the rehabilitation by the Department of Natural Resources as provided in subsection (d) and a copy of the form evidencing the transfer of the tax credit.

(3) Such purchaser shall be entitled to rely in good faith on the information contained in and used in connection with obtaining the approval of the credit including, without limitation, the amount of qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

(h)(1) If an owner other than a nonprofit corporation sells a historic home within three years of receiving the credit, the seller shall recapture the credit to the Department of Revenue as follows:

(A) If the property is sold within one year of receiving the credit, the recapture amount will equal the lesser of the credit or the net profit of the sale;

(B) If the property is sold within two years of receiving the credit, the recapture amount will equal the lesser of two-thirds of the credit or the net profit of the sale;

or

- (C) If the property is sold within three years of receiving the credit, the recapture amount will equal the lesser of one-third of the credit or the net profit of the sale.
- (2) The recapture provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a sale resulting from the death of the owner.
- (i)(1) In the event that a taxpayer claims the tax credit under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and leases such certified structure, the department shall aggregate all total sales tax receipts from the certified structure.
- (2) Any taxpayer claiming credits under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall report to the department the average full-time employees employed at the certified structure. A full-time employee for the purposes of this Code section shall mean a person who works a job that requires 30 or more hours per week. Such reports must be submitted to the department for five calendar years following the year in which the credit is claimed by the taxpayer.
- (3) In the event that a taxpayer claims the tax credit under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section and leases such certified structure, the department shall aggregate all total full-time employees at the certified structure.
- (j) Notwithstanding Code Sections 48-2-15, 48-7-60, and 48-7-61, the department shall furnish a report to the chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee by June 30 of each year. Such report shall contain the total sales tax collected in the prior calendar year and the average number of full-time employees at the certified structure and the total value of credits claimed for each taxpayer claiming credits under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section.
- (k) The tax credit allowed under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section, and any recaptured tax credit, shall be allocated among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of the entity owning the project in any manner agreed to by such persons, whether or not such persons are allocated or allowed any portion of any other tax credit with respect to the project.
- (l) The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Revenue shall prescribe such regulations as may be appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Code section.
- (m) The Department of Natural Resources shall report, on an annual basis, on the overall economic activity, usage, and impact to the state from the rehabilitation of eligible properties for which credits provided by this Code section have been allowed."

#### SECTION 4.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"48-8-49.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Direct payment permit' means a license that permits a qualified taxpayer to accrue and pay directly to the department certain state and local sales and use taxes imposed by this chapter.

(2) 'Qualified taxpayer' means a taxpayer that:

(A) Purchased more than \$2 million of tangible personal property in the 12 months prior to application, purchased an annual average amount exceeding \$2 million of tangible personal property during the 36 months prior to application, or met a lower purchase threshold prescribed by the department; and

(B) Was classified under the previous year's federal income tax return under any industry classification code as determined by the commissioner that may facilitate and expedite the collection of the taxes imposed by this chapter or equivalent to one of the following North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes as they existed on January 1, 2017:

(i) National Industry Code 517110 - Wired Telecommunications Carriers;

(ii) National Industry Code 517210 - Wireless Telecommunications Carriers (except Satellite);

(iii) National Industry Code 517410 - Satellite Telecommunications;

(iv) NAICS Industry Code 48111 - Scheduled Air Transportation;

(v) NAICS Industry Code 48211 - Rail Transportation;

(vi) Industry Group Code 4841 - General Freight Trucking;

(vii) Economic Sector Code 21 - Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction;

(viii) Economic Sector Code 22 - Utilities; or

(ix) Economic Sector Codes 31-33 - Manufacturing.

(b) The department shall establish and maintain a direct pay reporting program for the purpose of enabling qualified taxpayers to directly pay to the department taxes that are imposed on qualified taxpayers by this chapter provided that the commissioner may exclude the following:

(1) Purchases of fuels subject to prepaid local tax as such term is defined in Code Section 48-8-2;

(2) Purchases of meals, beverages, or tobacco;

(3) Purchases of local telephone services, transportation of persons, or lodging accommodations and ancillary charges associated with lodging accommodations;

(4) Purchases to places of amusement, entertainment, or athletic events; admissions to displays or exhibitions; participation in games or sports; or charges for the use of amusement devices; or

(5) Rental charges for periods of 31 days or less for motor vehicles required to be titled in this state.

(c) The department shall issue a direct pay permit to a qualified taxpayer upon application in a manner that the department shall prescribe by rule or regulation.

(d) The department shall, at a minimum, provide for the following by rule or regulation:

(1) Certain attestations to be made by a qualified taxpayer in its application for a direct pay permit;

(2) Responsibilities and duties for holders of direct pay permits;

(3) Transferability or nontransferability of direct pay permits;

(4) Expiration and renewal of direct pay permits; and

(5) Revocation of direct pay permits."

**SECTION 5.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017. Section 3 of this Act shall be applicable to certified rehabilitations completed on or after July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 6.**

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

Senator Albers of the 56th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 216 as amended by the following amendment:

*Amend the House substitute to SB 216 (LC 34 5245S) by striking line 11 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

local sales and use taxes; to provide for additional increments to a metropolitan municipal special district sales tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and

*By adding on line 347 a new Section 5 to read as follows:*

**SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 48-8-269.25, relating to procedures, conditions, and limitations for imposition of tax, as follows:

"(3) In any metropolitan municipality special district in which a tax is in effect under this part, proceedings may be commenced, while the tax is in effect, calling for imposition of additional increments to such tax not to exceed the maximum tax authorized by this part or the reimposition of the tax upon the termination of the tax then in effect; and an election may be held at the next scheduled election for this such purpose while the tax is in effect. Such proceedings ~~for the reimposition of a tax under this part~~ shall be in the same manner as proceedings for the initial imposition of the tax, ~~but the newly authorized tax shall not be imposed until the expiration of the tax then in effect.~~"

*By renumbering existing Sections 5 and 6 as Sections 6 and 7, respectively.*

On the motion, a roll call was taken and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
N Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	N Rhett
N Black	N James	N Seay
Y Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone

N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	N Watson
N Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	N Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 23, nays 30; the motion lost, and the Senate did not agree to the House substitute to SB 216 as amended by the Senate.

Senator Miller of the 49th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in not agreeing to the House substitute to SB 216.

On the motion, the yeas were 12, nays 29; the motion lost and SB 216 was not reconsidered.

Senator Heath of the 31st moved that the Senate suspend Senate Rule 2-8.3(b), which requires Conference Committee Reports to be distributed two hours prior to consideration.

Senator Fort of the 39th objected.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	N Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	N Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	N Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
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Y Harbin  
N Harbison  
Y Harper  
Y Heath  
N Henson

N McKoon  
N Millar  
Y Miller  
Y Mullis

Y Walker  
N Watson  
Y Wilkinson  
Y Williams

On the motion, the yeas were 29, nays 25; the motion prevailed, and the Senate suspended the two-hour rule.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 280 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 280 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:

FOR THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Senator Heath of the 31st  
/s/ Senator Kirk of the 13th  
/s/ Senator Ginn of the 47th

/s/ Representative Ballinger of the 23rd  
/s/ Representative Jasperse of the 11th  
/s/ Representative Powell of the 32nd

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 280

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to revise criminal penalties for violations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, is amended in Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) and by revising subsection (c) by deleting "or" at the end of paragraph (18), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of paragraph (19), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(2) Except as provided for in paragraph (20) of subsection (c) of this Code section, any ~~Any~~ license holder who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who is not a license holder who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or both."

"(20)(A) Any weapons carry license holder when he or she is in any building or on real property owned by or leased to any public technical school, vocational school, college, or university, or other public institution of postsecondary education; provided, however, that such exception shall:

(i) Not apply to buildings or property used for athletic sporting events or student housing, including, but not limited to, fraternity and sorority houses;

(ii) Not apply to any preschool or childcare space located within such buildings or real property;

(iii) Not apply to any room or space being used for classes related to a college and career academy or other specialized school as provided for under Code Section 20-4-37;

(iv) Not apply to any room or space being used for classes in which high school students are enrolled through a dual enrollment program, including, but not limited to, classes related to the 'Move on When Ready Act' as provided for under Code Section 20-2-161.3;

(v) Not apply to faculty, staff, or administrative offices or rooms where disciplinary proceedings are conducted;

(vi) Only apply to the carrying of handguns which a licensee is licensed to carry pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 16-11-126 and pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129; and

(vii) Only apply to the carrying of handguns which are concealed.

(B) Any weapons carry license holder who carries a handgun in a manner or in a building, property, room, or space in violation of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that for a conviction of a first offense, such weapons carry license holder shall be punished by a fine of \$25.00 and not be sentenced to serve any term of confinement.

(C) As used in this paragraph, the term:

(i) 'Concealed' means carried in such a fashion that does not actively solicit the attention of others and is not prominently, openly, and intentionally displayed except for purposes of defense of self or others. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, carrying on one's person while such handgun is substantially, but not necessarily completely, covered by an article of clothing which is worn by such person, carrying within a bag of a nondescript nature which is being carried about by such person, or carrying in any other fashion as to not be clearly discernible by the passive observation of others.

(ii) 'Preschool or childcare space' means any room or continuous collection of rooms or any enclosed outdoor facilities which are separated from other spaces by an electronic mechanism or human-staffed point of controlled access and designated for the provision of preschool or childcare services, including, but not limited to, preschool or childcare services licensed or regulated under Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20."

## SECTION 2.

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

Senator Heath of the 31st moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 280.

Senator Martin of the 9th moved the previous question.

Senator Henson of the 41st objected.

On the motion, the yeas were 24, nays 19; the motion prevailed, and the previous question was ordered.

On the motion to adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 280, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
N Beach	N Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	N Seay

Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	N Sims
N Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
N Cowsert	N Jones, H	E Tate
N Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	N Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	N Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 33, nays 21; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 280.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 340 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 340 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd  
/s/ Senator Unterman of the 45th  
Senator Beach of the 21st

FOR THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Representative Blackmon of the 146th  
/s/ Representative Kelley of the 16th  
Representative Powell of the 171st

## COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner for determining fair market value of motor vehicles subject to the tax; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, is amended by deleting "or" at the end of subparagraph (a)(1)(C), striking the period and inserting "; or" at the end of subparagraph (a)(1)(D), and adding a new subparagraph to Code Section 48-5C-1, relating to definitions, exemption from taxation, allocation and disbursement of proceeds collected by tag agents, fair market value of vehicle appealable, and report, as follows:

"(E) For a new motor vehicle that is leased, the total of the base payments pursuant to the lease agreement."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018, and shall apply to all tax years beginning on and after such date.

**SECTION 3.**

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

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 340.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
N Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	N Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate

Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
Y Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 51, nays 2; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 340.

The following communication was received by the Secretary:

March 30, 2017

I inadvertently voted “NO” on HB 340. Please reflect in the Journal that my intent was to vote “YES”.

/s/ Tonya Anderson  
District 43

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

SB 104. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, so as to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to require government entities to have a hyperlink to the human trafficking hotline model notice on their websites; to delete the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on SB 104 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to SB 104 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Senator Henson of the 41st  
/s/ Senator James of the 35th  
/s/ Senator Kennedy of the 18th

FOR THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Representative Oliver of the 82nd  
/s/ Representative Blackmon of the 146th  
/s/ Representative Golick of the 40th

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO SB 104

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to designate the existing crime of hijacking a motor vehicle as being in the first degree and create a new crime of hijacking a motor vehicle in the second degree; to provide for penalties; to change provisions relating to burglary in the second degree involving a vehicle; to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to provide for conforming cross-references; to require the posting of the human trafficking hotline model notice in government buildings; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to delete the sunset provision; to change provisions relating to punishment for the unlawful manufacture, sale, or distribution of a counterfeit or false proof of insurance document; to prohibit the use of a device to film underneath or through an individual's clothing under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to include the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl and related substances within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to change provisions relating to Schedule I and II controlled substances; to amend Code Section 26-4-115 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wholesale drug distributors, so as to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is amended by revising subsections (b) through (d) of Code Section 16-5-44.1, relating to hijacking a motor vehicle, as follows:

"(b)(1) A person commits the offense of hijacking a motor vehicle in the first degree when such person while in possession of a firearm or weapon obtains a motor vehicle from ~~the person~~ an individual or the presence of another individual by force and

violence or intimidation or attempts or conspires to do so.

(2) A person commits the offense of hijacking a motor vehicle in the second degree when such person obtains a motor vehicle from an individual without his or her consent or from the immediate presence of another individual without his or her consent or attempts or conspires to do so.

(c)(1) A person convicted of the offense of hijacking a motor vehicle in the first degree shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than 20 years and a fine of not less than \$10,000.00 nor more than \$100,000.00, provided that any person who has previously committed an offense under the laws of the United States or of Georgia or of any of the several states or of any foreign nation recognized by the United States which if committed in Georgia would have constituted the offense of hijacking a motor vehicle shall be punished by imprisonment for life and a fine of not less than \$100,000.00 nor more than \$500,000.00. The punishment imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall not be deferred, suspended, or probated. For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ paragraph, the term 'state' shall include the District of Columbia and any territory, possession, or dominion of the United States.

(2) A person convicted of the offense of hijacking a motor vehicle in the second degree shall be punished upon a first conviction by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years and a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. Upon a second conviction for hijacking a motor vehicle in the second degree, a person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than three nor more than 15 years and a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. Upon a third or subsequent conviction of hijacking a motor vehicle in the second degree, a person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years and a fine of not more than \$5,000.00.

(d) The offense of hijacking a motor vehicle in the first degree shall be considered a separate offense and shall not merge with any other offense; ~~and the punishment prescribed by subsection (c) of this Code section shall not be deferred, suspended, or probated.~~"

#### **SECTION 1-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 16-7-1, relating to burglary, as follows:

"(c) A person commits the offense of burglary in the second degree when, without authority and with the intent to commit a felony or theft therein, he or she enters or remains within an occupied, unoccupied, or vacant building, structure, ~~vehicle~~, railroad car, watercraft, or aircraft. A person who commits the offense of burglary in the second degree shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years. Upon the second and all subsequent convictions for burglary in the second degree, the defendant shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than eight years."



**PART II**  
**SECTION 2-1.**

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by replacing "hijacking a motor vehicle" with "hijacking a motor vehicle in the first degree" in the following:

- (1) Subparagraph (a)(12)(G) of Code Section 15-11-2, relating to definitions for the Juvenile Code;
- (2) Subparagraph (b)(1)(L) of Code Section 15-11-505, relating to use of detention assessments to determine if detention is warranted and "serious delinquent act" defined;
- (3) Paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 17-6-1, relating to where offenses are bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds; and
- (4) Subparagraph (a)(2)(C) of Code Section 17-6-12, relating to the discretion of the court to release person charged with a crime on person's own recognizance only.

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

Code Section 16-11-131 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to possession of a firearm by convicted felons and first-offender probationers, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

"(e) As used in this Code section, the term 'forcible felony' means any felony which involves the use or threat of physical force or violence against any person and further includes, without limitation, murder; murder in the second degree; burglary in any degree; robbery; armed robbery; home invasion in any degree; kidnapping; hijacking of an aircraft or hijacking a motor vehicle in the first degree; aggravated stalking; rape; aggravated child molestation; aggravated sexual battery; arson in the first degree; the manufacturing, transporting, distribution, or possession of explosives with intent to kill, injure, or intimidate individuals or destroy a public building; terroristic threats; or acts of treason or insurrection."

**SECTION 3-2.**

Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is amended by revising division (a)(11)(A)(vi) of Code Section 17-7-130, relating to proceedings upon plea of mental incompetence to stand trial, as follows:

"(vi) Hijacking of a motor vehicle in the first degree or hijacking an aircraft;"

**SECTION 3-3.**

Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (6) of subsection (a) of Code Section 17-10-9.1, relating to voluntary surrender to county jail or correctional institution, as follows:

"(6) Aircraft hijacking and hijacking of a motor vehicle in the first degree;"

**PART IV**  
**SECTION 4-1.**

Said title is further amended by repealing subsection (e), adding a new subsection, and revising subsections (a), (b), and (d) of Code Section 16-5-47, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in businesses and on Internet and termination, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Adult entertainment establishment' means any place of business or commercial establishment wherein:

(A) The entertainment or activity therein consists of nude or substantially nude persons dancing with or without music or engaged in movements of a sexual nature or movements simulating sexual intercourse, oral copulation, sodomy, or masturbation;

(B) The patron directly or indirectly is charged a fee or required to make a purchase in order to view entertainment or activity which consists of persons exhibiting or modeling lingerie or similar undergarments; or

(C) The patron directly or indirectly is charged a fee to engage in personal contact by employees, devices, or equipment, or by personnel provided by the establishment.

Such term shall include, but shall not be limited to, bathhouses, lingerie modeling studios, and related or similar activities. Such term shall not include businesses or commercial establishments which have as their sole purpose the improvement of health and physical fitness through special equipment and facilities, rather than entertainment.

(2) 'Agricultural products' means raising, growing, harvesting, or storing of crops; feeding, breeding, or managing livestock, equine, or poultry; producing or storing feed for use in the production of livestock, including, but not limited to, cattle, calves, swine, hogs, goats, sheep, equine, and rabbits, or for use in the production of poultry, including, but not limited to, chickens, hens, ratites, and turkeys; producing plants, trees, Christmas trees, fowl, equine, or animals; or ~~the production of~~ producing aquacultural, horticultural, viticultural, silvicultural, grass sod, dairy, livestock, poultry, egg, and apiarian products.

(3) 'Bar' means an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including, but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.

(4) 'Day hauler' means any person who is employed by a farm labor contractor to transport, or who for a fee transports, by motor vehicle, workers to render personal services in connection with the production of any farm products to, for, or under the direction of a third person; provided, however, that such term shall not include a person who produces agricultural products.

(5) 'Farm labor contractor' means any person who, for a fee, employs workers to

render personal services in connection with the production of any farm products to, for, or under the direction of a third person, or who recruits, solicits, supplies, or hires workers on behalf of an employer engaged in the growing or producing of farm products, and who, for a fee, provides in connection therewith one or more of the following services: furnishes board, lodging, or transportation for those workers; supervises, times, checks, counts, weighs, or otherwise directs or measures their work; or disburses wage payments to such persons; provided, however, that such term shall not include a person who produces agricultural products.

(5.1) 'Government building with public access' means a building or portion of a building owned or leased by a government entity.

(5.2) 'Government entity' means an office, agency, authority, department, commission, board, body, division, instrumentality, or institution of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the state government and any county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government within this state.

(6) 'Hotel' means any hotel, inn, or other establishment which offers overnight accommodations to the public for hire.

(7) 'Massage therapist' means a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 24A of Title 43.

(8) 'Primary airport' shall have the same meaning as set forth in 49 U.S.C. Section 47102(16).

(9) 'Substantially nude' means dressed in a manner so as to display any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola or displaying any portion of any person's pubic hair, anus, cleft of the buttocks, vulva, or genitals.

(10) 'Truck stop' means a privately owned and operated facility that provides food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities, and lawful overnight truck parking.

(b) Effective September 15, 2013, the following businesses and other establishments shall post the notice described in subsection (c) of this Code section, or a substantially similar notice, in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, in each public restroom for the business or establishment and either in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the business or establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted:

- (1) Adult entertainment establishments;
- (2) Bars;
- (3) Primary airports;
- (4) Passenger rail or light rail stations;
- (5) Bus stations;
- (6) Truck stops;
- (7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
- (8) Urgent care centers;
- (9) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
- (10) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
- (11) Safety rest areas located along interstate highways in this state;
- (12) Hotels; ~~and~~

(13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or bodywork services by a person who is not a massage therapist; and

(14) Government buildings; provided, however, that in the case of leased property, this paragraph shall only apply to public restrooms that are a part of such lease for exclusive use by the government entity."

"(c.1) Every government entity shall, on the homepage of its website, provide an identified hyperlink to the model notice that is on the Georgia Bureau of Investigation website as provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section.

(d)(1) A law enforcement officer shall notify, in writing, any business or establishment that has failed to comply with this Code section that it has failed to comply with the requirements of this Code section and if it does not correct the violation within 30 days from the date of receipt of the notice, the owner of such business or establishment shall be charged with a violation of this Code section and upon conviction shall be guilty of the misdemeanor offense of failure to post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline number and may be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00; but the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 17 and any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the costs of such prosecution shall not be taxed nor shall any additional penalty, fee, or surcharge to a fine for such offense be assessed against an owner for conviction thereof. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the owner shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00. The notice required by this subsection may be hand delivered to the noncomplying business or establishment or mailed to it at the address of such business or establishment.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to government entities."

## PART V SECTION 5-1.

Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 16-9-5, relating to counterfeit or false proof of insurance document, as follows:

"16-9-5.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'proof of insurance document' means any document issued by, on behalf of, or purportedly on behalf of an insurer to a motor vehicle policyholder or applicant for motor vehicle coverage, which document is designed to constitute proof or evidence of the minimum motor vehicle liability insurance required by law for the purposes of Code Section 40-6-10.

(b)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to manufacture, sell, or distribute a counterfeit or false proof of insurance document.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a counterfeit or false proof of insurance document that he or she knows to be a counterfeit or false proof of insurance document.

(3) A proof of insurance document shall be deemed counterfeit or false if the proof of insurance document has been altered, modified, or originally issued in any manner

which contains false information concerning the insurer, the owner, the motor vehicle, or the insurance thereon.

(c)(1) ~~Any person who violates paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section on the first offense shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~ Any person who violates paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section ~~for the second or any subsequent offense~~ shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 or by imprisonment for not ~~more than three years~~ less than two nor more than ten years, or both.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Code section shall upon conviction be guilty of and be punished as for a misdemeanor."

### PART VA SECTION 5A-1.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-11-91.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Device' means an instrument or apparatus used for observing, photographing, videotaping, recording, or transmitting visual images, including but not limited to a camera, photographic equipment, video equipment, mobile phone, or other similar equipment.

(2) 'Intimate parts' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-6-22.1.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding Code Section 16-11-90, it shall be unlawful for any person to, knowingly and without the consent of the individual observed, use or install a device for the purpose of surreptitiously observing, photographing, videotaping, filming, or video recording such individual underneath or through such individual's clothing, for the purpose of viewing the intimate parts of the body of or the undergarments worn by such individual, under circumstances in which such individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy, regardless of whether it occurs in a public place.

(2) It shall be unlawful to disseminate any image or recording with knowledge that it was taken or obtained in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) Any person convicted of violating this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years, a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both, or in the discretion of the court, as for a misdemeanor.

(d) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply to:

(1) The lawful activities of law enforcement and prosecution agencies; or

(2) A business's or entity's surveillance device used in the ordinary course of its business, provided that signage conspicuously warns of such surveillance and the use of such device is primarily designed to detect unlawful activity.

(e) Any violation of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense and shall not merge with any other crimes set forth in this title."

**PART VI**  
**SECTION 6-1.**

Said title is further amended by revising subparagraph (c)(3)(B) of Code Section 16-13-30, relating to purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana, as follows:

"(B) This paragraph shall not apply to morphine, heroin, ~~or~~ opium, or any substance identified in subparagraph (RR) or (SS) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (13), (14), or (15) of Code Section 16-13-25, or subparagraph (A), (C.5), (F), (U.1), (V), or (V.2) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer; rather, the provisions of Code Section 16-13-31 shall control these substances."

**SECTION 6-2.**

Said title is further amended by revising the introductory language to paragraph (1) of subsection (a), paragraph (2) of subsection (a), subsection (b), and the introductory language to subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine, as follows:

"(a)(1) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state or who is in possession of 28 grams or more of cocaine or of any mixture with a purity of 10 percent or more of cocaine, as described in Schedule II, in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in cocaine and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:"

"(2) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state or who is in possession of any mixture with a purity of less than 10 percent of cocaine, as described in Schedule II, in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in cocaine if the total weight of the mixture multiplied by the percentage of cocaine contained in the mixture exceeds any of the quantities of cocaine specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Upon conviction thereof, such person shall be punished as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, depending upon the quantity of cocaine such person is charged with selling, manufacturing, delivering, or bringing into this state or possessing.

(b) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, brings into this state, or has possession of four grams or more of any morphine, ~~or~~ opium, or substance identified in subparagraph (RR) or (SS) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (13), (14), or (15) of Code Section 16-13-25, or subparagraph (A), (C.5), (F), (U.1), (V), or (V.2) of paragraph (2) of Code Section 16-13-26 or any salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in Schedules I and II, or four grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in illegal drugs and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:

(1) If the quantity of such substances involved is four grams or more, but less than 14 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years and shall pay a fine of \$50,000.00;

(2) If the quantity of such substances involved is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of ten years and shall pay a fine of \$100,000.00; and

(3) If the quantity of such substances involved is 28 grams or more, the person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall pay a fine of \$500,000.00.

(c) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, grows, delivers, brings into this state, or has possession of a quantity of marijuana exceeding ten pounds commits the offense of trafficking in marijuana and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:"

"(d) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state 200 grams or more of methaqualone or of any mixture containing methaqualone, as described in paragraph (6) of Code Section 16-13-25, in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in methaqualone and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:"

"(e) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who sells, delivers, or brings into this state or has possession of 28 grams or more of methamphetamine, amphetamine, or any mixture containing either methamphetamine or amphetamine, as described in Schedule II, in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking in methamphetamine or amphetamine and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:"

"(f) ~~Any~~ Except as authorized by this article, any person who manufactures methamphetamine, amphetamine, or any mixture containing either methamphetamine or amphetamine, as described in Schedule II, in violation of this article commits the felony offense of trafficking methamphetamine or amphetamine and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as follows:"

## **PART VII SECTION 7-1.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-13-25, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, by adding two new subparagraphs to paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(RR) 3,4-dichloro-N-[(1-dimethylamino)cyclohexylmethyl]benzamide (AH-7921);  
(SS) 3,4-dichloro-N-(2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl)-N-methylbenzamide (U-47700);"

## **SECTION 7-2.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-13-25, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, by replacing the period with a semicolon at the end of subparagraph (V) of paragraph (12) and by adding three new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(13) The fentanyl analog structural class, including any of the following derivatives, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, unless specifically utilized as part of the manufacturing process by a commercial industry of a substance or material not intended for human ingestion or consumption, as a prescription administered under

medical supervision, or for research at a recognized institution, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, or salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation or unless specifically excepted or listed in this or another schedule, structurally derived from fentanyl, and whether or not further modified in any of the following ways:

- (A) Substitution anywhere on the phenethyl group with:
  - (i) Alkyl group;
  - (ii) Hydroxyl group;
  - (iii) Halide group;
- (B) Replacement of the phenethyl group with:
  - (i) Thienyl ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (ii) Oxotetrazol ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (iii) Alkyl group;
  - (iv) Thienyl methyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (v) Benzyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (vi) Furanyl ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (vii) Phenyl alkyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (viii) Pyridinyl ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (ix) Diazole ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;



- (IV) Nitro group;
- (x) Thiazole ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
  - (I) Alkyl group;
  - (II) Hydroxyl group;
  - (III) Halide group;
- (xi) Benzoxazinone ethyl group, which can be further substituted with:
  - (I) Alkyl group;
  - (II) Hydroxyl group;
  - (III) Halide group;
- (C) Substitution anywhere on the piperidine ring with:
  - (i) Alkyl group;
  - (ii) Allyl group;
  - (iii) Phenyl group;
  - (iv) Ester group;
  - (v) Ether group;
  - (vi) Pyridine group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (vii) Thiazole group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
  - (viii) Oxadiazole group, which can be further substituted with:
    - (I) Alkyl group;
    - (II) Hydroxyl group;
    - (III) Halide group;
    - (IV) Ether group;
- (D) Substitution anywhere on the propanamide group with:
  - (i) Cyclic alkyl group;
  - (ii) Acyclic alkyl group;
  - (iii) Methoxy group;
- (E) Replacement of the propanamide group with:
  - (i) Acryloyl amino group;
  - (ii) Acetamide group, which itself can be further substituted with a cyclic alkyl group;
  - (iii) Methoxy acetamide group;
  - (iv) Furanyl amide group;
- (F) Substitution anywhere on the phenyl ring with:
  - (i) Halide group;
  - (ii) Methoxy group;
  - (iii) Alkyl group;
- (G) Replacement of the phenyl ring with the pyrazine ring;

(14) The piperidinyl-sulfonamide structural class, including any of the following compounds, derivatives, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, halogen analogues, or homologues, unless specifically utilized as part of the manufacturing process by a commercial industry of a substance or material not intended for human ingestion or consumption, as a prescription administered under medical supervision, or for research at a recognized institution, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, halogen analogues, or homologues is possible within the specific chemical designation or unless specifically excepted or listed in this or another schedule, structurally derived from piperidinyl-sulfonamide, and whether or not further modified in any of the following ways:

(A) By substitution at the 1-position of the piperidinyl ring with any of the following:

- (i) Alkyl group;
- (ii) Phenyl alkyl group;
- (iii) Amino substituted phenyl alkyl group;
- (iv) Nitro substituted phenyl alkyl group;
- (v) Cycloalkyl group;
- (vi) Alkenyl substituent group;

(B) By substitution at the 3-position or 4-position of the piperidinyl ring with any of the following:

- (i) Halide group;
- (ii) Alkyl group;
- (iii) Alkoxy substituent;

(C) By substitution on the sulfonamide with any of the following:

- (i) Pyridyl group;
- (ii) Alkyl group;
- (iii) Phenyl group;
- (iv) Phenyl alkyl group;
- (v) Alkoxy substituted phenyl group;
- (vi) Halogen substituted phenyl group;
- (vii) Nitro substituted phenyl group;
- (viii) Amino substituted phenyl group;
- (ix) Alkanoylamino substituted phenyl group;
- (x) Amido substituted phenyl group;

(15) The 1-cyclohexyl-4-(1,2-diphenylethy)-piperazine (MT-45) structural class, including any of the following derivatives, their salts, isomers, or salts of isomers, unless specifically utilized as part of the manufacturing process by a commercial industry of a substance or material not intended for human ingestion or consumption, as a prescription administered under medical supervision, or for research at a recognized institution, whenever the existence of these salts, isomers, or salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation or unless specifically excepted or listed in this or another schedule, structurally derived from 1-cyclohexyl-4-(1,2-diphenylethy)-piperazine (MT-45), and whether or not further modified in any

of the following ways:

(A) Replacement of the cyclohexyl group with any of the following:

(i) Cycloheptyl group;

(ii) Cyclooctyl group;

(B) Substitution on the diphenyl groups with any of the following:

(i) Hydroxyl group;

(ii) Halide;

(iii) Alkoxy group;

(iv) Alkyl group;

(v) Ester group;

(vi) Phenyl ether group."

#### **SECTION 7-3.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-13-26, relating to Schedule II controlled substances, by adding new subparagraphs to paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(C.5) Carfentanil;"

"(V.2) Thiafentanil;"

#### **SECTION 7-4.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 16-13-26, relating to Schedule II controlled substances, by revising subparagraph (E) of paragraph (3) as follows:

"(E) ~~Carfentanil~~ Reserved;"

### **PART VIII**

#### **SECTION 8-1.**

Code Section 26-4-115 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wholesale drug distributors, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(g) Transfers of drugs from a licensed hospital pharmacy to an entity that is affiliated with or owned by the hospital shall not be deemed wholesale distributors of drugs."

### **PART IX**

#### **SECTION 9-1.**

This part and Parts VI through VIII of this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval and the remaining parts shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

#### **SECTION 9-2.**

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

Senator Kennedy of the 18th moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on SB 104.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	Y Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	Y Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	N Thompson, B
Y Dugan	N Kirk	Thompson, C
N Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
N Harbin	Y McKoon	Y Walker
N Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 45, nays 8; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on SB 104.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has agreed to the Senate substitutes to the following Bills of the House:

HB 92. By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hugley of the 136th, Maxwell of the 17th and Meadows of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of automobile or motorcycle policies, so as to expand the definition of policy to include policies issued by the same insurer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 206. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Welch of the 110th, Collins of the 68th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hogan of the 179th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 26-4-118 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, "The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights," so as to remove an exception relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance; to provide for a correction period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bills of the House:

HB 280. By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 91st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of handguns in certain manners by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings or on real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 340. By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Powell of the 171st, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change the manner of distribution of the proceeds of such tax; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following bill was taken up to consider the Conference Committee Report thereto:

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate,

computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Conference Committee Report was as follows:

The Committee of Conference on HB 196 recommends that both the Senate and the House of Representatives recede from their positions and that the attached Committee of Conference Substitute to HB 196 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE SENATE:

/s/ Senator Orrock of the 36th  
/s/ Senator Burke of the 11th  
Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd

FOR THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES:

/s/ Representative Powell of the 171st  
/s/ Representative Knight of the 130th  
/s/ Representative Harrell of the 106th

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE TO HB 196:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to revise the criteria used by tax assessors to determine the fair market value of real property; to allow certain business corporations to participate in the indirect ownership of a home for the mentally disabled for financing purposes; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide that certain disabled veterans shall be issued refunds of certain ad valorem taxes paid during certain periods of time when such disabled veterans receive final determinations of disability containing retroactive periods of eligibility; to provide for a referendum; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of Code Section 48-5-2, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(3) 'Fair market value of property' means the amount a knowledgeable buyer would pay for the property and a willing seller would accept for the property at an arm's

length, bona fide sale. The income approach, if data is available, shall be ~~considered~~ utilized in determining the fair market value of income-producing property, and, if actual income and expense data are voluntarily supplied by the property owner, such data shall be considered in such determination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the transaction amount of the most recent arm's length, bona fide sale in any year shall be the maximum allowable fair market value for the next taxable year. With respect to the valuation of equipment, machinery, and fixtures when no ready market exists for the sale of the equipment, machinery, and fixtures, fair market value may be determined by resorting to any reasonable, relevant, and useful information available, including, but not limited to, the original cost of the property, any depreciation or obsolescence, and any increase in value by reason of inflation. Each tax assessor shall have access to any public records of the taxpayer for the purpose of discovering such information.

(A) In determining the fair market value of a going business where its continued operation is reasonably anticipated, the tax assessor may value the equipment, machinery, and fixtures which are the property of the business as a whole where appropriate to reflect the accurate fair market value.

(B) The tax assessor shall apply the following criteria in determining the fair market value of real property:

- (i) Existing zoning of property;
- (ii) Existing use of property, including any restrictions or limitations on the use of property resulting from state or federal law or rules or regulations adopted pursuant to the authority of state or federal law;
- (iii) Existing covenants or restrictions in deed dedicating the property to a particular use;
- (iv) Bank sales, other financial institution owned sales, or distressed sales, or any combination thereof, of comparable real property;
- (v) Decreased value of the property based on limitations and restrictions resulting from the property being in a conservation easement;
- (vi) Rent limitations, ~~operational requirements~~ higher operating costs resulting from regulatory requirements imposed on the property, and any other restrictions imposed upon the property in connection with the property being eligible for any income tax credits ~~described in subparagraph (B.1)~~ with respect to real property which are claimed and granted pursuant to either Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or Chapter 7 of this paragraph title or receiving any other state or federal subsidies provided with respect to the use of the property as residential rental property; provided, however, that ~~such~~ properties described in subparagraph (B.1) of this paragraph this division shall not be considered comparable real property for the assessment or appeal of assessment of ~~other properties not covered by this division;~~ and

(vii)(I) In establishing the value of any property subject to rent restrictions under the sales comparison approach, any income tax credits described in division (vi) of this subparagraph that are attributable to a property may be

considered in determining the fair market value of the property provided that the tax assessor uses comparable sales of property which, at the time of the comparable sale, had unused income tax credits that were transferred in an arm's length bona fide sale.

(II) In establishing the value of any property subject to rent restrictions under the income approach, any income tax credits described in division (vi) of this subparagraph that are attributable to property may be considered in determining the fair market value of the property provided that such income tax credits generate actual income to the record holder of title to the property; and  
~~(vii)~~(viii) Any other existing factors provided by law or by rule and regulation of the commissioner deemed pertinent in arriving at fair market value."

### SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (13) of subsection (a) of Code Section 48-5-41, relating to property exempt from taxation, as follows:

"(13)(A) All property of any nonprofit home for the mentally disabled used in connection with its operation when the home for the mentally disabled has no stockholders and no income or profit which is distributed to or for the benefit of any private person and when the home is qualified as an exempt organization under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Section 501(c)(3), as amended, and Code Section 48-7-25, and is subject to the laws of this state regulating nonprofit and charitable corporations.

(B) Property exempted by this paragraph shall not include property of a home for the mentally disabled held primarily for investment purposes or used for purposes unrelated to the providing of residential or health care to the mentally disabled;.

(C) For purposes of this paragraph, indirect ownership of such home for the mentally disabled through a limited liability company that is fully owned by such exempt organization shall be considered direct ownership.

(D) For purposes of this paragraph, the participation of a business corporation or other entity or person in the indirect ownership of such home for the mentally disabled, as a member of the limited liability company or limited partner of the partnership that is the direct owner of such home, for the purpose of providing financing for the construction or renovation of such home in return for a share of any tax credits pursuant to United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 42, as amended, and which relinquishes all ownership of such home upon the completion of its obligation under the financing agreement, shall not operate to disqualify such home for the exemption under this paragraph;"

### SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 48-5-48, relating to homestead exemption by qualified disabled veterans, filing requirements, periodic substantiation of eligibility, and persons eligible without application, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:



"(g)(1) If a disabled veteran receives a final determination of disability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs containing a retroactive period of eligibility, such disabled veteran or his or her surviving unremarried spouse or minor children shall be entitled to a refund of the ad valorem taxes paid during such period that he or she or his or her surviving unremarried spouse or minor children would have otherwise been exempt from such taxes pursuant to this Code section, provided that the refund shall only be for the three tax years preceding his or her or his or her surviving unremarried spouse's or minor children's application for the homestead exemption permitted by this Code section.

(2) Upon application for the homestead exemption provided by this Code section and submittal of proper documentation, each county and municipality shall consider the taxes paid by such disabled veteran or his or her surviving unremarried spouse or minor children under the circumstances provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection to be voluntarily or involuntarily overpaid and shall refund such taxes to such disabled veteran or his or her surviving unremarried spouse or minor children in accordance with Code Section 48-5-380.

(3) Upon final determination and approval of a period of prior eligibility, the county board of assessors shall immediately transmit such approval to the local tax commissioner and local municipal tax officer if applicable. The tax commissioner and municipal tax officer shall be authorized to refund the proportionate amount of taxes from the entities for whom the taxes were collected for the tax years approved for the exemption. Such refund shall not exceed three tax years and shall not include interest."

#### **SECTION 4.**

The Secretary of State shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting Section 2 of this Act to the electors of the entire state for approval or rejection. The Secretary of State shall conduct such election on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2018, and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The Secretary of State shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of each county in the state. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem  
( ) NO taxes on nonprofit homes for the mentally disabled if they include  
business corporations in the ownership structure for financing purposes?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of Section 2 of this Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of Section 2 of this Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, Section 2 of this Act shall become of full force and effect on January 1, 2019, and shall be applicable to all tax years beginning on or after such date. If Section 2 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 2 of this Act shall

not become effective, and Section 2 of this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. It shall be the duty of each county election superintendent to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 5.**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 6.**

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

Senator Hufstetler of the 52nd moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on HB 196.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

Y Albers	Y Hill, H	Y Orrock
Y Anderson, L	Y Hill, Ja	Y Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	Y Payne
Y Beach	N Jackson	Y Rhett
Y Black	Y James	Y Seay
Y Brass	Y Jeffares	Y Shafer
Y Burke	Y Jones, B	Y Sims
Y Butler	N Jones, E	Y Stone
Y Cowsert	Y Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	Y Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
Y Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	Y Tillery
Y Ginn	N Lucas	Y Tippins
Y Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	N McKoon	Y Walker
Y Harbison	Y Millar	Y Watson
Y Harper	Y Miller	Y Wilkinson
N Heath	Y Mullis	Y Williams
Y Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 49, nays 5; the motion prevailed, and the Senate adopted the Conference Committee Report on HB 196.

The following bill was taken up to consider House action thereto:

SB 130. By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the right to an attorney, so as to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House substitute was as follows:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To provide for the best interest of children in connection with juvenile and adoption proceedings; to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to make revisions to the Juvenile Code; to provide that adoption proceedings be stayed while an appeal of an order to terminate parental rights is pending; to clarify the court's duties to a case while an appeal is pending; to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for adoption, so as to substantially revise the general provisions applicable to adoptions; to change the requirements for adopting children; to provide for a nonresident to allow an adoption of his or her child; to provide for adoption of foreign-born children; to provide for a waiver to revoke a surrender of parental rights under certain circumstances; to change the age for individuals to access the Adoption Reunion Registry; to revise and provide for forms; to amend Code Section 15-11-320 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to termination of parental rights, so as to correct a cross-reference; to amend Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, so as to require local boards of education to provide employees who are adoptive parents the same duration of maternity leave, leave options, and other benefits as are provided to employees who are biological parents; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**PART I**  
**SECTION 1-1.**

Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, is amended by revising Code Section 15-11-35, relating to appeals, as follows:

"15-11-35.

In all cases of final judgments of the juvenile court, appeals shall be taken to the Court

of Appeals or the Supreme Court in the same manner as appeals from the superior court. However, no such judgment or order shall be superseded or modified except in the discretion of the trial court; rather, the judgment or order of the court shall stand until reversed or modified by the reviewing court. The appeal of an order granting a petition to terminate parental rights shall stay an adoption proceeding related to the child who is the subject of such order until such order becomes final by the conclusion of appellate proceedings or the expiration of the time for seeking such review. Except for proceedings in connection with an adoption, the court shall continue to conduct hearings and issue orders in accordance with this chapter while an appeal in a case is pending."

#### **SECTION 1-2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (g) of Code Section 15-11-103, relating to the right to an attorney, as follows:

"(g) A party other than a child shall be informed of his or her right to an attorney prior to any hearing. A party other than a child shall be given an opportunity to:

- (1) Obtain and employ an attorney of such party's own choice;
- (2) Obtain a court appointed attorney if the court determines that such party is an indigent person; or
- (3) Waive the right to an attorney, provided that such waiver is made knowingly, voluntarily, and on the record."

#### **SECTION 1-3.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 15-11-511, relating to arraignment, admissions at arraignment, and right to attorney, as follows:

"(b) The court may accept an admission at arraignment and may proceed immediately to disposition if a child is represented by counsel at arraignment. If a child's liberty is not in jeopardy, he or she may waive the right to counsel at arraignment, provided that such waiver is made knowingly, voluntarily, and on the record. A child represented by counsel or whose liberty is not in jeopardy may make a preliminary statement indicating whether he or she plans to admit or deny the allegations of the complaint at the adjudication hearing. The court shall not accept an admission from a child whose liberty is in jeopardy and who is unrepresented by counsel."

### **PART II**

#### **SECTION 2-1.**

Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for adoption, is amended as follows:

#### **"ARTICLE 1**

19-8-1.

For purposes of this ~~chapter~~ article, the term:

(1) 'Alaskan native' means a member of the Alaska Native Regional Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA).

~~(1)~~(2) 'Biological father' means ~~the~~ a male who impregnated the biological mother resulting in the birth of the child.

(3) 'Biological parent' means a biological mother or biological father.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Child' means ~~a person~~ an individual who is under 18 years of age and who is sought to be adopted.

~~(3)~~(5) 'Child-placing agency' means an agency licensed as a child-placing agency pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title 49.

~~(4)~~(6) 'Department' means the Department of Human Services.

~~(4.1)~~(7) 'Evaluator' means ~~the~~ a person or agency that conducts a home study. An evaluator shall be a ~~licensed~~ child-placing agency, the department, or a licensed professional with at least two years of adoption related professional experience, including a licensed clinical social worker, licensed master social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, or licensed professional counselor; provided, however, that ~~where~~ when none of the foregoing evaluators are available, the court may appoint a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate to conduct ~~the~~ a home study.

~~(5)~~(8) 'Guardian' means ~~a legal guardian of the person of a child~~ an individual appointed as a:

(A) Guardian or temporary guardian of a child as provided in Title 29;

(B) Guardian of a child pursuant to Code Section 15-11-13; or

(C) Permanent guardian of a child as provided in Part 13 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 15.

~~(5.1)~~(9) 'Home study' means an evaluation by an evaluator of ~~the~~ a petitioner's home environment for the purpose of determining the suitability of ~~the~~ such environment as a prospective adoptive home for a child. Such evaluation shall consider ~~the~~ a petitioner's physical health, emotional maturity, financial circumstances, family, and social background and shall conform to the rules and regulations established by the department for child-placing agencies for adoption home studies.

~~(5.2)~~(10) 'Home study report' means the written report generated as a result of the home study.

~~(6)~~(11) 'Legal father' means a male who has not surrendered or had terminated his rights to a child and who:

(A) Has legally adopted such child;

(B) Was married to the biological mother of such child at the time such child was born or within the usual period of gestation, unless paternity was disproved by a final order ~~pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 7 of this title~~ of a court of competent jurisdiction;

(C) Married ~~the~~ a legal mother of such child after such child was born and recognized such child as his own, unless paternity was disproved by a final order ~~pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 7 of this title~~ of a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(D) Has legitimated such child by a final order pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22.

~~(7)~~(12) 'Legal mother' means ~~the~~ a female who is the biological or adoptive mother of

the child and who has not surrendered or had terminated her rights to the child.

(13) 'Native American heritage' means any individual who is:

(A) A member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe; or

(B) An Alaskan native.

(14) 'Out-of-state licensed agency' means an agency or entity that is licensed in another state or country to place children for adoption.

~~(8)~~(15) 'Parent' means either the a legal father or the a legal mother of the child.

~~(9)~~(16) 'Petitioner' means a person an individual who petitions to adopt or terminate rights to a child pursuant to this chapter article.

~~(10)~~(17) 'Putative father registry' means the registry established and maintained pursuant to subsections (d) and (e) of Code Section 19-11-9.

19-8-2.

(a) The superior courts of the several counties shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters of adoption, ~~except such jurisdiction as may be granted to the juvenile courts.~~

(b) All petitions for adoption under this ~~chapter~~ article shall be filed in the county in which any petitioner resides, except that:

(1) Upon good cause being shown, the court may, in its discretion, allow such petition to be filed in the court of the county of:

(A) Of the child's domicile or of the county in;

(B) In which is located any child-placing agency having legal custody of the child; sought to be adopted may, in its discretion, allow the petition to be filed in that court; and

(C) Where the child was born if such petition is filed within one year of the child's birth; or

(D) In which is located the office of the department having legal custody of the child;

(2) Any ~~person~~ individual who ~~has been~~ is a resident of any United States ~~Army~~ army post or military reservation within this state ~~for six months next preceding the filing of the petition for adoption~~ may file the such petition in any county adjacent to the United States ~~Army~~ army post or military reservation; and

(3) When a child has been placed for adoption with an individual who is a resident of another state in compliance with Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, such petition shall be filed in:

(A) The court of the county where the child was born;

(B) The court of the county in which is located any child-placing agency having legal custody of the child; or

(C) Superior Court of Fulton County.

19-8-3.

(a) Any ~~adult person~~ individual may petition to adopt a child if ~~the person~~ he or she:

(1) Is at least ~~25~~ 21 years of age or is married and living with his or her spouse;

(2) Is at least ten years older than the child, except such ten-year requirement shall

not apply when the petitioner is a stepparent or relative and the petition is filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-6 or 19-8-7;

(3) Is Has been a bona fide resident of this state for at least six months immediately preceding at the filing of the petition for adoption or is a bona fide resident of the receiving state when the adoptee was born in this state and was placed in compliance with Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children; and

(4) Is financially, physically, and mentally able to have permanent custody of the child.

~~(b) Any adult person, including but not limited to a foster parent, meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be eligible to apply to the department or a child-placing agency for consideration as an adoption applicant in accordance with the policies of the department or the agency.~~

~~(e)~~(b) If a person an individual seeking to adopt a child is married, the petition must for adoption shall be filed in the name of both spouses; provided, however, that, when the child is or was the stepchild of the party seeking to adopt, the such petition shall be filed by the stepparent alone.

19-8-4.

(a) A child ~~Except as otherwise authorized in this chapter, a child who has any living parent or guardian~~ may be adopted through the department, ~~or~~ any child-placing agency, or any out-of-state licensed agency only if each ~~such~~ living parent and ~~each~~ such guardian of such child:

(1) Has voluntarily and in writing surrendered all of his or her rights to the child to the department, ~~or to~~ a child-placing agency, or an out-of-state licensed agency as provided in this Code section and ~~the department or such department, child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency~~ thereafter consents to the adoption; or

(2) Has had all of his or her rights to the child terminated by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, the child has been committed by the court to the department, ~~or to~~ a child-placing agency, or an out-of-state licensed agency for placement for adoption, and ~~the department or such department, child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency~~ thereafter consents to the adoption.

(b) In the case of a child 14 years of age or older, the written consent of the child to his or her adoption ~~must~~ shall be given and acknowledged in the presence of the court.

(c) The surrender of rights to the department, ~~or to~~ a child-placing agency, or an out-of-state licensed agency specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall be executed following the birth of the child, and the pre-birth surrender to the department, ~~or to~~ a child-placing agency, or an out-of-state licensed agency specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall be executed prior to the birth of the child. Each surrender shall be executed under oath and in the presence of ~~a representative of the department or the agency and~~ a notary public and an adult witness. A copy of the surrender shall be ~~delivered~~ provided to the individual signing the surrender at the time of the execution thereof.

(d) An individual ~~A person~~ signing a surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the surrender~~ revoke such surrender within ten days as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of Code Section 19-8-9 and, if he or she is at least 18 years of age, shall also have the right to waive the ten-day revocation period by executing a separate waiver as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9, so long as it is executed at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and attested to by an attorney certifying that it was knowingly and voluntarily executed.

(e)(1) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall meet the requirements of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(2) A ~~The~~ biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of a child may surrender all his rights to the child for the purpose of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. Such ~~That~~ surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (d) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(3)(A) A ~~The~~ biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of a child may execute a surrender of his rights to the child prior to the birth of the child for the purpose of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. A pre-birth surrender, ~~when signed under oath by the alleged biological father,~~ shall serve to relinquish ~~the~~ an alleged biological father's rights to the child and to waive ~~the~~ an alleged biological father's right to notice of any proceeding with respect to the child's adoption, custody, or guardianship. The court in any adoption proceeding shall have jurisdiction to enter a final order of adoption of the child based upon the pre-birth surrender and in other proceedings to determine the child's legal custody or guardianship shall have jurisdiction to enter an order for those purposes.

(B) The rights and responsibilities of an alleged biological father ~~are~~ shall be permanently terminated only upon an order from a court of competent jurisdiction terminating such rights or the entry of a final order of adoption. An individual ~~A person~~ executing a pre-birth surrender pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the~~ revoke such surrender within ten days from the date of execution thereof, notwithstanding the date of birth of the child.

(C) If a final order of adoption is not entered after the execution of a pre-birth surrender and paternity is established by acknowledgment, by administrative order, or by judicial order, then ~~the~~ an alleged biological father shall be responsible for child support or other financial obligations to the child or to ~~the child's~~ a legal mother, or to both.

(D) The pre-birth surrender shall not be valid for use by a legal father ~~as defined under paragraph (6) of Code Section 19-8-1 or for any man who has executed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 19-7-46.1.~~

(E) The pre-birth surrender may be executed at any time after the biological mother executes a sworn statement identifying such ~~person~~ individual as an alleged



biological father of the biological mother's unborn child meeting the requirements of subsection (m) of Code Section 19-8-26.

(F) The pre-birth surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-26 and shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(f) A surrender of rights shall be acknowledged by the ~~person~~ individual who surrenders those rights by also signing an acknowledgment meeting the requirements of subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such acknowledgment shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(g)(1) ~~A Whenever the legal mother who~~ surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section, ~~she~~ shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(2) A legal mother who is the adoptive mother of the child and who surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (i) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(h) ~~Whenever rights are surrendered to the department, or to a child-placing agency, or an out-of-state licensed agency,~~ the department or agency representative before whom the surrender of rights is signed shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (j) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(i) A surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section may be given by any parent or biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of the child ~~irrespective~~ regardless of whether such ~~parent or biological father has arrived at the age of majority.~~ The individual is a citizen of the United States, a resident of this state, or has reached the age of 18 years. Such surrender given by any such minor such individual shall be binding upon him or her as if the individual were in all respects sui juris and shall include a consent to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state for any action filed under this article. Such surrender shall state that such individual agrees to be bound by a decree of adoption.

(j) In any surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section, ~~the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, if applicable, shall be complied with.~~

(k) A biological father or a legal father who signs a surrender of rights may execute an affidavit regarding his Native American heritage and military service meeting the requirements of subsection (o) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

19-8-5.

(a) ~~A child Except as otherwise authorized in this chapter, a child who has any living parent or guardian~~ may be adopted by a third party who is neither the stepparent nor relative of that child, as such individuals are described in subsection (a) of Code

Sections 19-8-6 and 19-8-7, only if each ~~such~~ living parent and ~~each such~~ guardian of such child has voluntarily and in writing surrendered all of his or her rights to such child to that third party for the purpose of enabling that third party to adopt such child. A third party to whom such child is voluntarily surrendered shall be financially responsible for such child as of the date of surrender by the parent. Except as provided in subsection ~~(m)~~ (l) of this Code section, no child shall be placed with a third party for purposes of adoption unless prior to the date of placement a home study shall have been completed, and the home study report recommends placement of a child in such third party's home.

(b) In the case of a child 14 years of age or older, the written consent of the child to his or her adoption ~~must~~ shall be given and acknowledged in the presence of the court.

(c) The surrender of rights specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall be executed following the birth of the child, and the pre-birth surrender specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall be executed prior to the birth of the child. Each surrender shall be executed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness. The name and address of each ~~person~~ individual to whom the child is surrendered may be omitted to protect confidentiality, provided the surrender of rights sets forth the name and address of his or her agent for purposes of notice of ~~withdrawal~~ revocation as provided for in subsection (d) of this Code section. A copy of the surrender shall be ~~delivered~~ provided to the individual signing the surrender at the time of the execution thereof.

(d) An individual ~~A person~~ signing a surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the surrender~~ revoke such surrender within ten days as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of Code Section 19-8-9 and, if he or she is at least 18 years of age, shall also have the right to waive the ten-day revocation period by executing a separate waiver as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9, so long as it is executed at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and attested to by an attorney certifying that it was knowingly and voluntarily executed.

(e)(1) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall meet the requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(2) A ~~The~~ biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of a child may surrender all his rights to the child for purposes of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. ~~That~~ Such surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (d) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(3)(A) A ~~The~~ biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of a child may execute a surrender of his rights to the child prior to the birth of the child for the purpose of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. A pre-birth surrender, ~~when signed under oath by the alleged biological father,~~ shall serve to relinquish ~~the~~ an alleged biological father's rights to the child and to waive ~~the~~ an alleged biological father's right to notice of any proceeding with respect to the child's adoption, custody, or

guardianship. The court in any adoption proceeding shall have jurisdiction to enter a final order of adoption of the child based upon the pre-birth surrender and in other proceedings to determine the child's legal custody or guardianship shall have jurisdiction to enter an order for those purposes.

(B) The rights and responsibilities of an alleged biological father ~~are~~ shall be permanently terminated only upon an order from a court of competent jurisdiction terminating such rights or the entry of a final order of adoption. An individual A person executing a pre-birth surrender pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the~~ revoke such surrender within ten days from the date of execution thereof, notwithstanding the date of birth of the child.

(C) If a final order of adoption is not entered after the execution of a pre-birth surrender and paternity is established by acknowledgment, by administrative order, or by judicial order, then ~~the~~ an alleged biological father shall be responsible for child support or other financial obligations to the child or to ~~the child's~~ a legal mother, or to both.

(D) The pre-birth surrender shall not be valid for use by a legal father ~~as defined under paragraph (6) of Code Section 19-8-1 or for any man who has executed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 19-7-46.1.~~

(E) The pre-birth surrender may be executed at any time after the biological mother executes a sworn statement identifying such ~~person~~ individual as an alleged biological father of the biological mother's unborn child meeting the requirements of subsection (m) of Code Section 19-8-26.

(F) The pre-birth surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-26 and shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(f) A surrender of rights shall be acknowledged by the ~~person~~ individual who surrenders those rights by also signing an acknowledgment meeting the requirements of subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such acknowledgment shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(g)(1) ~~A Whenever the~~ legal mother who surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section, ~~she~~ shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(2) A legal mother who is the adoptive mother of the child and who surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (i) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(h) Whenever rights are surrendered pursuant to this Code section, the representative of each petitioner or the representative of the individual signing such surrender shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (k) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(i) A surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section may be given by any parent or

biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of the child ~~sought to be adopted~~ irrespective regardless of whether such ~~parent or biological father has arrived at the age of majority. The~~ individual is a citizen of the United States, a resident of this state, or has reached the age of 18 years. Such surrender given by ~~any such minor such individual~~ shall be binding upon him or her as if the individual were in all respects sui juris and shall include a consent to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state for any action filed under this article. Such surrender shall state that such individual agrees to be bound by a decree of adoption.

~~(j) A copy of each surrender specified in subsection (a) of this Code section, together with a copy of the acknowledgment specified in subsection (f) of this Code section and a copy of the affidavits specified in subsections (g) and (h) of this Code section and the name and address of each person to whom the child is surrendered, shall be mailed, by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, to the~~

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Georgia Department of Human Services  
Atlanta, Georgia

~~within 15 days from the execution thereof. Upon receipt of the copy the department may commence its investigation as required in Code Section 19-8-16.~~

~~(k)~~(j) A petition for adoption pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be filed within 60 days from the date ~~of~~ the surrender of rights is executed; provided, however, that for good cause shown the court may waive the 60 day requirement. If the petition for adoption is not filed within the time period specified by this subsection and the court does not waive the 60 day requirement or if the proceedings resulting from ~~the~~ such petition are not concluded with an order granting ~~the~~ such petition, then the surrender of rights shall operate as follows according to the election made ~~therein~~ in such surrender by the ~~legal~~ parent or guardian of the child:

(1) In favor of ~~that legal~~ such parent or guardian, with the express stipulation that neither this nor any other provision of the surrender of rights shall be deemed to impair the validity, absolute finality, or totality of ~~the~~ such surrender under any other circumstance, once the revocation period has elapsed;

(2) In favor of the ~~licensed~~ child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency designated in the surrender of rights, if any; or

(3) If the ~~legal~~ parent or guardian is not designated and no child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency is designated in the surrender of rights, or if the designated child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency declines to accept the child for placement for adoption, in favor of the department for placement for adoption pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-4. ~~The court may waive the 60-day time period for filing the petition for excusable neglect.~~

~~(l)~~(k) In any surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section, ~~the provisions of~~ Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, if applicable, shall be complied with.

~~(m)~~(l) If the home study for a third-party adoption has not occurred prior to the date of

placement, then the third party shall, ~~at the time of the filing of~~ within the petition for adoption ~~or in a separate motion, file a motion with the court seeking~~ seek an order authorizing placement of such child prior to the completion of the home study. Such ~~petition or such~~ motion shall identify the evaluator that the petitioner has selected to perform the home study. The court may waive the requirement of a preplacement home study in cases when a child ~~to be adopted~~ already resides in the prospective adoptive home either as a child of one of the residents of such home or pursuant to a court order of guardianship, testamentary guardianship, or custody.

~~(n)(m)~~ The court may ~~grant the motion for~~ authorize the placement prior to the completion of a home study if the court finds that such placement is in the best ~~interest~~ interests of the child.

~~(n)~~ If the court ~~grants the motion for~~ authorizes the placement prior to the completion of a home study ~~and authorizes placement of a child prior to the completion of the home study,~~ then:

- (1) Such child shall be permitted to remain in the home of the third party with whom the parent or guardian placed such child pending further order of the court;
- (2) A copy of the order authorizing placement of such child prior to the completion of the home study shall be delivered to the department and the evaluator selected to perform the home study by the clerk of the court within 15 days of the date of the entry of such order; and
- (3) The home study, if not already in process, shall be initiated by the evaluator selected by the petitioner or appointed by the court within ten days of such evaluator's receipt of the court's order.

(o) A biological father or a legal father who signs a surrender of rights may execute an affidavit regarding his Native American heritage and military service meeting the requirements of subsection (o) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

19-8-6.

~~(a) Except as otherwise authorized in this chapter:~~

(a)(1) A child whose legal father and legal mother are both living but are not still married to each other may be adopted by the spouse of either parent only when the other parent voluntarily and in writing surrenders all of his or her rights to the child to that spouse for the purpose of enabling that spouse to adopt the child and the other parent consents to the adoption and, ~~where~~ when there is any guardian of that child, each such guardian has voluntarily and in writing surrendered to such spouse all of his or her rights to the child for ~~purposes~~ the purpose of such adoption; ~~or.~~

(2) A child who has only one parent still living may be adopted by the spouse of that parent only if that parent consents to the adoption and, ~~where~~ when there is any guardian of that child, each such guardian has voluntarily and in writing surrendered to such spouse all of his or her rights to the child for the purpose of such adoption.

(b) In the case of a child 14 years of age or older, the written consent of the child to his or her adoption ~~must~~ shall be given and acknowledged in the presence of the court.

(c) The surrender of rights specified in this Code section shall be executed, following the birth of the child, under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness. A copy of the surrender shall be delivered provided to the individual signing the surrender at the time of the execution thereof.

(d) An individual ~~A person~~ signing a surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the surrender~~ revoke such surrender within ten days as provided in subsection (b) (a) of Code Section 19-8-9 and, if he or she is at least 18 years of age, shall also have the right to waive the ten-day revocation period by executing a separate waiver as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9, so long as it is executed at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and attested to by an attorney certifying that it was knowingly and voluntarily executed.

(e)(1) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall meet the requirements of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(2) ~~A~~ The biological father who is not the a legal father of a child may surrender all his rights to the child for purposes of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. Such That ~~That~~ surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (d) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(f) A surrender of rights shall be acknowledged by the ~~person~~ individual who surrenders those rights by also signing an acknowledgment meeting the requirements of subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such acknowledgment shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(g)(1) ~~A~~ Whenever the legal mother who surrenders her parental rights or consents to the adoption of her child by her spouse pursuant to this Code section, ~~she~~ shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(2) A legal mother who is the adoptive mother of the child and who surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (i) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public

(h) Whenever rights are surrendered pursuant to this Code section, the representative of each petitioner or the representative of the individual signing such surrender shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (k) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(i) A surrender of rights or consent pursuant to this Code section may be given by any parent or biological father who is not ~~the a~~ a legal father of the child sought to be adopted irrespective regardless of whether such parent or biological father has arrived at the age of majority. The surrender given by any such minor individual is a citizen of the United States, a resident of this state, or has reached the age of 18 years. Such surrender or consent given by such individual shall be binding upon him or her as if the individual were in all respects sui juris and shall include a consent to the jurisdiction of

the courts of this state for any action filed under this article. Such surrender shall state that such individual agrees to be bound by a decree of adoption.

(j) The parental consent by the spouse of a stepparent seeking to adopt a child of that spouse and required by subsection (a) of this Code section shall ~~be as provided in~~ meet the requirements of subsection (l) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such consent shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(k) A biological father or a legal father who signs a surrender of rights may execute an affidavit regarding his Native American heritage and military service meeting the requirements of subsection (o) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

19-8-7.

(a) ~~A child Except as otherwise authorized in this Code section, a child who has any living parent or guardian~~ may be adopted by a relative who is related by blood or marriage to the child as a grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, great aunt, great uncle, or sibling only if each ~~such~~ living parent and ~~each such~~ guardian of such child has voluntarily and in writing surrendered to that relative and any spouse of such relative all of his or her rights to the child for the purpose of enabling that relative and any such spouse to adopt the child.

(b) In the case of a child 14 years of age or older, the written consent of the child to his or her adoption ~~must~~ shall be given and acknowledged in the presence of the court.

(c) The surrender of rights specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall be executed following the birth of the child, and the pre-birth surrender specified in paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of this Code section shall be executed prior to the birth of the child. Each surrender shall be executed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness. A copy of the surrender shall be ~~delivered~~ provided to the individual signing the surrender at the time of the execution thereof.

(d) An individual ~~A person~~ signing a surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the surrender~~ revoke such surrender within ten days as provided in subsection (b) (a) of Code Section 19-8-9 and, if he or she is at least 18 years of age, shall also have the right to waive the ten-day revocation period by executing a separate waiver as provided in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9, so long as it is executed at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and attested to by an attorney certifying that it was knowingly and voluntarily executed.

(e)(1) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian specified in subsection (a) of this Code section shall meet the requirements of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(2) A ~~The~~ biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of the child may surrender all his rights to the child for purposes of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. Such ~~That~~ surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (d) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such surrender shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and

an adult witness.

(3)(A) ~~A~~ ~~The~~ biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of a child may execute a surrender of his rights to the child prior to the birth of the child for the purpose of an adoption pursuant to this Code section. A pre-birth surrender, ~~when signed under oath by the alleged biological father,~~ shall serve to relinquish ~~the~~ an alleged biological father's rights to the child and to waive ~~the~~ an alleged biological father's right to notice of any proceeding with respect to the child's adoption, custody, or guardianship. The court in any adoption proceeding shall have jurisdiction to enter a final order of adoption of the child based upon the pre-birth surrender and in other proceedings to determine the child's legal custody or guardianship shall have jurisdiction to enter an order for those purposes.

(B) The rights and responsibilities of an alleged biological father ~~are~~ shall be permanently terminated only upon an order from a court of competent jurisdiction terminating such rights or the entry of a final order of adoption. An individual ~~A person~~ executing a pre-birth surrender pursuant to this Code section shall have the right to ~~withdraw the~~ revoke such surrender within ten days from the date of execution thereof, notwithstanding the date of birth of the child.

(C) If a final order of adoption is not entered after the execution of a pre-birth surrender and paternity is established by acknowledgment, by administrative order, or by judicial order, then ~~the~~ an alleged biological father shall be responsible for child support or other financial obligations to the child or to ~~the child's~~ a legal mother, or to both.

(D) The pre-birth surrender shall not be valid for use by a legal father ~~as defined under paragraph (6) of Code Section 19-8-1 or for any man who has executed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 19-7-46.1.~~

(E) The pre-birth surrender may be executed at any time after the biological mother executes a sworn statement identifying such ~~person~~ individual as an alleged biological father of the biological mother's unborn child meeting the requirements of subsection (m) of Code Section 19-8-26.

(F) The pre-birth surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-26 and shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(f) A surrender of rights shall be acknowledged by the ~~person~~ individual who surrenders those rights by also signing an acknowledgment meeting the requirements of subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such acknowledgment shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness.

(g)(1) ~~A~~ ~~Whenever the~~ legal mother who surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section, ~~she~~ shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(2) A legal mother who is the adoptive mother of the child and who surrenders her parental rights pursuant to this Code section shall execute an affidavit meeting the



requirements of subsection (i) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(h) Whenever rights are surrendered pursuant to this Code section, the representative of each petitioner or the representative of the individual signing such surrender shall execute an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (k) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

(i) A surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section may be given by any parent or biological father who is not the a legal father of the child sought to be adopted irrespective regardless of whether such parent or biological father has arrived at the age of majority. The individual is a citizen of the United States, a resident of this state, or has reached the age of 18 years. Such surrender given by any such minor such individual shall be binding upon him or her as if the individual were in all respects sui juris and shall include a consent to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state for any action filed under this article. Such surrender shall state that such individual agrees to be bound by a decree of adoption.

(j) In any surrender of rights pursuant to this Code section, Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, if applicable, shall be complied with.

(k) A biological father or a legal father who signs a surrender of rights may execute an affidavit regarding his Native American heritage and military service meeting the requirements of subsection (o) of Code Section 19-8-26. Such affidavit shall be signed under oath and in the presence of a notary public.

19-8-8.

~~A child may be adopted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter based upon:~~

~~(1) A decree which has been entered pursuant to due process of law by a court of competent jurisdiction outside the United States establishing the relationship of parent and child by adoption between each petitioner and a child born in such foreign country; and~~

~~(2) The child's having been granted a valid visa by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.~~

(a)(1) A child, who was born in a country other than the United States and for whom a decree or order of adoption has been entered pursuant to due process of law by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative proceeding in the country of the child's birth or the country in which the child habitually resided immediately prior to coming to the United States establishing the relationship of parent and child by adoption between each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of adoption and the child according to the law of such foreign country, shall be eligible to have his or her adoption domesticated under this subsection if a consular officer of the United States Department of State has issued and affixed in the child's passport an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa.

(2) Evidence of the issuance of an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa by the United States Department of State in the child's

passport shall be prima-facie evidence that all parental rights have been terminated, that the child was legally available for adoption by each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of adoption, that the adoption of the child by each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of adoption was in the child's best interests, and that the child's adoption by each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of adoption was finalized in full compliance with the laws of the foreign country and the court need not make any inquiry into those proceedings but shall domesticate the foreign decree or order of adoption hereunder and issue a final decree of adoption pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-18.

(3) A child who qualifies for domestication of his or her foreign adoption under this subsection and whose adoption was full and final prior to entering the United States shall, upon entry of a final decree of domestication of adoption by the court, be entitled to have a Certificate of Foreign Birth issued to him or her by the State Office of Vital Records of the Georgia Department of Public Health pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 31-10-13.

(b)(1) A child, who was born in a country other than the United States and for whom a decree or order of guardianship has been entered pursuant to due process of law by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative proceeding in the country of the child's birth or the country in which the child habitually resided immediately prior to coming to the United States terminating the parental rights of both of his or her parents and establishing a guardian-ward relationship between each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of guardianship and the child according to the law of such foreign country, shall be eligible to be adopted pursuant to this subsection if a consular officer of the United States Department of State has issued and affixed in the child's passport an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa.

(2)(A) Evidence of the issuance of an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa by the United States Department of State in the child's passport shall be prima-facie evidence that all parental rights have been terminated, that the child is legally available for adoption by each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of guardianship, and that the guardian-ward relationship between each petitioner named in the foreign decree or order of guardianship and the child was granted in full compliance with the laws of the foreign country and the court need not make any inquiry into those proceedings but shall be authorized to finalize the child's adoption as provided in this subsection.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, when the foreign decree or order of guardianship requires specific postplacement supervision, the court shall not be authorized to finalize such child's adoption as provided in this subsection until the petitioner provides documentation of formal evidence that the conditions of the foreign decree or order of guardianship have been satisfied.

(3) Once a child's adoption is granted pursuant to this subsection, he or she shall be entitled to have a Certificate of Foreign Birth issued to him or her by the State Office of Vital Records of the Georgia Department of Public Health pursuant to paragraph

(2) of subsection (f) of Code Section 31-10-13.

(c) The court shall have authority to change a child's date of birth from that shown on the child's original birth certificate and as reflected in the child's passport upon presentation of evidence of a more accurate date of birth.

19-8-9.

~~(a) In those cases where the legal mother of the child being placed for adoption has herself previously adopted such child, said adoptive mother shall execute, in lieu of the affidavit specified in subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7, an affidavit meeting the requirements of subsection (i) of Code Section 19-8-26.~~

(b)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 9-10-12 which authorizes the use of certified mail, an individual A person signing a surrender of rights pursuant to Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 shall have the right to withdraw the revoke such surrender by written notice delivered in person or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery within ten days after signing such surrender; and the such surrender document shall not be valid unless it so states. The ten days ten-day revocation period shall be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date the surrender of rights is executed; provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which the such surrender may be withdrawn revoked shall be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. After ten days, a surrender may not be withdrawn. The the ten-day period, a surrender of rights cannot be revoked. Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 9-10-12 which authorizes the use of certified mail, the notice of withdrawal of revocation of a surrender of rights shall be delivered in person or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery to the address designated in the surrender document. If delivered in person, it shall be delivered to the address shown in the surrender document not later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day.

~~(e)(b) If a legal mother has voluntarily and in writing surrendered all of her parental rights pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 and has not withdrawn revoked her surrender within the ten-day period after signing as permitted by the provisions of subsection (b) subsection (a) of this Code section, she shall have no right or authority to sign a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 19-7-46.1 or consent to the granting of a petition for legitimation filed pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22 regarding the same child.~~

(c) Provided that the individual signing a surrender of rights pursuant to Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 is at least 18 years of age at the time he or she signs such surrender, he or she shall have the right to waive the ten-day revocation period only if such waiver is referenced in the surrender document and set forth in a separate document that is executed after consultation with an attorney, at least 48 hours after the birth of the child identified in the surrender, under oath, and in the presence of a notary public and an adult witness and is attested to by such attorney that such waiver is

executed knowingly and voluntarily. The waiver of the right to revoke a surrender shall meet the requirements of subsection (n) of Code Section 19-8-26. A copy of such waiver shall be provided to the individual signing it at the time of the execution thereof.

19-8-10.

(a) Surrender or termination of rights of a living parent pursuant to ~~subsection (a)~~ of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 shall not be required as a prerequisite to the filing granting of a petition for adoption of a child of ~~that~~ such living parent pursuant to Code Section 19-8-13 when the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the:

- (1) Child has been abandoned by that parent;
- (2) Parent cannot be found after a diligent search has been made;
- (3) Parent is insane or otherwise incapacitated from surrendering such rights;
- (4) Parent caused his child to be conceived as a result of having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with the biological mother of his child or when the biological mother is less than ten years of age; or
- (5) Parent, without justifiable cause, has failed to exercise proper parental care or control due to misconduct or inability, as set out in paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-310,

and the court is of the opinion that the adoption is in the best interests of that child, after considering the physical, mental, emotional, and moral condition and needs of the child who is the subject of the proceeding, including the need for a secure and stable home.

(b) ~~A surrender~~ Surrender of rights of a living parent pursuant to ~~subsection (a)~~ of Code Section 19-8-6 or 19-8-7 shall not be required as a prerequisite to the filing granting of a petition for adoption of a child of ~~that~~ such living parent pursuant to Code Section 19-8-13, ~~if that~~ when the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the parent, for a period of one year or longer immediately prior to the filing of the petition for adoption, without justifiable cause, has significantly failed:

- (1) To communicate or to make a bona fide attempt to communicate with that child in a meaningful, supportive, parental manner; or
- (2) To provide for the care and support of that child as required by law or judicial decree,

and the court is of the opinion that the adoption is ~~for~~ in the best interests of that child, after considering the physical, mental, emotional, and moral condition and needs of the child who is the subject of the proceeding, including the need for a secure and stable home.

(c)(1) Whenever it is alleged by any petitioner that surrender or termination of rights of a living parent is not a prerequisite to the filing granting of a petition for adoption of a child of ~~that~~ such parent in accordance with subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section, ~~that~~ such parent shall be personally served with a conformed copy of the adoption petition, together with a copy of the court's order thereon specified in Code Section 19-8-14, or, if personal service cannot be perfected, notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 9-10-12 which authorizes the use of certified mail, by

registered ~~or certified~~ mail ~~or statutory overnight delivery~~, return receipt requested, or statutory overnight delivery, one-day service not required, at his or her last known address. If service cannot be made by ~~either of~~ these methods, that such parent shall be given notice by publication once a week for three weeks in the official organ of the county where ~~the~~ such petition has been filed and of the county of his or her last known address. In the interest of time, publication may be initiated simultaneously with efforts to perfect service personally, by registered mail, or by statutory overnight delivery. The court shall continue to have the inherent authority to determine the sufficiency of service. A parent who receives notification pursuant to this paragraph ~~may~~ shall not be a party to the adoption and shall have no obligation to file an answer, but shall have the right to appear in the pending adoption ~~action~~ proceeding and show cause why such parent's rights to the child sought to be adopted in that action who is the subject of the proceeding should not be terminated by that adoption. Notice shall be deemed to have been received ~~the~~ on the earliest date:

~~(1)~~(A) Personal service is perfected;

~~(2)~~(B) Of delivery shown on the return receipt of registered ~~or certified~~ mail or proof of delivery by statutory overnight delivery; or

~~(3)~~(C) Of the last publication.

(2) No prior order of court shall be required to publish notice pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that before publication may be relied upon as a means of service, it shall be averred that, after diligent efforts, service could not be perfected personally, by registered mail, or by statutory overnight delivery.

(d) Consistent with the requirement of paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-13, when the petitioner is seeking to involuntarily terminate the rights of a parent as a prerequisite to the granting of the petition for adoption, the petitioner shall, in lieu of obtaining and attaching those otherwise required surrenders of rights, acknowledgments, and affidavits, allege facts in the petition seeking to involuntarily terminate parental rights that demonstrate the applicability of the grounds set forth in subsection (a) or (b), or both, of this Code section and shall also allege compliance with subsection (c) of this Code section.

19-8-11.

(a)(1) In those cases ~~where~~ when the department, ~~or~~ a child-placing agency, or an out-of-state licensed agency has ~~either~~ obtained:

~~(A)~~ ~~The~~ the voluntary written surrender of all parental rights from one of the parents or the guardian of a child; or

~~(B)~~ ~~An order of~~ has obtained an order from a court of competent jurisdiction terminating all of the rights of one of the parents or the guardian of a child, ~~the~~ such department, ~~or~~ child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency may in contemplation of the placement of such child for adoption petition the superior court of the county ~~where the child resides~~ of the child's domicile, of the county where the child was born, of the county in which is located the principal office of the child-placing agency having legal custody of the child, or of the county in which is located

the office of the department having legal custody of the child to terminate the parental rights of the remaining parent pursuant to this Code section.

(2) In those cases ~~where a person~~ when a child has been placed in compliance with Chapter 4 of Title 39, and the individual who is the resident of another state has obtained the voluntary written surrender of all parental rights from one of the parents or the guardian of a child, each such ~~person~~ individual to whom the child has been surrendered may in contemplation of the adoption of such child in such other state petition the superior court of the county where the child ~~resides~~ was born or of Fulton County to terminate the parental rights of the remaining parent pursuant to this Code section.

(3)(A) Parental rights may be terminated pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection when the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the:

~~(A)~~(i) Child has been abandoned by that parent;

~~(B)~~(ii) Parent of the child cannot be found after a diligent search has been made;

~~(C)~~(iii) Parent is insane or otherwise incapacitated from surrendering such rights;

~~(D)~~(iv) Parent caused his child to be conceived as a result of having nonconsensual sexual intercourse with the biological mother of his child or when the biological mother is less than ten years of age; or

~~(E)~~(v) Parent, without justifiable cause, has failed to exercise proper parental care or control due to misconduct or inability, as set out in paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-310, ~~and the court.~~

(B) If the court determines that a circumstance described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph has been met, it shall set the matter down to be heard in chambers not less than 30 and not more than 60 days following the receipt by such remaining parent of the notice under subsection (b) of this Code section and shall enter an order terminating such parental rights if it so finds and if it is of the opinion that adoption is in the best interests of the child, after considering the physical, mental, emotional, and moral condition and needs of the child who is the subject of the proceeding, including the need for a secure and stable home.

(b)(1) Whenever a petition to terminate parental rights is filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the parent whose rights the petitioner is seeking to terminate shall be personally served with a conformed copy of the petition; to terminate parental rights and a copy of the court's order setting forth the date upon which ~~the such~~ such petition shall be considered or, if personal service cannot be perfected, notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 9-10-12 which authorizes the use of certified mail, by registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested, or statutory overnight delivery, one-day service not required, at his or her last known address. If service cannot be made by ~~either~~ of these methods, ~~that~~ such parent shall be given notice by publication once a week for three weeks in the official organ of the county where ~~the such~~ such petition has been filed and of the county of his or her last known address. In the interest of time, publication may be initiated simultaneously with efforts to perfect service personally, by registered mail, or by statutory overnight delivery. The court shall continue to have the inherent authority to

determine the sufficiency of service. A parent who receives notification pursuant to this subsection may appear paragraph shall not be a party to the adoption and shall have no obligation to file an answer, but shall have the right to appear in the pending termination of parental rights proceeding and show cause why such parent's rights to the child ~~sought to be placed for adoption~~ who is the subject of the proceeding should not be terminated. Notice shall be deemed to have been received ~~the~~ on the earliest date:

~~(1)~~(A) Personal service is perfected;

~~(2)~~(B) Of delivery shown on the return receipt of registered ~~or certified~~ mail or proof of delivery by statutory overnight delivery; or

~~(3)~~(C) Of the last publication.

(2) No prior order of court shall be required to publish notice pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that before publication may be relied upon as a means of service, it shall be averred that, after diligent efforts, service could not be perfected personally, by registered mail, or by statutory overnight delivery.

19-8-12.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The state has a compelling interest in promptly providing stable and permanent homes for adoptive children, and in preventing the disruption of adoptive placements;

(2) Adoptive children have a right to permanence and stability in adoptive placements;

(3) Adoptive parents have a constitutionally protected liberty and privacy interest in retaining custody of children placed with them for adoption;

(4) A biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father may have an interest in his biological child. This inchoate interest is lost by failure to develop a familial bond with the child and acquires constitutional protection only if ~~the~~ a biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father develops a familial bond with the child;

(5) The subjective intent of a biological father who is not a legal father, whether expressed or otherwise, unsupported by evidence of acts manifesting such intent, shall not preclude a determination that ~~the~~ a biological father who is not a legal father has failed to develop a familial bond with the child; and

(6) A man who has engaged in a nonmarital sexual relationship with a woman is deemed to be on notice that a pregnancy and adoption proceeding regarding a child may occur and has a duty to protect his own rights and interests in that child. He is therefore entitled to notice of an adoption proceeding only as provided in this Code section.

(b) If there is a biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of a child and he has not executed a surrender of rights as specified in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 or paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, or 19-8-7, he shall be notified of adoption proceedings regarding the child in the following circumstances:

(1) If his identity is known to the petitioner, department, ~~or licensed~~ child-placing

agency, or out-of-state licensed agency or to the attorney for ~~the petitioner, department, or licensed child placing agency~~ such individual or entity;

(2) If he is a registrant on the putative father registry who has acknowledged paternity of the child in accordance with subparagraph (d)(2)(A) of Code Section 19-11-9; or

(3) If he is a registrant on the putative father registry who has indicated possible paternity of ~~a child of the child's mother~~ the child during a period beginning two years immediately prior to the child's date of birth in accordance with subparagraph (d)(2)(B) of Code Section 19-11-9; ~~or~~

~~(4) If the court finds from the evidence, including but not limited to the affidavit of the mother specified in subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 in the form provided in subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-26, that such biological father who is not the legal father has performed any of the following acts:~~

~~(A) Lived with the child;~~

~~(B) Contributed to the child's support;~~

~~(C) Made any attempt to legitimate the child; or~~

~~(D) Provided support or medical care for the mother either during her pregnancy or during her hospitalization for the birth of the child.~~

~~(c)(1)~~ Notification provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be given to a biological father who is not a legal father by the following methods:

~~(1)(A)~~ Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 9-10-12 which authorizes the use of certified mail, registered mail ~~Registered or certified mail or statutory overnight delivery,~~ return receipt requested, or statutory overnight delivery, one-day service not required, at his last known address, which notice shall be deemed received upon the date of delivery shown on the return or delivery receipt;

~~(2)(B)~~ Personal service, which notice shall be deemed received when personal service is perfected; or

~~(3)(C)~~ Publication once a week for three weeks in the official organ of the county where the adoption petition has been filed and of the county of his last known address, which notice shall be deemed received upon the date of the last publication.

~~(2)~~ If feasible, the methods specified in ~~paragraph (1) or (2)~~ subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be used before publication; provided, however, that in the interest of time, publication may be initiated simultaneously with efforts to perfect service personally, by registered mail, or by statutory overnight delivery.

~~(3)~~ No prior order of court shall be required to publish notice pursuant to this Code section; provided, however, that before publication may be relied upon as a means of service, it shall be averred that, after diligent efforts, service could not be perfected personally, by registered mail, or by statutory overnight delivery.

~~(d)(1)~~ When ~~Where~~ the rights of a parent or guardian of a child have been surrendered or terminated in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-4 or the child does not have a living parent or guardian, the department, ~~or a child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency~~ may file, under the authority of this



paragraph, a petition to terminate ~~such~~ a biological father's rights to the child with the superior court of the county ~~where the child resides~~ of the child's domicile, of the county where the child was born, of the county in which is located the principal office of the child-placing agency having legal custody of the child, or of the county in which is located the office of the department having legal custody of the child.

(2) ~~When~~ ~~Where~~ the rights of a parent or guardian of a child have been surrendered in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 ~~or~~, the child does not have a living parent or guardian, a consent to adopt has been executed pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-6, or the petitioner is seeking to involuntarily terminate parental rights pursuant to Code Section 19-8-10, the petitioner shall file, under the authority of this paragraph, with the superior court ~~either of the county of the child's domicile or of the county where the child was born~~ a motion, if a petition for adoption of the child has previously been filed with the court, or a petition to terminate ~~such~~ a biological father's rights to the child.

(3) ~~When~~ ~~Where~~ a petition or motion is filed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection, the court shall, within 30 days from the date of receipt of the notice required by subsection (b) of this Code section or, when no notice is required to be given, from the date of such filing, conduct a hearing in chambers to determine the facts in the matter. ~~The court shall be authorized to consider the affidavit of the mother specified in subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7, as applicable, in making its determination pursuant to this paragraph. If the court finds from the evidence that such biological father has not performed any of the following acts:~~

(A) Lived with the child;

(B) Contributed to the child's support;

(C) Made any attempt to legitimate the child; or

(D) ~~Provided support or medical care for the mother, either during her pregnancy or during her hospitalization for the birth of the child, and~~

(4) Unless the identity of a biological father is known to the petitioner, department, child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency or to the attorney for such individual or entity such that he is entitled to notice of the proceedings as provided in this Code section, when the petitioner provides a certificate as of the date of the petition or the motion, as the case may be, from the putative father registry stating that there is no entry registrant identified on the putative father registry ~~either acknowledging paternity of the child or indicating possible paternity of a child of the child's mother~~ the child for a period beginning no later than two years immediately prior to the child's date of birth, then it shall be rebuttably presumed that ~~the~~ an unnamed biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father is not entitled to notice of the proceedings. Absent evidence rebutting the presumption, then no further inquiry or notice shall be required by the court and the court shall enter an order terminating the rights of such unnamed biological father to the child.

(e) When notice is to be given pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, it shall advise such biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father that he loses all rights to the

child and will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child unless, within 30 days of receipt of such notice, he files:

(1) A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22 as a separate civil action; and

(2) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the court in which the action under this Code section, if any, is pending; and

(3) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate to the person or agency who provided such notice to such biological father.

(f) A biological father who is not ~~the a~~ legal father ~~loses~~ shall lose all rights to the child and the court shall enter an order terminating all ~~such father's~~ of his rights to the child and ~~such father may~~ he shall not thereafter be allowed to object to the adoption and is ~~not~~ shall not be entitled to receive further notice of the adoption if, within 30 days from his receipt of the notice provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section, he:

(1) Does not file a legitimation petition and give notice as required in subsection (e) of this Code section;

(2) Files a legitimation petition which is subsequently dismissed for failure to prosecute; or

(3) Files a legitimation petition and the action is subsequently concluded without a court order granting such petition and declaring a ~~finding~~ that he is ~~the a~~ legal father of the child.

(g) If an alleged biological father who is not a legal father files a legitimation petition after the mother of such child has surrendered her parental rights, the court shall be authorized to consider the affidavit of the mother specified in subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7, as applicable. If the court finds from the evidence that such biological father has not lived with the child, contributed to the child's support, or provided support or medical care during the mother's pregnancy or hospitalization for the birth of the child, the court shall conclude that the biological father abandoned his opportunity interest to legitimate the child and deny his petition for legitimation and he shall not thereafter be allowed to object to the adoption nor be entitled to receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.

~~(g)~~(h) If the child is legitimated by his or her biological father, the adoption shall not be permitted except as provided in Code Sections 19-8-4 through 19-8-7.

~~(h)~~(i) If the child is legitimated by his or her biological father and in the subsequent adoption proceeding the petition for adoption is ~~either withdrawn~~ revoked with prejudice or denied by the court, then a ~~surrender of parental rights final release for adoption~~ SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION executed by ~~the a~~ legal mother pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, or 19-8-7 shall be dissolved by operation of law and her parental rights shall be restored to her. The fact that ~~the a~~ legal mother executed a ~~surrender of parental rights final release for adoption~~ SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION, now dissolved, shall not be admissible as evidence ~~in any proceedings~~ against ~~the a~~ legal mother in any proceeding against her.

19-8-13.

(a) The petition for adoption, duly verified, together with one conformed copy thereof, ~~must~~ shall be filed with the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction and shall conform to the following guidelines:

(1) The petition for adoption shall set forth:

(A) The name, age, date and place of birth, marital status, and place of residence of each petitioner;

(B) The name by which the child is to be known should the adoption ultimately be completed;

(C) The sex, date and place of birth, and citizenship or immigration status of the child, and ~~the sex of~~ if the child is neither a United States citizen nor a lawful permanent resident of the United States on the date such petition is filed, the petitioner shall explain how such child will be able to obtain lawful permanent resident status;

(D) The date and circumstances of the placement of the child with each petitioner;

(E) Whether the child is possessed of any property and, if so, a full and complete description thereof;

(F) Whether the child has one or both parents or his or her biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father living; ~~and~~

(G) Whether the child has a guardian- and, if so, the name of the guardian and the name of the court that appointed such guardian;

(H) Whether the child has a legal custodian and, if so, the name of the legal custodian and the name of the court that appointed such custodian; and

(I) Whether each petitioner or his or her attorney is aware of any other adoption proceeding pending to date, in this or any other state or country, regarding the child who is the subject of the proceeding that is not fully disclosed in such petition and whether each petitioner or his or her attorney is aware of any individual who has or claims to have physical custody of or visitation rights with the child who is the subject of the proceeding whose name and address and whose custody or visitation rights are not fully disclosed in such petition. Each petitioner and his or her attorney shall have a continuing duty to inform the court of any proceeding in this or any other state or country that could affect the adoption proceeding or the legal custody of or visitation with the child who is the subject of the proceeding;

(2) ~~Where~~ When the adoption is pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-4, the following shall be provided or attached to the petition for adoption or its absence explained when the petition for adoption is filed:

(A) If the adoption is pursuant to:

(i) Paragraph (1) of such Code section, a copy of the written voluntary surrender of rights of each parent or guardian specified in subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-4 and a copy of the written acknowledgment of surrender of rights specified in subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-4; or

(ii) Paragraph (2) of such Code section, a certified copy of the order entered by a court of competent jurisdiction terminating parental rights of the parent and

committing the child to the department, child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency;

(B) A copy of the affidavits specified in subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 19-8-4;

~~(A)~~(C) An original affidavit from the department or a child-placing agency stating that all of the requirements of Code Sections 19-8-4 and 19-8-12 have been complied with and that the child is legally available for adoption or, in the case of a placement by an out-of-state licensed agency, that the comparable provisions dealing with the termination of parental rights of the parents and of a biological father who is not a legal father of the child have been complied with under the laws of the state or country in which the out-of-state licensed agency is licensed and that the child is legally available for adoption thereunder;

~~(B)~~(D) The original written consent of the department, child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency to the adoption;

~~(C)~~(E) Uncertified copies of appropriate certificates or forms verifying the allegations contained in such petition as to guardianship of the child, including, but not limited to, the marriage of each petitioner, the death of each parent in lieu of a surrender of his or her parental rights, and A copy of the appropriate form verifying the allegation of compliance with the requirements of Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children; and

~~(D)~~(F) A completed form containing background information regarding the child to be adopted, as required by the adoption unit of the department, or an equivalent medical and social history background form; and

(G) The original waiver of the right to revoke a surrender of rights specified in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9;

(3) ~~When~~ Where the adoption is pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-5, the following shall be provided or attached to the petition for adoption or its absence explained when the petition for adoption is filed:

(A) The original written voluntary surrender of rights of each parent, biological father who is not a legal father, or guardian specified in subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-5;

(B) The original written acknowledgment of surrender of rights specified in subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-5;

(C) The original affidavits specified in subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 19-8-5;

(D) A copy of the appropriate form verifying the allegation Allegations of compliance with Code Section 19-8-12 and the original certification evidencing the search of the putative father registry;

~~(E) Allegations of compliance with Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;~~

~~(F)~~(E) The original accounting required by subsection (c) of this Code section;

~~(G)~~(F) Uncertified copies Copies of appropriate certificates or forms verifying the allegations contained in the such petition as to guardianship or custody of the child,

including, but not limited to, the marriage of each petitioner, the ~~divorce or~~ death of each parent ~~of the child~~ in lieu of a surrender of his or her parental rights, and compliance with Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;

~~(H)(G)~~ A completed form containing background information regarding the child ~~to be adopted~~, as required by the adoption unit of the department, ~~or an equivalent medical and social history background form;~~ ~~and~~

~~(H)~~ A copy of the home study report; ~~and~~

(I) The original waiver of the right to revoke a surrender of rights specified in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9;

(4) When ~~Where~~ the adoption is pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-6, the following shall be provided or attached ~~to the petition for adoption~~ or its absence explained when the petition ~~for adoption~~ is filed:

(A) The ~~original~~ written voluntary surrender of ~~the parent rights of each parent, biological father who is not a legal father,~~ or guardian specified in subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-6;

(B) The ~~original~~ written acknowledgment of surrender ~~of rights~~ specified in subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-6;

(C) The ~~original~~ affidavits specified in subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 19-8-6;

(D) The ~~original~~ consent specified in subsection (j) of Code Section 19-8-6;

(E) A copy of the appropriate form verifying the allegation ~~Allegations~~ of compliance with Code Section 19-8-12 ~~and the original certification evidencing the search of the putative father registry;~~

(F) ~~Uncertified copies~~ ~~Copies~~ of appropriate certificates ~~or forms~~ verifying ~~the~~ allegations contained in ~~the such~~ petition as to guardianship of the child ~~sought to be adopted~~, including, but not limited to, the birth of the child ~~sought to be adopted~~, the marriage of each petitioner, and the ~~divorce or~~ death of each parent ~~of the child sought to be adopted;~~ ~~and~~ in lieu of a surrender of his or her parental rights;

(G) A completed form containing background information regarding the child ~~to be adopted~~, as required by the adoption unit of the department, ~~or an equivalent medical and social history background form;~~ ~~and~~

(H) The original waiver of the right to revoke a surrender of rights specified in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9;

(5) When ~~Where~~ the adoption is pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-7, the following shall be provided or attached ~~to the petition for adoption~~ or its absence explained when the petition ~~for adoption~~ is filed:

(A) The ~~original~~ written voluntary surrender ~~of rights~~ of each parent ~~or biological father who is not a legal father~~ specified in subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-7;

(B) The ~~original~~ written acknowledgment of surrender ~~of rights~~ specified in subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-7;

(C) The ~~original~~ affidavits specified in subsections (g) and (h) of Code Section 19-8-7;

(D) A copy of the appropriate form verifying the allegation Allegations of compliance with Code Section 19-8-12 and the original certification evidencing the search of the putative father registry;

(E) Uncertified copies Copies of appropriate certificates or forms verifying allegations contained in the petition as to guardianship or custody of the child sought to be adopted, and the birth of the child sought to be adopted, including but not limited to, the marriage of each petitioner, and the divorce or the death of each parent of the child sought to be adopted; and in lieu of a surrender of his or her parental rights, and compliance with Chapter 4 of Title 39, relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children;

(F) A completed form containing background information regarding the child to be adopted, as required by the adoption unit of the department, or an equivalent medical and social history background form; and

(G) The original waiver of the right to revoke a surrender of rights specified in subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9;

(6)(A) When Where the adoption is pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-8, the following shall be provided or attached or its absence explained to the petition for adoption when the petition for adoption is filed:

~~(i) A certified copy of the final decree of adoption from the foreign country along with a verified English translation. The translator shall provide a statement regarding his qualification to render the translation, his complete name, and his current address. Should the current address be a temporary one, his permanent address shall also be provided;~~

~~(ii) A verified copy of the visa granting the child entry to the United States;~~

~~(iii) A certified copy along with a verified translation of the child's amended birth certificate or registration showing each petitioner as parent; and~~

~~(iv) A copy of the home study which was completed for United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.~~

(i) A copy of the child's passport page showing an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa obtained to grant the child entry into the United States as a result of a full and final adoption in the foreign country; and

(ii) A copy along with an English translation of the child's birth certificate or registration.

~~(B) It is not necessary to file copies of surrenders or termination on any parent or biological father who is not the legal father when the petition is filed pursuant to paragraph (1) of Code Section 19-8-8.~~

(B) Because the issuance of an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa by the United States Department of State in the child's passport is prima-facie evidence that all parental rights have been terminated and that the child is legally available for adoption, it shall not be necessary to file any documents related to the surrender or termination of the parental rights of the child's parents or comply with Code Section 19-8-12 regarding the rights of a biological father who is not a legal father when the petition for adoption is filed pursuant to

subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-8.

(C) When the adoption is pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-8, the following shall be provided or attached to the petition for adoption when the petition for adoption is filed:

- (i) A copy along with an English translation of the final decree or order of guardianship from the foreign country;
- (ii) Copies of all postplacement reports, if required by the foreign country that entered the guardianship decree or order;
- (iii) Authorization to proceed with adoption if specifically required by the decree or order entered by the court or administrative agency in the foreign country;
- (iv) A copy of the child's passport page showing an immediate relative immigrant visa or Hague Convention immigrant visa obtained to grant the child entry into the United States in order to finalize his or her adoption; and
- (v) A copy along with an English translation of the child's birth certificate or registration;

(7) ~~When~~ Where Code Section 19-8-10 is applicable, parental rights need not be surrendered or terminated prior to the filing of the petition for adoption; but ~~any~~ the petitioner shall, in lieu of obtaining and attaching those otherwise required surrenders of rights, acknowledgments, and affidavits, allege facts in the petition for adoption demonstrating the applicability of subsection (a) or (b), or both, of Code Section 19-8-10 and shall also allege compliance with subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-10; and

(8) If the petition for adoption is filed in a county other than that of the ~~petitioners'~~ petitioner's residence, the reason therefor ~~must also~~ shall be set forth in ~~the~~ such petition.

(b) At the time of filing the petition for adoption, the petitioner shall deposit with the clerk the deposit required by Code Section 9-15-4; the fees shall be those established by Code Sections 15-6-77, ~~and~~ 15-6-77.1, and 15-6-77.2.

(c) Each petitioner for adoption in any proceeding for the adoption of a ~~minor~~ child pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ Code Section 19-8-5 shall file with the petition for adoption, in a manner acceptable to the court, a report fully accounting for all disbursements of anything of value made or agreed to be made, directly or indirectly, by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of the petitioner in connection with the adoption, including, but not limited to, any expenses incurred in connection with:

- (1) The birth of the ~~minor~~ child;
- (2) Placement of the ~~minor~~ child with the petitioner;
- (3) Counseling services or legal services for a legal mother;
- (4) Reasonable living expenses for the biological mother during the last three months of her pregnancy and for six weeks postpartum;
- ~~(3)~~(5) Medical or hospital care received by the biological mother or by the minor child during the such mother's prenatal care and confinement;
- (6) Any additional reasonable and necessary expenses authorized by the court pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-24; and
- ~~(4)~~(7) Services relating to the adoption or to the placement of the minor child for

adoption which were received by or on behalf of the petitioner, either ~~natural biological~~ parent of the ~~minor~~ child, or any other ~~person~~ individual.

(d) Every attorney for a petitioner in any proceeding for the adoption of a ~~minor~~ child pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ Code Section 19-8-5 shall file, in a manner acceptable to the court, before the decree of adoption is entered, an affidavit detailing all sums paid or promised to that attorney, directly or indirectly, from whatever source, for all services of any nature rendered or to be rendered in connection with the adoption, including an accounting for all funds disbursed through the attorney's trust account in accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-24; provided, however, that, if the attorney received or is to receive less than \$500.00, the affidavit need only state that fact.

(e) Any report made under this Code section ~~must~~ shall be signed ~~and verified~~ under oath and in the presence of a notary public by the individual making the report.

(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'family member' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 19-7-3.

(2) Whenever a ~~petitioner is a blood relative of the child to be adopted and a~~ family member other than the petitioner has visitation rights to ~~the~~ such child granted pursuant to Code Section 19-7-3, the petitioner shall cause a copy of the petition for adoption to be served upon the family member with the visitation rights or upon ~~such person's~~ family member's counsel of record at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the petition for adoption will be considered as such time frames are set forth in Code Section 19-8-14.

(g) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ Code Sections 19-8-5 and 19-8-7 and this Code section which require obtaining and attaching a written voluntary surrender of rights and acknowledgment thereof and affidavits of ~~the~~ a legal mother and a representative of the petitioner or of the individual signing such surrender, when the adoption is sought under subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-5 or 19-8-7 following the termination of parental rights and the placement of the child by the juvenile court pursuant to Code Section 15-11-321, obtaining and attaching to the petition for adoption a certified copy of the order terminating parental rights of the parent shall take the place of obtaining and attaching those otherwise required surrenders of rights, acknowledgments, and affidavits.

(h)(1) A petition for adoption regarding a child ~~or children~~ who ~~have~~ has a living biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father and who has not surrendered his rights to the child ~~or children~~ shall include a certificate from the putative father registry disclosing the name, address, and social security number of any registrant acknowledging paternity of the child ~~or children~~ pursuant to subparagraph (d)(2)(A) of Code Section 19-11-9 or indicating the possibility of paternity of ~~a child of the child's mother~~ such child pursuant to subparagraph (d)(2)(B) of Code Section 19-11-9 for a period beginning no later than two years immediately prior to the child's date of birth. Such certificate shall indicate the results of a search of the registry on or after the earliest of the following:

(1)(A) The date of ~~the~~ a legal mother's surrender of parental rights;



~~(2)(B)~~ The date of entry of the court order terminating ~~the~~ a legal mother's parental rights; or

~~(3)(C)~~ The date of ~~the~~ a legal mother's consent to adoption pursuant to Code Section 19-8-6; or

~~(4)~~ ~~The date of the filing of the petition for adoption, in which case the certificate may be filed as an amendment to the petition for adoption.~~

(2) Such certificate shall include a statement that the registry is current as of the earliest date listed in ~~paragraphs (1) through (4)~~ subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, or as of a specified date that is later than the earliest such date.

(3) When a legal mother of the child who is the subject of the proceeding identifies her husband as the biological father of the child and he has executed a surrender of his parental rights in favor of the petitioner, the petitioner shall obtain a certificate from the putative father registry and submit it with the petition for adoption to confirm that no male other than the legal mother's husband has expressed an interest in the child or to identify a registrant other than the legal mother's husband who shall be notified pursuant to Code Section 19-8-12.

(i) Because adoption records are sealed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-23, it shall not be necessary to redact social security numbers, taxpayer identification numbers, financial account numbers, or dates of birth from pleadings and all documents filed therewith that are filed pursuant to this article as they are deemed to be a filing under seal under subsection (d) of Code Section 9-11-7.1.

19-8-14.

(a) It is the policy of this state that, in the best ~~interest~~ interests of the child, uncontested adoption petitions ~~should~~ shall be heard as soon as possible but not later than 120 days after the date of filing, unless the petitioner has failed to arrange for the court to receive the report required by ~~the provisions of~~ Code Section 19-8-16 or has otherwise failed to provide the court with all exhibits, surrenders of rights, or certificates required by this ~~chapter~~ article within that time period. It is the policy of this state that, in contested adoption petitions, the parties shall make every effort to have the petition considered by the court as soon as practical after the date of filing, taking into account the circumstances of the petition and the best ~~interest~~ interests of the child.

(b) Upon the filing of the petition for adoption, accompanied by the filing fee unless such fee is waived, it shall be the responsibility of the clerk to accept ~~the~~ such petition as filed. Such petition shall not be subject to court approval before it is filed.

(c) Upon the filing of the petition for adoption, the court shall fix a date upon which ~~the~~ such petition shall be considered, which date shall be not less than 45 days from the date of the filing of ~~the~~ such petition and shall not be less than 30 days following the last date a parent or biological father is deemed to have received service of notice as required in those cases when Code Section 19-8-10 or 19-8-12, or both, is applicable.

(d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsections (a) and (c) of this Code section, it

shall be the petitioner's responsibility to request that the court hear the petition for adoption on a date that allows sufficient time for fulfillment of the notice requirements of Code Section 19-8-10 and Code Section 19-8-12, where Code Sections 19-8-10 and 19-8-12, when applicable.

(e) In the best ~~interest~~ interests of the child, the court may hear the petition for adoption less than 45 days from the date of its filing upon a showing by the petitioner that ~~either~~ no further notice is required or ~~that~~ any statutory requirement of notice to any ~~person~~ individual will be fulfilled at an earlier date, and provided that any report required by Code Section 19-8-16 has been completed or will be completed at an earlier date.

(f) The court in the child's best ~~interest~~ interests may grant such expedited hearings or continuances as may be necessary for completion of applicable notice requirements, investigations, a home study, and reports or for other good cause shown.

(g) Copies of the petition for adoption and all documents filed in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, the order fixing the date upon which ~~the~~ such petition shall be considered, motions, other pleadings filed, all orders entered in connection with such petition, and all exhibits, surrenders of rights, or certificates required by this chapter article, shall be forwarded by the clerk to the department within 15 days after the date of the such filing of the petition for adoption for retention by the State Adoption Unit of the department.

(h) Copies of the petition for adoption, the order fixing the date upon which ~~the~~ such petition shall be considered, and all exhibits, surrenders of rights, or certificates required by this ~~chapter~~ article shall be forwarded by the clerk to the ~~child placing agency or other~~ agent appointed by the court pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ Code Section 19-8-16 within 15 days after the filing of the petition for adoption, together with a request that a report and investigation be made as required by ~~law~~ Code Section 19-8-16.

(i) The clerk of court shall provide the petitioner or his or her attorney with a copy of the petition for adoption and of each amendment, motion, and other pleading filed with a stamp confirming the date each pleading was filed with the court and shall also provide the petitioner or his or her attorney with a copy of each order entered by the court in the adoption proceeding, confirming the date the order was filed of record by the court. Copies of all motions, amendments, and other pleadings filed and of all orders entered in connection with the petition for adoption shall be forwarded by the clerk to the department within 15 days after such filing or entry.

19-8-15.

~~(1)~~(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'family member' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 19-7-3.

~~(2)~~(b) If a legal mother and biological father, whether he was a legal father or not, of the child who is the subject of the proceeding are both deceased, regardless of whether either individual had surrendered his or her parental rights or had his or her rights terminated ~~If the child sought to be adopted has no legal father or legal mother living, it shall be the privilege of any person~~ individual related by blood to ~~the~~ such child to file

objections to the petition for adoption.

(c) A family member with visitation rights to a child granted pursuant to Code Section 19-7-3 shall have the privilege to file objections to the petition ~~of~~ for adoption if neither parent has any further rights to the child and if the petition for adoption has been filed by a blood relative of the child. The court, after hearing such objections, shall determine, in its discretion, whether or not ~~the same~~ such objections constitute a good reason for denying the petition for adoption and the court shall have the authority to grant or continue such visitation rights of the family member of the child in the adoption order in the event the adoption by the blood relative is approved by the court.

19-8-16.

(a) Prior to the date set by the court for a hearing on the petition for adoption, it shall be the duty of ~~a child placing agency~~ the agent appointed by the court ~~or any other independent agent appointed by the court~~ to verify the allegations in the petition for adoption, to make a complete and thorough investigation of the entire matter, including ~~a criminal records check of each petitioner~~ any specific issue the court requests to be investigated, and to report its findings and recommendations in writing to the court where the petition for adoption was filed. The agent may be the department, a child-placing agency, an evaluator, or an individual who the court determines is qualified to conduct the required investigation. ~~The department, child placing agency, or other independent agent~~ appointed by the court shall also provide the petitioner or his or her attorney for petitioner with a copy of ~~the~~ its report ~~to the court~~. If for any reason the ~~child placing agency or other agent appointed by the court~~ finds itself unable to make or arrange for the proper investigation and report, it shall be the duty of the ~~agency or agent~~ to notify the court immediately, or at least within 20 days after receipt of the request for investigation service, that it is unable to make the report and investigation, so that the court may take such other steps as in its discretion are necessary to have the ~~entire matter investigated~~ investigation and report prepared. The investigation required by this Code section shall be in addition to the requirement of a home study in the case of a petition for adoption filed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-5.

(b) If the petition for adoption has been filed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-6 or 19-8-7, the court ~~is~~ shall be authorized but shall not be required to appoint ~~a child placing agency or other independent~~ an agent to make an investigation ~~in whatever form the court specifies~~ pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section; provided, however, that a home study shall not be required.

(c)(1) If the petition for adoption has been filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-8, ~~or if the department has conducted an investigation and has consented to the adoption, an investigation~~ the appointment of an agent to make an investigation and render a report pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be required.

(2) If the petition for adoption has been filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-4 and the department or child-placing agency has consented to the adoption, the appointment of an agent to make an investigation and render a report pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall not be required.

(d) The court shall require the petitioner to submit to a criminal history records check. The petitioner shall submit his or her fingerprints to the Georgia Crime Information Center with the appropriate fee. The center shall promptly transmit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of bureau records and shall obtain an appropriate report. The Georgia Crime Information Center shall also promptly conduct a search of its records and any records to which it has access. The center shall notify the court in writing of the presence or absence of any ~~derogatory finding, including but not limited to any conviction data, regarding the~~ criminal record from the state fingerprint records check. In those cases when the petitioner has submitted a fingerprint based criminal history report that includes the results of a records search of both the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the department, child-placing agency, or evaluator as part of the home study and such results are dated within 12 months of filing of the petition for adoption and are included in the home study report filed with or otherwise made available to the court, such results shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection. Because the court shall not be authorized to share the results of the fingerprint records check with the agent appointed by the court pursuant to subsection (a) or (e) of this Code section, the court shall determine the acceptability of the petitioner's criminal history, inform the petitioner or his or her attorney at least five days prior to the final hearing on the petition for adoption if the court will require additional evidence with respect to the petitioner's criminal history or if the court is inclined to deny such petition because of such criminal history, and afford the petitioner or his or her attorney an opportunity to present evidence as to why the petitioner's criminal history should not be grounds for denial of such petition.

~~(e) The court may appoint the department to serve as its agent to conduct the investigation required by this Code section if an appropriate child placing agency or independent agent is not available. If for any reason the department finds itself unable to make or arrange for the proper investigation and report, it shall be the duty of the commissioner of human services to notify the court immediately, or at least within 20 days after receipt of the request for investigation service, that it is unable to make the report and investigation, so that the court may take such other steps as in its discretion are necessary to have the entire matter investigated.~~

~~(f)~~(e) The court shall require the petitioner to reimburse the child placing agency or other independent agent appointed by the court, including the department, for the full cost of conducting the investigation and preparing the its report. Such cost shall not exceed \$250.00 unless specifically authorized by the court, provided that the court shall furnish the petitioner or his or her attorney with written notice of the name of the agent that the court intends to appoint and the amount of any increased costs, together with a request to agree to pay such increased costs. If the petitioner does not agree to pay the increased costs, then the petitioner shall have an opportunity to present to the court information regarding other persons that are qualified to conduct the investigation and render the report to the court and the cost of their services, and the court shall appoint the person that is qualified to conduct the investigation and render the report to the

court at the lowest cost to the petitioner.

19-8-17.

(a) The report and findings of the investigating ~~agency~~ agent appointed by the court pursuant to Code Section 19-8-16 shall include, among other things, the following:

- (1) Verification of allegations contained in the petition for adoption;
- (2) Circumstances under which the child came to be placed for adoption;
- (3) Whether each ~~proposed~~ prospective adoptive parent is financially, physically, and mentally able to have the permanent custody of the child; in considering financial ability any adoption supplement approved by the department shall be taken into account;
- (4) The physical and mental condition of the child, insofar as this can be determined by the aid of competent medical authority;
- (5) Whether or not the adoption is in the best interests of the child, including his or her general care;
- (6) Suitability of the home to the child;
- (7) If applicable, whether the identity and location of ~~the~~ a biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father are known or ascertainable and whether the requirements of Code Section 19-8-12 were complied with; ~~and~~
- (8) Any other information that might be disclosed by the investigation that in the agent's opinion would be of ~~any~~ value or interest to the court in deciding the case; and
- (9) Any other information that might be disclosed by the investigation in response to any specific issue that the court requested be investigated in its order appointing such agent.

(b) If the report of the investigating ~~agency or independent~~ agent disapproves of the adoption of the child, motion may be made by the investigating ~~agency or independent~~ agent to the court to dismiss the petition for adoption and the court after hearing is such motion shall be authorized to ~~do so~~ dismiss such petition. If the court denies the motion to dismiss, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem who may appeal the ruling to the Georgia Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, as in other cases, as provided by law.

(c) If at any time it appears to the court that the interests of the child may conflict with those of any petitioner, the court may, in its discretion, appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the child and the cost thereof shall be a charge upon the funds of the county.

19-8-18.

(a)(1) Upon the date appointed by the court for a hearing of the petition for adoption or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached for a hearing, the court shall proceed to a full hearing on ~~the~~ such petition and the examination of the parties at interest in chambers, under oath, with the right of continuing the hearing and examinations from time to time as the nature of the case may require. The court at such times shall give consideration to the investigation report to the court provided for in Code Section 19-8-16 and the recommendations contained ~~therein~~ in such report. The court may in its discretion allow the petitioner or any witness to appear via

electronic means in lieu of requiring his or her physical presence before the court.

(2) The court shall examine the petition for adoption and the affidavit specified in subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7, as appropriate, to determine whether Code Section 19-8-12 is applicable. If the court determines that Code Section 19-8-12 is applicable to the petition for adoption, it shall:

- (A) Determine that an appropriate order has previously been entered;
- (B) Enter an order consistent with Code Section 19-8-12; or
- (C) Continue the hearing until Code Section 19-8-12 is complied with.

(3) If the adoption petition is filed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-5, the court shall examine the financial disclosures required under subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 19-8-13 and make such further examination of each petitioner and his or her attorney as the court deems appropriate in order to make a determination as to whether there is cause to believe that Code Section 19-8-24 has been violated with regard to the ~~'inducement'~~ inducement, as such term is defined in Code Section 19-8-24, of the placement of the child for adoption. Should the court determine that further inquiry is in order, the court shall direct the district attorney for the county to review the matter further and to take such appropriate action as the district attorney in his or her discretion deems appropriate.

(b)(1) If the petition for adoption was filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7, the court shall enter a decree of adoption naming the child as prayed for in such petition; terminating all of the rights of each living parent, guardian, and legal custodian of the child, other than the spouse of the petitioner in the case of a stepparent adoption pursuant to Code Section 19-8-6; granting the permanent custody of the child to each petitioner; and declaring the child to be the adopted child of each petitioner if the court is satisfied that each:

- (A) Each living parent or guardian of the child has surrendered or had terminated all of his or her rights to the child in the manner provided by law ~~prior to the filing of the petition for adoption~~ or that each petitioner has complied with the notice requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-10 and satisfied his or her burden of proof under Code Section 19-8-10, ~~that such~~ or that the spouse has consented to the petitioner's adoption of the child as required by Code Section 19-8-6;
- (B) Each petitioner is capable of assuming responsibility for the care, supervision, training, and education of the child, ~~that the;~~
- (C) The child is suitable for adoption in a private family home, ~~and that the;~~ and
- (D) The adoption requested is ~~for~~ in the best interest interests of the child, ~~it shall enter a decree of adoption, terminating all the rights of each parent and guardian to the child, granting the permanent custody of the child to each petitioner, naming the child as prayed for in the petition, and declaring the child to be the adopted child of each petitioner. In all cases wherein Code Section 19-8-10 is relied upon by any petitioner as a basis for the termination of parental rights, the.~~

(2) When Code Section 19-8-10 has been relied upon by any petitioner for the termination of rights of a living parent, the court shall include in the decree of

adoption appropriate findings of fact and conclusions of law relating to the applicability of Code Section 19-8-10 termination of rights of such living parent and the court's determination that the adoption is in the child's best interests.

(3) When the child was born in a country other than the United States, the court shall examine the evidence submitted and determine that sufficient evidence has been proffered to show that the child will be able to obtain lawful permanent resident status, if not already obtained, before the court shall have authority to determine if it is in the best interests of the child to grant the petition for adoption.

(4) If there is an existing visitation order pursuant to Code Section 19-7-3 in favor of a family member, the court shall have the authority to continue or discontinue such visitation rights in the adoption order as it deems is in the best interests of the child.

(c) If the petition for adoption was filed pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-8 and if the court is satisfied that the petitioner has fully complied with the requirements of Code Section 19-8-13 and has established that he or she finalized his or her adoption of the child in the foreign country, then the court shall enter a decree of adoption naming the child as prayed for in such petition; domesticating the foreign decree of adoption; granting the permanent custody of the child to each petitioner; changing the date of birth of the child if so requested, provided that evidence was presented justifying such change; and declaring the child to be the adopted child of each petitioner. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section, the court may domesticate the foreign decree of adoption upon the pleadings without a hearing.

(d) If the petition for adoption was filed pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-8, the court shall enter a decree of adoption naming the child as prayed for in such petition; terminating the guardianship; granting the permanent custody of the child to each petitioner; changing the date of birth of the child if so requested, provided that evidence was presented justifying such change; and declaring the child to be the adopted child of each petitioner if the court is satisfied that the petitioner has fully complied with the requirements of Code Section 19-8-13 and that:

(1) Each petitioner in his or her capacity as guardian of the child has surrendered all of his or her rights to the child in the manner provided by law;

(2) Each petitioner is capable of assuming responsibility for the care, supervision, training, and education of the child;

(3) The child is suitable for adoption in a private family home; and

(4) The adoption requested is in the best interests of the child.

(e) In exercising its discretion to determine whether the adoption requested is in the best interests of the child, the court shall consider the following factors:

(1) The ability of each petitioner and, if applicable, each respondent to provide for the physical safety and welfare of the child, including food, shelter, health, and clothing;

(2) The love, affection, bonding, and emotional ties existing between the child and each petitioner and, if applicable, each respondent;

(3) The child's need for permanence, including the child's need for stability and

continuity of relationships with his or her siblings;

(4) The capacity and disposition of each petitioner and, if applicable, each respondent to give the child his or her love, affection, and guidance and to continue the education and rearing of the child;

(5) The home environment of each petitioner and, if applicable, each respondent, considering the promotion of the child's nurturance and safety rather than superficial or material factors;

(6) The stability of the family unit and the presence or absence of support systems within the community to benefit the child;

(7) The mental and physical health of all individuals involved;

(8) The home, school, and community record and history of the child, as well as any health or educational special needs of the child;

(9) The child's background and ties, including familial, cultural, and religious;

(10) The uniqueness of every family and child;

(11) The child's wishes and long-term goals;

(12) Any evidence of family violence, substance abuse, criminal history, or sexual, mental, or physical child abuse in the petitioner's home and, if applicable, each respondent's home;

(13) Any recommendation by a court appointed agent or guardian ad litem; and

(14) Any other factors considered by the court to be relevant and proper to its determination.

~~(e)~~(f) If the court determines that any petitioner has not complied with this ~~chapter~~ article, it may dismiss the petition for adoption without prejudice or it may continue the case. Should the court find that any notice required to be given by any petitioner under this ~~chapter~~ article has not been given or has not been properly given or that the petition for adoption has not been properly filed, the court ~~is~~ shall be authorized to enter an order providing for corrective action and an additional hearing.

~~(d)~~(g) If the court is not satisfied that the adoption is in the best interests of the child, it shall deny the petition for adoption. If ~~the~~ such petition is denied because ~~of such reason~~ the court determines that the adoption requested is not in the best interests of the child or for any other reason under law, the court shall set forth specific findings of fact explaining its decision in its order denying the adoption and shall commit the child to the custody of the department, or to a child-placing agency, if the or an out-of-state licensed agency if such petition was filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-4 ~~or 19-8-5~~. If such petition was filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-5, the court shall commit the child to the third party named by the parent in the written surrender of rights pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-5; and if there is no surrender of rights, the court shall place the child with the department for the purpose of determining whether or not a petition should be initiated under Chapter 11 of Title 15. If such ~~the~~ petition was filed pursuant to Code Section 19-8-6, 19-8-7, or 19-8-8, the child shall remain in the custody of each petitioner if ~~that~~ each petitioner is fit to have custody or the court may place the child with the department for the purpose of determining whether or not a petition should be initiated under Chapter 11 of Title 15. If the petition for adoption is



denied, each surrender of rights executed in support of the adoption, whether by a parent, biological father who is not a legal father, or guardian, shall be dissolved by operation of law and the individual's rights shall be restored. The fact that the individual executed a surrender of his or her rights in support of the adoption shall not be admissible as evidence against him or her in any subsequent proceeding.

~~(e)~~(h) A decree of adoption issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall not be subject to any judicial challenge filed more than six months after the date of entry of such decree. Notwithstanding Code Section 9-3-31, any action for damages against an adoptee or the adoptive parents for fraud in obtaining a consent or surrender of rights shall be brought within six months of the time the fraud is or ought to reasonably have been discovered.

~~(f) Any decree of adoption issued prior to the effective date of this action shall not be subject to any judicial challenge more than six months after July 1, 1995.~~

(i) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-23, the decree of adoption issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section shall authorize the clerk of the court to issue one or more certified copies of the decree of adoption to the petitioner or his or her attorney at the time of entry of the final decree without further order of the court and without cost.

19-8-19.

(a) A decree of adoption, whether issued by a court of this state or by a court of any other jurisdiction, shall have the following effect as to matters within the jurisdiction of or before a court in this state:

(1) Except with respect to a spouse of the petitioner and relatives of the spouse, a decree of adoption ~~terminates~~ shall terminate all legal relationships between the adopted individual and his or her relatives, including his or her parent, so that the adopted individual thereafter ~~is~~ shall be a stranger to his or her former relatives for all purposes, including inheritance and the interpretation or construction of documents, statutes, and instruments, whether executed before or after the adoption is decreed, which do not expressly include the individual by name or by some designation not based on a parent and child or blood relationship; and

(2) A decree of adoption ~~creates~~ shall create the relationship of parent and child between each petitioner and the adopted individual, as if the adopted individual were a child of biological issue of that petitioner. The adopted individual shall enjoy every right and privilege of a biological child of that petitioner; shall be deemed a biological child of that petitioner, to inherit under the laws of descent and distribution in the absence of a will, and to take under ~~the provisions of~~ any instrument of testamentary gift, bequest, devise, or legacy, whether executed before or after the adoption is decreed, unless expressly excluded therefrom; shall take by inheritance from relatives of that petitioner; and shall also take as a 'child' of that petitioner under a class gift made by the will of a third person.

(b) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (a) of this Code section, if a parent of a child dies without the relationship of parent and child having been previously

terminated by court order ~~or unrevoked surrender of parental rights to the child~~, the child's right of inheritance from or through the deceased parent shall not be affected by the adoption.

19-8-20.

(a) Upon the entry of the decree of adoption, the clerk of the court granting the same shall forward a copy of the decree, together with the original of the investigation report and background information filed with the court, to the department. If there is any subsequent order or revocation of the adoption, a copy of same in like manner shall be forwarded by the clerk to the department.

(b) At any time after the entry of the decree of adoption, upon the request of an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached 18 years of age or upon the request of any adopting parent, the clerk of the court granting the decree shall issue to that requesting adopted ~~person~~ individual or adopting parent a certificate of adoption, under the seal of the court, upon payment to the clerk of the fee prescribed in paragraph (4) of subsection (g) of Code Section 15-6-77, which adoption certificate shall be received as evidence in any court or proceeding as primary evidence of the facts contained in the certificate.

(c) The adoption certificate shall ~~be in~~ conform substantially to the following form:

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (names of each adopting parent) have obtained a decree of adoption for \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of ~~adopted child~~ adoptee and date of birth of adoptee) in the Superior Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, as shown by the court's records \_\_\_\_\_ (adoption file number).  
Given under the hand and seal of said court, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk'

19-8-21.

(a) Adult ~~persons~~ individuals may be adopted on giving written consent to the adoption. In such cases, adoption shall be by a petition duly verified and filed, together with ~~two conformed copies~~ one conformed copy, in the superior court in the county in which ~~either~~ any petitioner or the adult to be adopted resides, setting forth the name, age, and residence of each petitioner and of the adult to be adopted, the name by which the adult is to be known, and his or her written consent to the adoption. The court may assign the petition for adoption for hearing at any time. The petition for adoption shall state whether one or both parents of the adult to be adopted will be replaced by the grant of such petition, and if only one parent is to be replaced, then the decree of adoption shall make clear which parent is to be replaced by adoption. After examining each petitioner and the adult ~~sought~~ to be adopted, the court, if satisfied that there is no reason why the adoption should not be granted, shall enter a decree of adoption and, if requested, shall change the name of the adopted adult. Thereafter, the relation between

each petitioner and the adopted adult shall be, as to their legal rights and liabilities, the same as the relation of a parent and adult child.

~~(b) Code Section 19-8-19, relating to the effect of a decree of adoption, and Code Section 19-8-20, relating to notice of adoption, Sections 19-8-19 and 19-8-20 shall also apply to the adoption of adults.~~

19-8-22.

(a) A decree of a court or an administrative proceeding terminating the relationship of parent and child, establishing the relationship of guardian and ward, or establishing the relationship of parent and child by adoption, issued pursuant to due process of law by a court or administrative body of any other jurisdiction within or outside the United States, or the clear and irrevocable release or consent to adoption by the guardian of a child ~~where~~ when the appointment of the guardian has been certified by the appropriate and legally authorized court or agency of the government of the foreign country, shall be recognized in this state; and the rights and obligations of the parties as to matters within the jurisdiction of this state shall be determined as though any such decree were issued by a court of this state and any such consent or release shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of Code Sections 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, 19-8-7, 19-8-8, and 19-8-12.

(b) Any adoption proceeding in this state in which a final order of adoption was entered by the court prior to April 1, 1986, and to which subsection (a) of this Code section would have been applicable if said subsection, ~~as amended,~~ had been effective at the time such proceeding was filed or concluded shall be governed by ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (a) of this Code section, ~~as amended.~~

~~(c) Any adoption proceeding pending in a court of competent jurisdiction in this state in which no final order of adoption has been entered as of April 1, 1986, to which the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section are applicable shall be governed by the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, as amended.~~

19-8-23.

(a)(1) The original petition for adoption, all amendments, attachments, and exhibits thereto, all motions, documents, affidavits, records, and testimony filed in connection therewith, and all decrees or orders of any kind whatsoever, except the original investigation report and background information referred to in Code Section 19-8-20, shall be recorded in a book kept for ~~that~~ such purpose and properly indexed; and ~~the~~ such book shall be part of the records of the court in each county which has jurisdiction over matters of adoption in that county. All of ~~the~~ such court records, including the docket book, ~~of the court granting the adoption, of the department, and of the child placing agency~~ that relate in any manner to the adoption shall be kept sealed and locked. The department shall keep its records that relate in any manner to an adoption sealed and locked.

(2) The court records and department records may be examined by the parties at interest in the adoption and their attorneys when, after written petition, which shall be filed under seal, has been presented to the court having jurisdiction and after the

department and the appropriate child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency, if any, have received at least 30 days' prior written notice of the filing of such petition, the matter has come on before the court in chambers and, ~~good cause having been shown to the court~~, the court has entered an order permitting such examination.

(3) ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph (2) of this subsection~~, if the adoptee who is the subject of the records sought to be examined is less than 18 years of age at the time the petition for examination is filed and ~~the~~ such petitioner is someone other than one of the adoptive parents of the adoptee, then the department shall provide written notice of such proceedings to the adoptive parents by certified mail ~~or statutory overnight delivery~~, return receipt requested, or statutory overnight delivery at the last address the department has for such adoptive parents, and the court shall continue any hearing on ~~the~~ such petition until not less than 60 days after the date the notice to the adoptive parents was sent. Each such adoptive parent shall have the right to appear in person or through counsel and show cause why such records should not be examined. Adoptive parents may provide the department with their current address for purposes of receiving notice under this subsection by mailing that address to:

Office of Adoptions  
State Adoption Unit  
 Department of Human Services  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(b) The department or ~~the~~ child-placing agency may, in its sole discretion, make use of any information contained in the records of the respective department or child-placing agency relating to the adoptive parents in connection with a subsequent adoption matter involving the same adoptive parents or to provide notice when required by subsection (a) of this Code section.

(b.1) The department may, in its sole discretion, make use of any information contained in the records of the department concerning an adopted child and the adopted child's biological parents in connection with the placement of another child in the home of the adoptive parents of the child or in connection with the investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect made concerning the adopted child's biological parents.

(c) The department or ~~the~~ child-placing agency may, in its sole discretion, make use of any information contained in its records on a child when an adoption disrupts after finalization and when such records are required for the permanent placement of such child, or when the information is required by federal law.

(d)(1) Upon the request of a party at interest in the adoption, a child, legal guardian, or health care agent of an adopted ~~person~~ individual or a provider of medical services to such a party, child, legal guardian, or health care agent when certain information would assist in the provision of medical care, a medical emergency, or medical diagnosis or treatment, the department or child-placing agency shall access its own records on finalized adoptions for the purpose of adding subsequently obtained medical information or releasing nonidentifying medical and health history information contained in its records pertaining to an adopted ~~person~~ individual or the

biological parents or relatives of the biological parents of the adopted ~~person~~ individual. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'health care agent' ~~has~~ shall have the meaning provided by Code Section 31-32-2.

(2) Upon receipt by the State Adoption Unit ~~of the Division of Family and Children Services~~ of the department or by a child-placing agency of documented medical information relevant to an adoptee, the ~~office~~ department or child-placing agency shall use reasonable efforts to contact the adoptive parents of the adoptee if the adoptee is under 18 years of age or the adoptee if he or she is 18 years of age or older and provide such documented medical information to the adoptive parents or the adult adoptee. The ~~office~~ department or child-placing agency shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs for postage and photocopying incurred in the delivery of such documented medical information to the adoptive parents or adult adoptee.

(e) Records relating in any manner to adoption shall not be open to the general public for inspection.

(f)(1) Notwithstanding Code Section 19-8-1, for purposes of this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Biological parent' means the biological mother or biological father who surrendered ~~that person's~~ such individual's rights or had such rights terminated by court order giving rise to the adoption of the child.

(B) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of human services or ~~that person's~~ his or her designee.

(C) 'Department' means the Department of Human Services or, when the Department of Human Services so designates, the county ~~department~~ division of family and children services which placed for adoption the ~~person~~ individual seeking, or on whose behalf is sought, information under this subsection.

(D) 'Placement agency' means the child-placing agency, as defined in paragraph ~~(3)~~ (5) of Code Section 19-8-1, which placed for adoption the ~~person~~ individual seeking, or on whose behalf is sought, information under this subsection.

(2) The department or a placement agency, upon the written request of an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached 18 years of age or upon the written request of an adoptive parent on behalf of that parent's adopted child, shall release to such adopted ~~person~~ individual or to the adoptive parent on the child's behalf nonidentifying information regarding such adopted ~~person's~~ individual's biological parents and information regarding such adopted ~~person's~~ individual's birth. Such information may include the date and place of birth of the adopted ~~person~~ individual and the genetic, social, and health history of the biological parents. No information released pursuant to this paragraph shall include the name or address of either biological parent or the name or address of any relative by birth or marriage of either biological parent.

(3)(A) The department or a placement agency, upon the written request of an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age, shall release to such adopted ~~person~~ individual the name of such ~~person's~~ individual's biological parent, together with a detailed summary of all information the department or placement

agency has concerning the adoptee's birth, foster care, placement for adoption, and finalization of his or her adoption, if:

- (i) ~~A~~ ~~The~~ biological parent whose name is to be released has submitted unrevoked written permission to the department or ~~the~~ placement agency for the release of that parent's name to the adopted ~~person~~ individual;
- (ii) The identity of ~~the~~ a biological parent submitting permission for the release of that parent's name has been verified by the department or ~~the~~ placement agency; and
- (iii) The department or ~~the~~ placement agency has records pertaining to the finalized adoption and to the identity of ~~the~~ a biological parent whose name is to be released.

(B) If the adopted ~~person~~ individual is deceased and leaves a child, such child, upon reaching ~~24~~ 18 years of age, may seek the name and other identifying information concerning his or her grandparents in the same manner as the deceased adopted ~~person~~ individual and subject to the same procedures contained in this Code section.

(4)(A) If a biological parent has not filed written unrevoked permission for the release of that parent's name to the adopted child, the department or ~~the~~ placement agency, within six months of receipt of the written request of the adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~24~~ 18 years of age, shall make diligent effort to notify each living biological parent identified in the original adoption proceedings or in other records of the department or ~~the~~ placement agency relative to the adopted ~~person~~ individual. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'notify' means a personal and confidential contact with each biological parent of the adopted ~~person~~ individual. The contact shall be by an employee or agent of the placement agency which processed the pertinent adoption or by other agents or employees of the department. The contact shall be evidenced by the ~~person~~ individual who notified each biological parent, certifying to the department or placement agency that each biological parent was given the following information:

- (i) The nature of the information requested by the adopted ~~person~~ individual;
- (ii) The date of the request of the adopted ~~person~~ individual;
- (iii) The right of each biological parent to file an affidavit with the placement agency or the department stating that such parent's identity should not be disclosed;
- (iv) The right of each biological parent to file a consent to disclosure with the placement agency or the department; and
- (v) The effect of a failure of each biological parent to file ~~either~~ a consent to disclosure or an affidavit stating that the information in the sealed adoption file should not be disclosed.

(B) If a biological parent files an unrevoked consent to the disclosure of that parent's identity, such parent's name, together with a detailed summary of all information the department or placement agency has concerning the adoptee's birth, foster care, placement for adoption, and finalization of his or her adoption, shall be released to the adopted ~~person~~ individual who has requested such information as

authorized by this paragraph.

(C) If, within 60 days of being notified by the department or ~~the~~ placement agency pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, a biological parent has filed with the department or placement agency an affidavit objecting to such release, information regarding the identity of that biological parent shall not be released.

(D)(i) If six months after receipt of the adopted ~~person's~~ individual's written request the placement agency or the department has ~~either~~ been unable to notify a biological parent identified in the original adoption record or has been able to notify a biological parent identified in the original adoption record but has not obtained a consent to disclosure from the notified biological parent, then the identity of a biological parent may only be disclosed as provided in division (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) The adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~24~~ 18 years of age may petition the Superior Court of Fulton County to seek the release of the identity of each of ~~that person's~~ his or her biological parents from the department or placement agency. The court shall grant the petition if the court finds that the department or placement agency has made diligent efforts to locate each biological parent pursuant to this subparagraph ~~either~~ without success or upon locating a biological parent has not obtained a consent to disclosure from the notified biological parent and that failure to release the identity of each biological parent would have an adverse impact upon the physical, mental, or emotional health of the adopted ~~person~~ individual.

(iii) If it is verified that a biological parent of the adopted ~~person~~ individual is deceased, the department or placement agency shall be authorized to disclose the name and place of burial of the deceased biological parent, if known, together with a detailed summary of all information the department or placement agency has concerning the adoptee's birth, foster care, placement for adoption, and finalization of his or her adoption, to the adopted ~~person~~ individual seeking such information without the necessity of obtaining a court order.

(5)(A) Upon written request of an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~24~~ 18 years of age or a ~~person~~ an individual who has reached ~~24~~ 18 years of age and who is the sibling of an adopted ~~person~~ individual, the department or a placement agency shall attempt to identify and notify the siblings of the requesting party, if such siblings are at least 18 years of age. Upon locating the requesting party's sibling, the department or ~~the~~ placement agency shall notify the sibling of the inquiry. Upon the written consent of a sibling so notified, the department or ~~the~~ placement agency shall forward the requesting party's name and address to the sibling and, upon further written consent of the sibling, shall divulge to the requesting party the present name and address of the sibling. If a sibling cannot be identified or located, the department or placement agency shall notify the requesting party of such circumstances but shall not disclose any names or other information which would tend to identify the sibling. If a sibling is deceased, the department or placement agency shall be authorized to disclose the name and place of burial of the deceased

sibling, if known, to the requesting party without the necessity of obtaining a court order.

(B)(i) If six months after receipt of the written request from an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age or a ~~person~~ an individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age and who is the sibling of an adopted ~~person~~ individual, the ~~placement agency or the department~~ has either department or placement agency has been unable to notify one or more of the siblings of the requesting party or has been able to notify a sibling of the requesting party but has not obtained a consent to disclosure from the notified sibling, then the identity of the siblings may only be disclosed as provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) The adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age or a ~~person~~ an individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age and who is the sibling of an adopted ~~person~~ individual may petition the Superior Court of Fulton County to seek the release of the last known name and address of each of the siblings of the petitioning sibling, ~~that~~ who are at least 18 years of age, from the department or placement agency. The court shall grant the petition if the court finds that the department or placement agency has made diligent efforts to locate such siblings pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph ~~either~~ without success or upon locating one or more of the siblings has not obtained a consent to disclosure from all the notified siblings and that failure to release the identity and last known address of said siblings would have an adverse impact upon the physical, mental, or emotional health of the petitioning sibling.

(C) If the adopted ~~person~~ individual is deceased and leaves a child, such child, upon reaching ~~21~~ 18 years of age, may obtain the name and other identifying information concerning the siblings of his or her deceased parent in the same manner that the deceased adopted ~~person~~ individual would be entitled to obtain such information pursuant to the procedures contained in this Code section.

(6)(A) Upon written request of a biological parent of an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age, the department or a placement agency shall attempt to identify and notify the adopted ~~person~~ individual. Upon locating the adopted ~~person~~ individual, the department or ~~the~~ placement agency shall notify the adopted ~~person~~ individual of the inquiry. Upon the written consent of the adopted ~~person~~ individual so notified, the department or ~~the~~ placement agency shall forward ~~the~~ such biological parent's name and address to the adopted ~~person~~ individual, together with a detailed summary of all information the department or placement agency has concerning the adoptee's birth, foster care, placement for adoption, and finalization of his or her adoption, and, upon further written consent of the adopted ~~person~~ individual, shall divulge to ~~the~~ such requesting biological parent the present name and address of the adopted ~~person~~ individual. If the adopted ~~person~~ individual is deceased, the department or placement agency shall be authorized to disclose the name and place of burial of the deceased adopted ~~person~~ individual, if known, to ~~the~~ such requesting biological parent without the necessity of obtaining a court order.

(B)(i) If six months after receipt of the written request from a biological parent of



an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age, the ~~placement agency or the department has either~~ department or placement agency has been unable to notify the adopted ~~person~~ individual or has been able to notify the adopted ~~person~~ individual but has not obtained a consent to disclosure from the notified adopted ~~person~~ individual, then the identity of the adopted ~~person~~ individual may only be disclosed as provided in division (ii) of this subparagraph.

(ii) ~~A~~ The biological parent of an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age may petition the Superior Court of Fulton County to seek the release of the last known name and address of the adopted ~~person~~ individual from the department or placement agency. The court shall grant the petition if the court finds that the department or placement agency has made diligent efforts to locate such adopted ~~person~~ individual pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph ~~either~~ without success or upon locating the adopted ~~person~~ individual has not obtained a consent to disclosure from the adopted ~~person~~ individual and that failure to release the identity and last known address of said adopted ~~person~~ individual would have an adverse impact upon the physical, mental, or emotional health of the petitioning biological parent.

(C) If ~~the~~ a biological parent is deceased, a parent or sibling of the deceased biological parent, or both, may obtain the name and other identifying information concerning the adopted ~~person~~ individual in the same manner that the deceased biological parent would be entitled to obtain such information pursuant to the procedures contained in this Code section.

(7) If an adoptive parent or the sibling of an adopted ~~person~~ individual notifies the department or placement agency of the death of an adopted ~~person~~ individual, the department or placement agency shall add information regarding the date and circumstances of the death to its records so as to enable it to share such information with a biological parent or sibling of the adopted ~~person~~ individual if they make an inquiry pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this Code section.

(8) If a biological parent or his or her parent or sibling ~~of a biological parent~~ notifies the department or placement agency of the death of a biological parent or a sibling of an adopted ~~person~~ individual, the department or placement agency shall add information regarding the date and circumstances of the death to its records so as to enable it to share such information with an adopted ~~person~~ individual or sibling of the adopted ~~person~~ individual if they make an inquiry pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this Code section.

(9) ~~The Office of Adoptions~~ State Adoption Unit within the department shall maintain a registry for the recording of requests by adopted ~~persons~~ individuals for the name of any biological parent, for the recording of the written consent or the written objections of any biological parent to the release of that parent's identity to an adopted ~~person~~ individual upon the adopted ~~person's~~ individual's request, and for nonidentifying information regarding any biological parent which may be released pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection. The department and any placement agency which receives such requests, consents, or objections shall file a copy thereof

with ~~that office~~ the State Adoption Unit.

(10) The department or placement agency may charge a reasonable fee to be determined by the department for the cost of conducting any search pursuant to this subsection.

(11) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the department or placement agency to disclose to any party at interest, including but not limited to an adopted ~~person~~ individual who has reached ~~21~~ 18 years of age, any information which is not kept by the department or ~~the~~ placement agency in its normal course of operations relating to adoption.

(12) Any department employee or employee of any placement agency who releases information or makes authorized contacts in good faith and in compliance with this subsection shall be immune from civil ~~or criminal~~ liability or criminal responsibility for such release of information or authorized contacts.

(13) Information authorized to be released pursuant to this subsection may be released under the conditions specified in this subsection, notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary.

(14) A placement agency which demonstrates to the department by clear and convincing evidence that the requirement that such agency search for or notify any biological parent, sibling, or adopted ~~person~~ individual under subparagraph (A) ~~of paragraph (4) of this subsection or subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of this subsection or subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4), (5), or (6) of this subsection~~ will impose an undue hardship upon that agency shall be relieved from that responsibility, and the department shall assume that responsibility upon such finding by the department of undue hardship. The department's determination under this subsection shall be a contested case within the meaning of Chapter 13 of Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

(15) Whenever this subsection authorizes both the department and a placement agency to perform any function or requires the placement agency to perform any function which the department is also required to perform, the department or agency may designate an agent to perform that function and in so performing it the agent shall have the same authority, powers, duties, and immunities as an employee of the department or placement agency has with respect to performing that function.

19-8-24.

(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, corporation, hospital, facilitator, or association of any kind whatsoever which ~~has not been established as is~~ not a child-placing agency by the department to; a prospective adoptive parent who has a valid, approved preplacement home study report, or an attorney who is a member of the State Bar of Georgia representing a prospective adoptive parent who has a valid, approved preplacement home study report to advertise,

~~(1) Advertise,~~ whether in a periodical, by television, by radio, or by any other public medium or by any private means, including, but not limited to, letters, circulars, handbills, Internet postings including social media, and oral statements, that the

person, organization, corporation, hospital, facilitator, or association will adopt children or will arrange for or cause children to be adopted or placed for adoption; ~~or~~

~~(2) Directly or indirectly hold out inducements to parents to part with their children.~~

~~As used in this subsection, 'inducements' shall include any financial assistance, either direct or indirect, from whatever source, except payment or reimbursement of the medical expenses directly related to the mother's pregnancy and hospitalization for the birth of the child and medical care for the child.~~

(2)(A) Any person, organization, corporation, hospital, facilitator, or association of any kind which is not a child-placing agency that places an advertisement concerning adoption or prospective adoption shall include in such advertisement its license number issued by the department;

(B) Any attorney representing a prospective adoptive parent who has a valid, approved preplacement home study report who places an advertisement concerning adoption or prospective adoption shall include in such advertisement his or her State Bar of Georgia license number; and

(C) Any individual who places an advertisement concerning being an adoptive parent shall include in such advertisement that he or she has a valid, approved preplacement home study report.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, corporation, hospital, facilitator, or association of any kind whatsoever to sell, offer to sell, or conspire with another to sell or offer to sell a child for money or anything of value, except as otherwise provided in this ~~chapter~~ article.

(c)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'inducements' means any financial assistance, either direct or indirect, from whatever source, but shall expressly not include:

(A) The payment or reimbursement of the medical expenses directly related to the biological mother's pregnancy and hospitalization for the birth of the child and medical care for such child;

(B) The payment or reimbursement of expenses for counseling services or legal services for a biological parent that are directly related to the placement by such parent of her or his child for adoption; or

(C) The payment or reimbursement of reasonable living expenses for the biological mother during the last three months of her pregnancy and for six weeks postpartum.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, corporation, hospital, facilitator, or association of any kind to offer or provide inducements to a biological parent to part with his or her child or to conspire with another to offer or provide inducements to such parent to part with his or her child.

(3) It shall be unlawful for an individual to knowingly make false representations in order to obtain inducements.

(4) When the adoption is pursuant to Code Section 19-8-5 or 19-8-7, the petitioner may file his or her pre-birth petition for adoption and file a motion pursuant to this subsection for an order approving the payment of any reasonable and necessary expenses as the court may authorize, in addition to the expenses authorized in this

subsection. If the court allows for the payment of expenses, such expenses shall be paid from the trust account of an attorney who is a member of the State Bar of Georgia who represents a biological parent or the petitioner and, when possible, such expenses shall be paid directly to the provider of the services. Any payment to or for the benefit of a biological parent that is made by a petitioner without the assistance of an attorney shall be deemed an inducement.

(5) The reports filed pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 19-8-13 shall include an itemized accounting of all expenses paid or reimbursed pursuant to this subsection.

(d)(1) It shall be unlawful for an individual to knowingly accept living expenses for the adoption of her child or unborn child if she knows or should have known that she is not pregnant or is not a legal mother.

(2) It shall be unlawful for an individual to knowingly accept living expenses from a prospective adoptive parent or an adoption agency without disclosing that he or she is receiving living expenses from another prospective adoptive parent or adoption agency in an effort to allow for the adoption of the same child or unborn child.

(3) It shall be unlawful for an individual to knowingly make false representations in order to obtain living expenses.

~~(e)(e)~~ Any person who violates ~~subsection (a) or (b)~~ of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00, ~~or~~ imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both, ~~in the discretion of the court.~~

~~(d)(f)(1)~~ Subsection Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to communication by private means, including ~~only~~ written ~~letters~~ or oral statements, by an individual seeking to:

(A) Adopt a child or children; or

(B) Place that individual's child or children for adoption,

whether the communication occurs before or after the birth of such child or children.

(2) Subsection Paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply to any communication described in paragraph (1) of this subsection which contains ~~any attorney's name, address, the name of an attorney who is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, his or her address, his or her telephone number, or any combination of such information and which requests any that the attorney named in such communication to~~ be contacted to facilitate the carrying out of the purpose, as described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, of the individual making such personal communication.

(g) Any child-placing agency or individual who is seeking to adopt or seeking to place a child for adoption who is damaged by a violation of this Code section may file a civil action to recover damages, treble damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and expenses of litigation.

19-8-25.

(a) A written consent or surrender of rights, executed on or before ~~June 30, 1990~~

December 31, 2017, shall, for purposes of an adoption proceeding commenced on or after ~~July 1, 1990~~ January 1, 2018, be deemed to satisfy the surrender requirements of this ~~chapter~~ article and it shall not be necessary to have any parent or guardian execute the documents required by Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7; however, all other applicable provisions of this ~~chapter~~ must article shall be complied with.

(b) It is the legislative intent of this subsection to clarify and not to change the applicability of certain previously existing provisions of this ~~chapter~~ article to adoption proceedings pending on ~~July 1, 1990~~ December 31, 2017. Any decree of adoption issued in an adoption proceeding in which the adoption petition was filed in a superior court of this state prior to ~~July 1, 1990~~ January 1, 2018, shall be valid if the adoption conformed to the requirements of this ~~chapter~~ article either as they existed on ~~June 30, 1990~~ December 31, 2017, or on ~~July 1, 1990~~ January 1, 2018, and each such adoption decree is hereby ratified and confirmed.

19-8-26.

(a) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-4 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'SURRENDER OF RIGHTS  
FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

This is an important legal document and by signing it, you are surrendering all of your ~~right, title, and claim~~ rights to the child identified ~~herein in this document~~, so as to ~~facilitate the child's placement~~ place the child for adoption. Understand that you are signing this document under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this document you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing. As explained below in paragraph 5, you have the right to revoke this ~~You are to receive a copy of this document and as explained below have the right to withdraw your~~ surrender within ten days from the date you sign it. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may choose to waive that right so that this surrender will become effective immediately upon signing such a waiver. If you choose to waive the right to a ten-day revocation period, you must consult an attorney and make that choice in paragraph 5 below and execute a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent or guardian) who, after

having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1.

I, the undersigned, being ~~solicitous~~ mindful that my (male) (female) [circle one] child, born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] (~~insert name of child~~) ~~on~~ (~~insert birthdate of child~~), should receive the benefits and advantages of a good home, to the end that (she) (he) [circle one] may be fitted for the requirements of life, consent to this surrender of my parental rights.

2.

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship to child) (~~insert relationship to child~~) of the aforesaid child, do hereby surrender my rights to the child to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency, out-of-state licensed agency, or Department of Human Services, as applicable) (~~insert name of child placing agency or Department of Human Services, as applicable~~) and promise not to interfere in the management of the child in any respect whatever; and, in consideration of the benefits guaranteed by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency, out-of-state licensed agency, or Department of Human Services, as applicable) (~~insert name of child placing agency or Department of Human Services, as applicable~~) in ~~thus~~ providing for the child, I do relinquish all right, title, and claim rights to the child ~~herein~~ in this document, it being my wish, intent, and purpose to relinquish absolutely all parental control over the child. Furthermore, I hereby agree that the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency, out-of-state licensed agency, or Department of Human Services, as applicable) (~~insert name of child placing agency or Department of Human Services, as applicable~~) may seek for the child a legal adoption by such ~~person or persons~~ individual or individuals as may be chosen by the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency, out-of-state licensed agency, or Department of Human Services, as applicable) (~~insert name of child placing agency or Department of Human Services, as applicable~~) or its authorized agents, without further notice to me. I do, furthermore, expressly waive any other notice or service in any of the legal proceedings for the adoption of the child.

3.

Furthermore, I understand that under Georgia law ~~the Department of Human Services or the child placing agency~~ an agent appointed by the court is required to conduct an investigation and render a report to the court in connection with the legal proceeding for the legal adoption of the child, and I hereby agree to cooperate fully with such ~~department or agency~~ agent in the conduct of its investigation.

4.

I understand that I will receive a copy of this document after the witness and I have signed it and it has been notarized.

5.

I understand that under Georgia law I have the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period. I understand that if I am at least 18 years of age I also have the choice to waive the ten-day revocation period, thereby causing the surrender of my rights to become final immediately upon signing a WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS.

Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A or B):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I choose to RETAIN the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have received a copy of this document and that I understand I may only ~~withdraw~~ revoke this surrender by giving written notice, delivered in person or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of child-placing agency, out-of-state licensed agency, or Department of Human Services, as applicable) ~~(insert name and address of child placing agency or Department of Human Services, as applicable)~~ within ten days from the date hereof; ~~of signing this document.~~ I understand that certified mail cannot be used for mail delivery of the notice to revoke this surrender. I understand that the ten days ~~shall~~ will be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date hereof; I sign this document; provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which ~~the this~~ this surrender may be ~~withdrawn shall~~ revoked will be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; ~~and I understand that it may NOT be withdrawn thereafter.~~ I understand that, if I deliver the notice to revoke this surrender in person, it must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address) not later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day. I understand that I CANNOT revoke this surrender after that time.

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I am at least 18 years of age and I choose to WAIVE the right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. I have consulted an attorney regarding signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS. I will sign a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO

REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and, by signing said waiver, I understand and intend to give up the unconditional right to revoke this surrender. I fully understand that by signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS the surrender of my rights will become final immediately upon signing it and that thereafter this surrender cannot be revoked.

6.

I understand that if I am not a resident of this state that I am agreeing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Georgia for any action filed in connection with the adoption of the child. I agree to be bound by a decree of adoption rendered as a result of this surrender of my parental rights.

7.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have not been subjected to any duress or undue pressure in the execution of this ~~surrender~~ document and ~~do so~~ I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

~~Witness my hand and seal this~~

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

(Parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~Unofficial witness~~

Adult witness

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) ~~Reserved.~~ The notice to revoke a surrender of rights pursuant to subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-9 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'NOTICE TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/  
FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION

I, the undersigned, executed a (SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION) (PRE-BIRTH SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION) [circle one] as to the child identified in the surrender of rights document



on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). My relationship to the (child) (unborn child) [circle one] is that I am the (mother) (father) (alleged biological father) (guardian) [circle one].

*(Complete this paragraph if the child has been born.)* This notice to revoke my surrender of rights applies to the (female) (male) [circle one] child born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child).

I now wish to exercise my right to revoke my surrender of rights.

I understand that for my revocation of surrender to be effective I must:

A. Deliver the original of this document in person to the address designated in the surrender of rights document no later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day of the revocation period specified in the surrender of rights document;

**OR**

B. Mail the original of this document by registered mail or by statutory overnight delivery to the address designated in the surrender of rights document no later than the tenth day of the revocation period specified in the surrender of rights document.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent, guardian, or alleged biological father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult witness'

(c) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-5 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'SURRENDER OF RIGHTS  
FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

This is an important legal document and by signing it, you are surrendering all of your right, title, and claim rights to the child identified herein in this document, so as to facilitate the child's placement place the child for adoption. Understand that you are signing this document under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false

statement in this document you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing. As explained below in paragraph 8, you have the right to revoke this ~~You are to receive a copy of this document and as explained below have the right to withdraw your~~ surrender within ten days from the date you sign it. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may choose to waive that right so that this surrender will become effective immediately upon signing such a waiver. If you choose to waive the right to a ten-day revocation period, you must consult an attorney and make that choice in paragraph 8 below and execute a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent or guardian) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1.

I, the undersigned, being ~~solicitous~~ mindful that my (male) (female) [circle one] child, born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] (~~insert name of child~~) ~~on (insert birthdate of child)~~, should receive the benefits and advantages of a good home, to the end that (she) (he) [circle one] may be fitted for the requirements of life, consent to this surrender of my parental rights.

2.

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship to child) (~~insert relationship to child~~) of the aforesaid child, do hereby surrender my rights to the child to \_\_\_\_\_ (name, surname not required, of each individual to whom surrender is made) (~~insert name, surname not required, of each person to whom surrender is made~~), PROVIDED that each such ~~person~~ individual is named as petitioner in a petition for adoption of the child filed in accordance with Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated within 60 days from the date ~~hereof~~ that I sign this document. Furthermore, I promise not to interfere in the management of the child in any respect whatever; and, in consideration of the benefits guaranteed by \_\_\_\_\_ (name, surname not required, of each individual to whom surrender is made) (~~insert name, surname not required, of each person to whom surrender is made~~) in thus providing for the child, I do relinquish all ~~right, title, and claim~~ rights to the child ~~herein~~ named in this document, it being my wish, intent, and purpose to relinquish absolutely all parental control over the child.

## 3.

It is also my wish, intent, and purpose that if each such ~~person~~ individual identified in paragraph 2 is not named as petitioner in a petition for adoption ~~as provided for above~~ within the 60 day period, other than for ~~excusable neglect~~ justifiable good cause, or, if said petition for adoption is filed within 60 days but the adoption ~~action proceeding~~ is dismissed with prejudice or otherwise concluded without an order declaring the child to be the adopted child of each such ~~person~~ individual, then I do hereby surrender my rights to the child as follows:

(~~Mark one of the following as chosen~~)

Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A, B, or C):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ I wish the child returned to me, as provided by subsection (j) of Code Section 19-8-5, and I expressly acknowledge that this provision applies only to the limited circumstance that the child is not adopted by the ~~person or persons~~ individual or individuals designated herein in this document and further that this provision does not impair the validity, absolute finality, or totality of this surrender under any circumstance other than the failure of the designated ~~person or persons~~ individual or individuals to adopt the child and that no other provision of this surrender impairs the validity, absolute finality, or totality of this surrender once the ten-day revocation period has elapsed; ~~or~~

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ I surrender the child to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency), as provided in subsection (j) of Code Section 19-8-5 (~~insert name of designated licensed child-placing agency~~), a ~~licensed child-placing agency~~, for placement for adoption. I understand that if the child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency declines to accept the child for placement for adoption, this surrender will be in favor of the Department of Human Services for placement for adoption and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency) or the Department of Human Services may petition the superior court for custody of the child in accordance with the terms of this surrender; ~~or~~

**OR**

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ I surrender the child to the Department of Human Services, as provided by subsection (~~k~~) (j) of Code Section 19-8-5, for placement for adoption; and (~~insert name of designated licensed child-placing agency~~) ~~or~~ the Department of Human Services may petition the superior

court for custody of the child in accordance with the terms of this surrender.

4.

Furthermore, I hereby agree that the child is to be adopted either by each person ~~named above~~ individual named in paragraph 2 or by any other ~~such person individual~~ as may be chosen by the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child-placing agency or out-of-state licensed agency) (~~insert name of designated licensed child placing agency~~) or the Department of Human Services and I do expressly waive any other notice or service in any of the legal proceedings for the adoption of the child.

5.

Furthermore, I understand that under Georgia law an evaluator is required to conduct and provide to the court a home study and make recommendations to the court regarding the qualification of each ~~person named above to adopt a~~ individual named in paragraph 2 to adopt the child concerning the circumstances of placement of ~~my~~ the child for adoption. ~~I hereby agree to cooperate fully with such investigations.~~

6.

Furthermore, I understand that under Georgia law, an agent appointed by the court is required to conduct an investigation and render a report to the court in connection with the legal proceeding for the legal adoption of the child, and I hereby agree to cooperate fully with such agent in the conduct of ~~this~~ its investigation.

7.

I understand that I will receive a copy of this document after the witness and I have signed it and it has been notarized.

8.

I understand that under Georgia law I have the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period. I understand that if I am at least 18 years of age I also have the choice to waive the ten-day revocation period, thereby causing the surrender of my rights to become final immediately upon signing a WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS.

Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A or B):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I choose to RETAIN the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have received a copy of this document and that I understand I may only withdraw revoke this surrender by giving written notice, delivered in person

or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of each individual to whom surrender is made or his or her agent) ~~(insert name and address of agent of each person to whom surrender is made)~~ within ten days from the date hereof; of signing this document. I understand that certified mail cannot be used for mail delivery of the notice to revoke this surrender. I understand that the ten days shall will be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date hereof I sign this document; provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which ~~the~~ this surrender may be ~~withdrawn shall~~ revoked will be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; ~~and I understand that it may NOT be withdrawn thereafter.~~ I understand that, if I deliver the notice to revoke this surrender in person, it must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address) not later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day. I understand that I CANNOT revoke this surrender after that time.

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I am at least 18 years of age and I choose to WAIVE the right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. I have consulted an attorney regarding signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS. I will sign a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and, by signing said waiver, I understand and intend to give up the unconditional right to revoke this surrender. I fully understand that by signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS the surrender of my rights will become final immediately upon signing it and that thereafter this surrender cannot be revoked.

9.

I understand that if I am not a resident of this state that I am agreeing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Georgia for any action filed in connection with the adoption of the child. I agree to be bound by a decree of adoption rendered as a result of this surrender of my parental rights.

10.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have not been subjected to any duress or undue pressure in the execution of this ~~surrender~~ document and ~~do so~~ I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

~~Witness my hand and seal this~~

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
(Parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~Unofficial witness~~  
Adult witness

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(d) The surrender of rights by a biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of the child pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'SURRENDER OF RIGHTS  
FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE TO ALLEGED BIOLOGICAL FATHER:

This is an important legal document and by signing it you are surrendering all of your right, title, and claim rights to the child identified herein, so as to facilitate the child's placement for adoption. You are to receive a copy of this document and as explained below have the right to withdraw your surrender within ten days from the date you sign it in this document. Understand that you are signing this document under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this document you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing. As explained below in paragraph 4, you have the right to revoke this surrender within ten days from the date you sign it. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may choose to waive that right so that this surrender will become immediately effective upon signing such a waiver. If you choose to waive the right to a ten-day revocation period, you must consult an attorney and make that choice in paragraph 4 below and execute a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of alleged biological father) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1.

I, the undersigned, alleged biological father of a (male) (female) [circle one] child, born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of legal mother) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one], being mindful that the ~~(insert name of child) to (insert name of mother) on (insert birthdate of child)~~, being solicitous that said child should receive the benefits and advantages of a good home, to the end that (she) (he) [circle one] may be fitted for the requirements of life, consent to this surrender of my rights. I, the undersigned, do hereby surrender my rights to the child. I promise not to interfere in the management of the child in any respect whatever; and, in consideration of the benefits provided to the child through adoption, I do relinquish all ~~right, title, and claim~~ rights to the child ~~herein~~ named in this document, it being my wish, intent, and purpose to relinquish absolutely all control over the child.

2.

~~Furthermore~~, I hereby agree that the child is to be adopted and I do expressly waive any other notice or service in any of the legal proceedings for the adoption of the child. ~~Furthermore~~, I understand that under Georgia law an agent appointed by the court is required to conduct an investigation and render a report to the court in connection with the legal proceeding for the legal adoption of the child, and I hereby agree to cooperate fully with ~~the~~ such agent ~~appointed by the court~~ in the conduct of ~~this~~ its investigation.

3.

I understand that I will receive a copy of this document after the witness and I have signed it and it has been notarized.

4.

I understand that under Georgia law I have the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period. I understand that if I am at least 18 years of age I also have the choice to waive the ten-day revocation period, thereby causing the surrender of my rights to become final immediately upon signing a WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS.

Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A or B):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I choose to RETAIN the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. ~~Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have received a copy of this document and that I understand I may only withdraw~~ revoke this surrender by giving written notice, delivered in person or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of child-placing

agency representative, out-of-state licensed agency representative, Department of Human Services representative, individual to whom surrender is made or his or her agent, or petitioner's representative, as applicable) (~~insert name and address of child-placing agency representative, Department of Human Services representative, person to whom surrender is made, or petitioner's representative, as appropriate~~) within ten days from the date hereof; of signing this document. I understand that certified mail cannot be used for mail delivery of the notice to revoke this surrender. I understand that the ten days shall will be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date hereof; I sign this document; provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which the this surrender may be withdrawn shall revoked will be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; and I understand that it may NOT be withdrawn thereafter. I understand that, if I deliver the notice to revoke this surrender in person, it must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address) not later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day. I understand that I CANNOT revoke this surrender after that time.

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I am at least 18 years of age and I choose to WAIVE the right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. I have consulted an attorney regarding signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS. I will sign a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and, by signing said waiver, I understand and intend to give up the unconditional right to revoke this surrender. I fully understand that by signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS the surrender of my rights will become final immediately upon signing it and that thereafter this surrender cannot be revoked.

5.

I understand that if I am not a resident of this state that I am agreeing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Georgia for any action filed in connection with the adoption of the child. I agree to be bound by a decree of adoption rendered as a result of this surrender of my parental rights.

6.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have not been subjected to any duress or undue pressure in the execution of this ~~surrender~~ document and ~~do so~~ I am signing it freely and voluntarily.



~~Witness my hand and seal this~~

~~This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.~~

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
(Alleged biological father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~Unofficial witness~~  
~~Adult witness~~

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.'

(e) The surrender of rights by a parent or guardian pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-6 or 19-8-7 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'SURRENDER OF RIGHTS  
FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

This is an important legal document and by signing it, you are surrendering all of your right, title, and claim rights to the child identified herein in this document, so as to facilitate the child's placement place the child for adoption. Understand that you are signing this document under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this document you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing. As explained below in paragraph 6, you have the right to revoke this You are to receive a copy of this document and as explained below have the right to withdraw your surrender within ten days from the date you sign it. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may choose to waive that right so that this surrender will become effective immediately upon signing such a waiver. If you choose to waive the right to a ten-day revocation period, you must consult an attorney and make that choice in paragraph 6 below and execute a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent or guardian) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1.

I, the undersigned, being solicitous ~~solicitous~~ mindful that my (male) (female) [circle one] child, born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] ~~(insert name of child)~~ ~~on (insert birthdate of child)~~, should receive the benefits and advantages of a good home, to the end that (she) (he) [circle one] may be fitted for the requirements of life, consent to this surrender of my parental rights.

2.

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship to child) ~~(insert relationship to child)~~ of the aforesaid child, do hereby surrender my rights to the child to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of each individual to whom surrender is made) ~~(insert name of each person to whom surrender is made)~~ and promise not to interfere in the management of the child in any respect whatever; and, in consideration of the benefits guaranteed by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of each individual to whom surrender is made) ~~(insert name of each person to whom surrender is made)~~ in ~~thus~~ providing for the child, I do relinquish all ~~right, title, and claim~~ rights to the child ~~herein~~ named in this document, it being my wish, intent, and purpose to relinquish absolutely all parental control over the child.

3.

~~Furthermore~~, I hereby agree that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of each individual to whom surrender is made) ~~(insert name of each person to whom surrender is made)~~ may initiate legal proceedings for the legal adoption of the child without further notice to me. I do, furthermore, expressly waive any other notice or service in any of the legal proceedings for the adoption of the child.

4.

~~Furthermore~~, I understand that under Georgia law ~~the Department of Human Services~~ an agent may be ~~required~~ appointed by the court to conduct an investigation and render a report to the court in connection with the legal proceeding for the legal adoption of the child, and I hereby agree to cooperate fully with ~~the department~~ such agent in the conduct of its investigation.

5.

I understand that I will receive a copy of this document after the witness and I have signed it and it has been notarized.

6.

I understand that under Georgia law I have the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period. I understand that if I am at least 18 years of age I also have the choice to waive the ten-day revocation period, thereby causing the surrender of my rights to become final immediately upon signing a WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS.

Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A or B):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I choose to RETAIN the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. ~~Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have received a copy of this document and that I understand I may only withdraw~~ revoke this surrender by giving written notice, delivered in person or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of each individual to whom surrender is made or petitioner's representative, as applicable) ~~(insert name and address of each person to whom surrender is made)~~ within ten days from the date ~~hereof; of signing this document.~~ I understand that certified mail cannot be used for mail delivery of the notice to revoke this surrender. I understand that the ten days ~~shall~~ will be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date ~~hereof; I sign this document;~~ provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which ~~the~~ this surrender may be ~~withdrawn shall~~ revoked will be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; ~~and I understand that it may NOT be withdrawn thereafter.~~ I understand that, if I deliver the notice to revoke my surrender in person, it must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address) not later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day. I understand that I CANNOT revoke this surrender after that time.

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I am at least 18 years of age and I choose to WAIVE the right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. I have consulted an attorney regarding signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS. I will sign a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and, by signing said waiver, I understand and intend to give up the unconditional right to revoke this surrender. I fully understand that by signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS the surrender of my rights will become final immediately upon signing it and that thereafter this surrender cannot be revoked.

7.

I understand that if I am not a resident of this state that I am agreeing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Georgia for any action filed in connection with the adoption of the child. I agree to be bound by a decree of adoption rendered as a result of this surrender of my parental rights.

8.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have not been subjected to any duress or undue pressure in the execution of this ~~surrender~~ document and ~~do so~~ I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

~~Witness my hand and seal this~~

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)

(Parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unofficial witness

Adult witness

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(f) The pre-birth surrender of rights by a biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father of the child pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, or 19-8-7 shall conform substantially to the following form:

PRE-BIRTH SURRENDER OF RIGHTS  
FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE TO ALLEGED BIOLOGICAL FATHER:

This is an important legal document and by signing it, you are surrendering any and all of your ~~right, title, and claim~~ rights to the child identified ~~herein~~ in this document, so as to ~~facilitate the child's placement~~ place the child for adoption. You have the right to wait to execute a ~~Surrender of Rights Final Release for Adoption~~ PRE-BIRTH SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION after the child is born, but by signing this document, you are electing to surrender your rights prior to the birth of this child. Understand that you are signing this document under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this document you will

be guilty of the crime of false swearing. As explained below in paragraph 6, you have the right to revoke this ~~You are to receive a copy of this document and as explained below have the right to withdraw your~~ pre-birth surrender within ten days from the date you sign it. If you are at least 18 years of age, you may choose to waive that right so that this surrender will become effective immediately upon signing such a waiver. If you choose to waive the right to a ten-day revocation period, you must consult an attorney and make that choice in paragraph 6 below and execute a separate **WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS** at least 48 hours after the birth of the child.

\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of alleged biological father) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1.  
I, the undersigned, understand that I have been named by \_\_\_\_\_, the biological mother of the child expected to be born in \_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (county) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year), as the biological father or possible biological father of her child. I further understand that the biological mother wishes to place this child for adoption.

2.  
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the child has not been born as of the date I am signing this pre-birth surrender; however, if in fact the child has been born, this surrender shall have the same effect as if it were a surrender executed following the birth of the child.

3.  
I understand that by signing this document I am not admitting that I am the biological father of this child, but if I am, I hereby agree that adoption is in this child's best interest. I consent to adoption of this child by any ~~person~~ individual chosen by the child's legal mother or by any public or private ~~child-placing~~ agency that places children without further notice to me. I expressly waive any other notice or service in any of the legal proceedings for the adoption of the child. I understand that I have the option to wait until after the child is born to execute a surrender of my rights (with a corresponding ten-day right of ~~withdrawal~~ revocation) and, further, that by executing this document I am electing instead to surrender my rights before the child's birth.

4.

I ~~further~~ understand that ~~execution of signing~~ this document does not fully and finally terminate my rights and responsibilities until an order from a court of competent jurisdiction terminating my rights or a final order of adoption is entered. I understand that if the child is not adopted after I sign this document, legal proceedings can be brought to establish paternity, and I may become liable for financial obligations related to the birth and support of this child.

5.

I understand that I will receive a copy of this document after the witness and I have signed it and it has been notarized.

6.

I understand that under Georgia law I have the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period. I understand that if I am at least 18 years of age I also have the choice to waive the ten-day revocation period, thereby causing the pre-birth surrender of my rights to become final immediately upon signing a WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS.

Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A or B):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I choose to RETAIN the unconditional right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have received a copy of this document and that I understand that I may only ~~withdraw~~ revoke this pre-birth surrender by giving written notice, delivered in person or ~~by statutory overnight delivery or registered mail, return receipt requested, to \_\_\_\_\_ within ten days from the date hereof;~~ mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of child-placing agency representative, out-of-state licensed agency representative, Department of Human Services representative, individual to whom surrender is made or his or her agent, or petitioner's representative, as applicable) within ten days from the date of signing this document. I understand that certified mail cannot be used for mail delivery of the notice to revoke this pre-birth surrender. I understand that the ten days ~~shall~~ will be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date hereof; that, however, I sign this document; provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which ~~the this~~ surrender may be ~~withdrawn~~ shall revoked will be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; and that it may NOT be ~~withdrawn~~ thereafter. I understand that, if I deliver the notice to revoke this surrender in person, it must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address) not later

than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day. I understand that I CANNOT revoke this surrender after that time.

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) I am at least 18 years of age and I choose to WAIVE the right to a ten-day revocation period under Georgia law. I have consulted an attorney regarding signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS. I will sign a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and, by signing said waiver, I understand and intend to give up the unconditional right to revoke this pre-birth surrender. I fully understand that by signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS the surrender of my rights will become final immediately upon signing it and that thereafter this surrender cannot be revoked.

7.

If prior to my signing this pre-birth surrender I have registered on Georgia's putative father registry then, if I do not ~~withdraw~~ revoke this surrender within the time permitted, I waive the notice I would be entitled to receive pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ Code Section 19-8-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated because of my registration on the putative father registry.

8.

I understand that if I am not a resident of this state that I am agreeing to be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Georgia for any action filed in connection with the adoption of the child. I agree to be bound by a decree of adoption rendered as a result of this surrender of my parental rights.

9.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that I have not been subjected to any duress or undue pressure in the execution of this document and ~~do so~~ I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

~~Witness my hand and seal this~~

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
(Alleged biological father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Unofficial Witness

Adult witness

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me on this \_\_\_\_\_  
 day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary public (SEAL)

Notary Public Seal

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(g) The acknowledgment of surrender of rights pursuant to subsection (f) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 shall conform substantially to the following form:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURRENDER  
 OF RIGHTS

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent, guardian, or alleged biological father) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows  
By execution of this paragraph, the undersigned expressly acknowledges:

(A) That I have read the accompanying (PRE-BIRTH SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION) (SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION) [circle one] relating to said minor the child born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) (~~insert name of child~~), a (male) (female) [circle one] on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) (~~insert birthdate of child~~);

(B) That I understand that this is a full, final, and complete surrender, release, and termination of all of my rights to the child;

(C) Indicate your choice by signing ONE of the following statements (you may choose statement A or B):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) That I have chosen to retain the unconditional right to revoke the surrender by giving written notice, delivered in person or mailed by registered mail or statutory overnight delivery, to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of child-placing agency or its representative, out-of-state licensed agency or its representative, Department of Human Services or its representative, individual to whom surrender is made or his or her agent, or petitioner's representative, as applicable) (~~insert name and address of each person or entity to whom surrender is~~



~~made) not later than~~ within ten days from the date of signing the surrender and that after such ten-day revocation period I shall have no right to revoke the surrender; ~~(D)~~ That I understand that certified mail cannot be used for mail delivery of the notice to revoke the surrender of my rights. I understand that, if I deliver the notice to revoke my surrender in person, it must be delivered to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address) not later than 5:00 P.M. eastern standard time or eastern daylight time, whichever is applicable, on the tenth day. I understand that the ten days shall will be counted consecutively beginning with the day immediately following the date I signed the surrender is executed; provided, however, that, if the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the last day on which the surrender may be withdrawn shall revoked will be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday;

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) That I am at least 18 years of age and I have chosen to exercise my right to sign a separate WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS at least 48 hours after the birth of the child and that, by signing said waiver, I understand and intend to give up the unconditional right to revoke my surrender. I have consulted an attorney regarding signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS. I fully understand that by signing the WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS the surrender of my rights will become final immediately upon signing it and that thereafter my surrender cannot be revoked;

~~(E)~~(D) That I have read the accompanying surrender of rights and received a copy thereof;

~~(F)~~(E) That any and all questions regarding the effect of said such surrender and its provisions have been satisfactorily explained to me;

~~(G)~~(F) That I have been afforded given an opportunity to consult with counsel an attorney of my choice prior to execution of before signing the surrender of my rights; and

~~(H)~~(G) That the surrender of my rights has been knowingly, intentionally, freely, and voluntarily made by me.

~~Witness my hand and seal this~~

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (SEAL)  
 (Parent, guardian, or alleged biological father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Unofficial witness

Adult witness

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this

day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary public (SEAL)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(h) The affidavit of a legal mother required by paragraph (1) of subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 for the surrender of her rights shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The affidavit shall set forth:

(A) Her name;

(B) Her relationship to the child;

(C) Her age;

(D) Her marital status at the time of conception and of the birth of the child;

(E) The identity and last known address of any her spouse or former spouse and whether any such spouse is the biological father of the child;

(F) The identity, last known address, and relationship to the legal mother of the biological father of her the child, provided that the mother she shall have the right not to disclose the name and address of the biological father of her the child should she so desire;

(G) Whether or not she has consented to the appointment of a temporary guardian for the child and, if so, provide the name and address of the temporary guardian and the probate court in which the petition for temporary guardianship was filed;

(H) Whether custody of the child has been awarded to another individual and, if so, provide the name of the child's custodian and the court in which custody was awarded;

~~(G)~~(I) Whether or not the biological father of the child has lived with the child, contributed to its support, provided for the mother's support or medical care during her pregnancy or during her hospitalization for the birth of the child, or made an attempt to legitimate the child; and is or was in a branch of the United States armed forces and, if so, provide details as to his military service;

(J) Whether or not the biological mother or any member of her family is or was an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, is or was a resident of an American Indian reservation, or is or was an Alaskan native;

(K) Whether or not the biological father of the child or any member of his family is or was an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, is or was a resident of an American Indian reservation, or is or was an Alaskan native;  
 and

~~(H)~~(L) All financial assistance received by or promised her either directly or

indirectly, from whatever source, in connection with her pregnancy, the birth of the child, or the placement or arranging for the placement of the child for adoption (including the date, amount or value, description, payor, and payee), provided that financial assistance provided directly by ~~the mother's~~ her husband, mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandfather, or grandmother need not be detailed and instead ~~the mother~~ she need only state the nature of the assistance received; and

(2) The affidavit shall conform substantially to the following form:

LEGAL MOTHER'S AFFIDAVIT

NOTICE TO LEGAL MOTHER:

This is an important legal document which deals with ~~your~~ the child's right to have ~~its~~ his or her biological father's rights properly determined. You have the right not ~~If you decline~~ to disclose the name and address of the biological father of ~~your~~ the child, ~~understand that you may be required to appear in court to explain your refusal and that your name may be used in connection with the publication of notice to the biological father.~~ Understand that you are providing this affidavit under oath and that ~~the~~ if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing. The information provided you provide will be held in strict confidence and will be used only in connection with the adoption of ~~your~~ the child.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That my name is \_\_\_\_\_.

That I am the legal mother of a (male) (female) [circle one] child born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) (~~insert name of child~~) in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] (~~insert birthdate of child~~).

That I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, having been born in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

That my social security ~~accoun~~t number is \_\_\_\_\_.

That my marital status at the time of the conception of ~~my~~ the child was (check the status and complete the appropriate information):

( ) Single, never having been married.

( ) Separated but not legally divorced; the name of my spouse ~~is~~ (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; we have been separated since \_\_\_\_\_; we last had sexual relations on \_\_\_\_\_

(date); my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Divorced; the name of my ~~previous~~ former spouse is \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; we last had sexual relations on \_\_\_\_\_

(date); my former spouse's ~~his~~ last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; divorce granted in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; my former spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Legally married; the name of my spouse (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; and ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Married through common-law marriage relationship prior to January 1, 1997; the name of my spouse (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; our relationship began in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Widowed; the name of my deceased spouse was \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; ~~and he~~ my spouse died on \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

That my name and marital status at the time of the birth of ~~my~~ the child was (check the status and complete the appropriate information):

Name \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Single, never having been married.

( ) Separated, but not legally divorced; the name of my spouse (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; we have been separated since \_\_\_\_\_; we last had sexual relations on \_\_\_\_\_ (date); my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Divorced; the name of my former spouse is \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; we last had sexual relations on \_\_\_\_\_ (date); my spouse's ~~his~~ last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; divorce granted in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_; my former spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Legally ~~Married~~ married; the name of my spouse (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; ~~and his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Married through common-law relationship prior to January 1, 1997; the name of my spouse (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; his my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; our relationship began in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

( ) Widowed; the name of my deceased spouse was \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; ~~and he~~ my spouse died on \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; he (was) (was not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

That the name of the biological father of ~~my~~ the child is (complete appropriate response):

- Known to me and is (\_\_\_\_\_);
- Known to me but I expressly decline to identify him because \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_; or
- Unknown to me because \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_.

That the last known address of the biological father of ~~my~~ the child is (complete appropriate response):

- Known to me and is \_\_\_\_\_;
- Known to me but I expressly decline to provide his address because \_\_\_\_\_; or
- Unknown to me because \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_.

That, to the best of my knowledge, I (am) (am not) [circle one] an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, (am) (am not) [circle one] a resident of an American Indian reservation, or (am) (am not) [circle one] an Alaskan native of American Indian heritage. If so:

- (A) The name of my American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (B) The percentage of my American Indian blood is \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

That, to the best of my knowledge, a member of my family (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] a resident of an American Indian reservation, or (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] an Alaskan native.

If so:

- (A) The name of the American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (B) The percentage of my American Indian blood is \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
- ~~(B)~~(C) My relatives with American Indian or Alaskan native blood are \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_.

~~(C)~~(D) I (am) (am not) a member of an American Indian tribe. If so, the name of the American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_.

(E) The name of each enrolled member is \_\_\_\_\_, and his or her corresponding registration or identification number is \_\_\_\_\_.

~~(D) I (am) (am not) registered with an American Indian tribal registry. If so, the American Indian tribal registry is: \_\_\_\_\_ and my registration or identification number is: \_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~(E) A member of my family (is) (is not) a member of an American Indian tribe. If so, the name of each such family member is: \_\_\_\_\_ and the name of the corresponding American Indian tribe is: \_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~(F) A member of my family (is) (is not) registered with an American Indian tribal registry. If so, the name of each such family member is: \_\_\_\_\_ and the name of the corresponding American Indian tribal registry is: \_\_\_\_\_ and their corresponding registration or identification numbers are: \_\_\_\_\_.~~

That to the best of my knowledge, the biological father ~~(is) (is not)~~ of American Indian heritage or a member of his family (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] a resident of an American Indian reservation, or (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] an Alaskan native. If so:

(A) The name of his American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

(B) The percentage of his American Indian blood is \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

~~(B)~~(C) His relatives with American Indian or Alaskan native blood are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(C) He (is) (is not) a member of an American Indian tribe. If so, the name of the tribe is: \_\_\_\_\_.

~~(D) He (is) (is not) registered with an American Indian tribal registry. If so, the American Indian tribal registry is: \_\_\_\_\_ and his registration or identification number is: \_\_\_\_\_~~ The name of each enrolled member is \_\_\_\_\_, and his or her corresponding registration or identification number is \_\_\_\_\_.

That the date of birth of the biological father (~~was is~~ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_) ~~or~~ (is not known to me) [circle one].

That the biological father (is) (is not) [circle one] on active duty in a branch of the United States armed forces. If so:

(A) The branch of his service is (Army) (Navy) (Marine) (Air Force) (Coast Guard) [circle one].

(B) His rank is \_\_\_\_\_.

(C) His duty station is \_\_\_\_\_.

If applicable, please provide additional available information regarding his military service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

That the biological father of ~~my~~ the child, whether or not identified herein ~~(strike each inappropriate phrase)~~ in this document (circle the appropriate phrase):

- (Was) (Was not) married to me at the time this child was conceived;
- (Was) (Was not) married to me at any time during my pregnancy with this child;
- (Was) (Was not) married to me at the time that this child was born;
- (Did) (Did not) marry me after the child was born and recognize the child as his own;
- (Has) (Has not) been determined to be the child's father by a final paternity order of a court;
- (Has) (Has not) legitimated the child by a final court order;
- (Has) (Has not) lived with the child;
- (Has) (Has not) contributed to its support;
- (Has) (Has not) provided for my support during my pregnancy or hospitalization for the birth of the child; and
- (Has) (Has not) provided for my medical care during my pregnancy or hospitalization for the birth of the child; ~~and~~
- ~~(Has) (Has not) made any attempt to legitimate the child.~~

That I (have) (have not) [circle one] consented to the appointment of a temporary guardian for the child. If so, the name of the temporary guardian is \_\_\_\_\_, and the probate court in which the petition for temporary guardianship was filed is \_\_\_\_\_.

That custody of the child has been awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of custodian) by order of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, entered on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

That I have received or been promised the following financial assistance, either directly or indirectly, from whatever source, in connection with my pregnancy, the birth of ~~my~~ the child, and ~~it's~~ the child's placement for adoption: \_\_\_\_\_.

That I recognize that if I knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit, I will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~(Biological mother's signature)~~  
(Legal mother)

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My ~~Commission Expires~~ commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(i) The affidavit of an adoptive mother required by ~~subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-9~~ paragraph (2) of subsection (g) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 for the surrender of her rights shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The affidavit shall set forth:

(A) Her name;

(B) Her relationship to the child;

(C) Her age;

(D) Her marital status;

(E) The name and last known address of any spouse or former spouse at the time the child was adopted and whether any such spouse also adopted the child or ~~was~~ is the biological father of the child;

(F) The circumstances surrounding her adoption of ~~her~~ the child, including the date the adoption was finalized, the state and county where finalized, and the name and address of the adoption agency, if any; ~~and~~

(G) Whether or not she has consented to the appointment of a temporary guardian for the child and, if so, provide the name of the temporary guardian and the probate court in which the petition for temporary guardianship was filed;

(H) Whether custody of the child has been awarded to another individual and, if so, provide the name of the child's custodian and the court in which custody was awarded; and

~~(G)~~(I) All financial assistance received by or promised her either directly or indirectly, from whatever source, in connection with the placement or arranging for the placement of ~~her~~ the child for adoption (including the date, amount or value, description, payor, and payee), provided that financial assistance provided directly by ~~the adoptive mother's~~ her husband, mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandfather, or grandmother need not be detailed and instead ~~the adoptive mother~~ she need only state the nature of the assistance received.

(2) The affidavit shall be in substantially the following form:

'ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S AFFIDAVIT

NOTICE TO ADOPTIVE MOTHER:

This is an important legal document which deals with ~~your~~ the adopted child's right to have ~~its~~ his or her legal father's rights properly ~~terminated~~ determined. Understand that you are providing this affidavit under oath and that ~~the~~ if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing. The information ~~provided~~ you provide will be held in strict confidence and will be used only in connection with the adoption of ~~your~~ the child.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_



Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That my name is \_\_\_\_\_.

That I am the adoptive mother of a (male) (female) [circle one] child born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) ~~(insert name of child)~~ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] ~~(insert birthdate of child)~~.

That I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, having been born in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

That my social security number is \_\_\_\_\_.

That my marital status is (check the status and complete the appropriate information):

Single, never having been married.

Separated but not legally divorced; the name of my spouse ~~is~~ (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; we have been separated since \_\_\_\_\_; we last had sexual relations on \_\_\_\_\_ (date); my spouse (did) (did not) [circle one] also adopt said child; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

Divorced; the name of my ~~previous~~ former spouse is \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; we last had sexual relations on \_\_\_\_\_ (date); my former spouse's ~~his~~ last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; divorce granted in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; my ~~previous~~ former spouse (did) (did not) [circle one] also adopt said child; my ~~previous~~ former spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

Legally married; the name of my spouse ~~is~~ (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; my spouse (did) (did not) [circle one] also adopt said child; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

Married through common-law marriage relationship prior to January 1, 1997; the name of my spouse ~~is~~ (was) (is) [circle one] \_\_\_\_\_; ~~his~~ my spouse's last known address is \_\_\_\_\_; ~~the date and place our relationship began is (date, county, state)~~ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; my spouse (did) (did not) [circle one] also adopt said child; my spouse (is) (is not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

Widowed; the name of my deceased spouse ~~is~~ was \_\_\_\_\_; we were married in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_; ~~he~~

my spouse died on \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_; he (did) (did not) [circle one] also adopt said child; ~~and~~ he (was) (was not) [circle one] the biological father of said child.

That I adopted ~~my~~ the child in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_.

That the final order of adoption was entered on \_\_\_\_\_.

That there (was) (was not) [circle one] an adoption agency involved in the placement of ~~my~~ the child with me for adoption; and if so its name was \_\_\_\_\_, and its address is \_\_\_\_\_.

That I (have) (have not) [circle one] consented to the appointment of a temporary guardian for the child. If so, the name of the temporary guardian is: \_\_\_\_\_, and the probate court in which the petition for temporary guardianship was filed is \_\_\_\_\_.

That custody of the child has been awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address of custodian) by order of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, entered on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

That I have received or been promised the following financial assistance, either directly or indirectly, from whatever source, in connection with ~~my~~ the child's placement for adoption: \_\_\_\_\_.

That I recognize that if I knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit, I will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adoptive mother)

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.'

(j) The affidavit of ~~an~~ a child-placing agency, out of state licensed agency, or department representative required by subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-4 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'AFFIDAVIT OF CHILD-PLACING AGENCY,  
OUT OF STATE LICENSED AGENCY, OR  
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That I am \_\_\_\_\_ (position) of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of department, child-placing agency, or out-of-state licensed agency) ~~(department or agency)~~.

That prior to the execution of the accompanying SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION by \_\_\_\_\_, releasing and surrendering all of (his) (her) [circle one] rights in a (male) (female) [circle one] ~~minor~~ child born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] ~~(insert name of child) on (insert birthdate of child)~~, I reviewed with and explained to ~~said~~ such individual all of the provisions of the surrender of rights, and particularly the provisions which provide that the surrender is a full surrender of all rights to the child.

That based on my review and explanation to ~~said~~ such individual, it is my opinion that ~~said~~ such individual knowingly, intentionally, freely, and voluntarily executed the SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~(Agency representative)~~  
(Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Department or agency name)

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.'

(k) The affidavit of a petitioner's representative or of the representative of the individual signing the surrender of rights required by subsection (h) of Code Section 19-8-5, 19-8-6, or 19-8-7 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONER'S REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That my name is \_\_\_\_\_.

That my address is \_\_\_\_\_.

That prior to the execution of the accompanying SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION by \_\_\_\_\_,

releasing and surrendering all of (his) (her) [circle one] rights in a (male) (female) [circle one] ~~minor~~ child born \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one] ~~(insert name of child) on (insert birthdate of child)~~, I reviewed with and explained to ~~said~~ such individual all of the provisions of the surrender of rights, and particularly the provisions which provide that the surrender is a full surrender of all rights to the child.

That based on my review and explanation to ~~said~~ such individual, it is my opinion that ~~said~~ such individual knowingly, intentionally, freely, and voluntarily executed the SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Petitioner's representative)  
 (Petitioner's representative or the  
 representative of the individual  
 signing the surrender)

Sworn to and subscribed  
 before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
 day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary public (SEAL)  
 My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(l) The parental consent to a stepparent adoption required by subsection (j) of Code Section 19-8-6 shall conform substantially to the following form:

PARENTAL CONSENT TO STEPPARENT ADOPTION

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

I, the undersigned, hereby consent that my spouse \_\_\_\_\_ (name of spouse) ~~(insert name of spouse)~~ adopt my (son) (daughter) [circle one], \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) ~~(insert name of child)~~, whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_, and in so doing I in no way relinquish or surrender my parental rights to the child. I further acknowledge service of a copy of the petition for adoption of the child as filed on behalf of my spouse, and I hereby consent to the granting of the prayers of the petition for adoption. I also waive all other and further service and notice of any kind and nature in connection with the proceedings.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unofficial witness

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

(m) The sworn statement executed by the biological mother identifying an alleged biological father of her unborn child authorized and required by subparagraph (e)(3)(E) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, or 19-8-7 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'NOTICE TO BIOLOGICAL MOTHER:

This is an important legal document which will enable the individual you identify as the biological father of your unborn child to sign a pre-birth surrender of his rights so as to place your child for adoption. Understand that you are signing this affidavit under oath and that the information you provide will be held in strict confidence and will be used only in connection with the adoption of your unborn child.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BIOLOGICAL MOTHER'S AFFIDAVIT IDENTIFYING  
BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF HER UNBORN CHILD

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

That my name is \_\_\_\_\_.

That I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, having been born in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

That my social security number is \_\_\_\_\_.

That I am currently pregnant with a (male) (female) (sex unknown) [circle one] child who is expected to be born on \_\_\_\_\_ (due date of child).

That the name of any alleged biological father is \_\_\_\_\_, and his last known address is \_\_\_\_\_.

That I execute this affidavit so that any alleged biological father I have identified above can be asked to sign a pre-birth surrender of his rights to assist me in placing the child for adoption once the child is born.

That I recognize that if I knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit I will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Biological mother)

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.'

(n) The waiver of the right to revoke a surrender of rights authorized and required by subsection (c) of Code Section 19-8-9 shall conform substantially to the following form:

'WAIVER OF RIGHT TO REVOKE SURRENDER OF RIGHTS

This is an important legal document and it shall only be signed by an individual who is at least 18 years of age and who has consulted an attorney before signing this document. By signing it, you are waiving the right to revoke the surrender of all of your rights to the child identified in the surrender of rights document so as to immediately place the child for adoption. Understand that you are providing this affidavit under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_, who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

I, the undersigned, have previously executed a SURRENDER OF RIGHTS/FINAL RELEASE FOR ADOPTION as to the child identified in the surrender of rights document so as to assist in (his)(her) adoption.

I hereby certify that:

(A) I am at least 18 years of age;

(B) I have received a copy of my surrender document;

(C) I understand I had the choice to retain the unconditional right to revoke my surrender by giving written notice to the individual, department, or agency named in the surrender document in the manner set forth in that document within ten days from the date I signed the surrender and that thereafter my surrender could not be

revoked;

(D) I understand I may choose to waive the right to revoke my surrender during that ten-day period immediately following the date I signed the surrender if I want my surrender of rights to become final and irrevocable on the date I sign this waiver;

(E) I choose that the adoption of the child proceed without any delay;

(F) I freely and voluntarily waive the unconditional right to revoke my surrender of rights as it is my intent that my surrender of rights become final and irrevocable immediately upon my signing this waiver document;

(G) I have consulted an attorney of my choice before signing this waiver document;

(H) This waiver is in connection with a child born on \_\_\_\_\_ (birthdate of child) at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one];

(I) It has been at least 48 hours since the birth of the child;

(J) I have received a copy of this document; and

(K) I have not been subjected to any duress or undue pressure in the execution of this document and I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) (P.M.) [circle one].

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or alleged biological father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adult witness

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

The individual executing this document consulted me and I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this document is being executed knowingly and voluntarily.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State Bar number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State of licensure)'

(o) The affidavit regarding Native American heritage and military service authorized and required by subsection (k) of Code Sections 19-8-4, 19-8-6, and 19-8-7 and

subsection (o) of Code Section 19-8-5 shall conform substantially to the following form:

NOTICE TO BIOLOGICAL OR LEGAL FATHER:

This is an important legal document. Understand that you are providing this affidavit under oath and that if you knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit you will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE  
AND MILITARY SERVICE

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of affiant) who, after having been sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. That my name is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. That I am the (biological) (legal) [circle one] father of a (male) (female) (sex unknown) [circle one] child (born) (yet to be born) [circle one] in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, having been born in the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
4. That my social security number is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. That, to the best of my knowledge, I (am) (am not) [circle one] an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, (am) (am not) [circle one] a resident of an American Indian reservation, or (am) (am not) [circle one] an Alaskan native. If so:
  - (A) The name of my American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (B) My registration or identification number is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (C) The percentage of my American Indian blood is \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
6. That, to the best of my knowledge, a member of my family (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe, (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] a resident of an American Indian reservation, or (is or was) (is not or was not) [circle one] an Alaskan native. If so:
  - (A) The name of the American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (B) The percentage of my American Indian blood is \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
  - (C) My relatives with American Indian or Alaskan native blood are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (D) The name of the American Indian tribe is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (E) The name of each enrolled member is \_\_\_\_\_, and



his or her corresponding registration or identification number is \_\_\_\_\_.

7. That I (am) (am not) [circle one] on active duty in a branch of the United States armed forces. If so:

(A) The branch of my service is (Army) (Navy) (Marine) (Air Force) (Coast Guard) [circle one].

(B) My rank is \_\_\_\_\_.

(C) My duty station is \_\_\_\_\_.

(D) Additional information regarding my military service is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

8. That I have received or been promised the following financial assistance, either directly or indirectly, from whatever source, in connection with the birth of the child and the child's placement for adoption: \_\_\_\_\_.

9. That I recognize that if I knowingly and willfully make a false statement in this affidavit I will be guilty of the crime of false swearing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Biological or legal father)

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary public (SEAL)  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

19-8-27.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'birth relative' means:

(1) A parent, biological father who is not ~~the~~ a legal father, grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister who is related by blood or marriage to a child who is being adopted or who has been adopted; or

(2) A grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister who is related by adoption to a child who is being adopted or who has been adopted.

(b)(1) An adopting parent or parents and birth relatives or an adopting parent or parents, birth relatives, and a child who is 14 years of age or older who is being adopted or who has been adopted may voluntarily enter into a written postadoption contact agreement to permit continuing contact between such birth relatives and such child. A child who is 14 years of age or older shall be considered a party to a postadoption contact agreement.

(2) A postadoption contact agreement may provide for privileges regarding a child who is being adopted or who has been adopted, including, but not limited to, visitation with such child, contact with such child, sharing of information about such

child, or sharing of information about birth relatives.

(3) In order to be an enforceable postadoption contact agreement, such agreement shall be in writing and signed by all of the parties to such agreement acknowledging their consent to its terms and conditions.

(4) Enforcement, modification, or termination of a postadoption contact agreement shall be under the continuing jurisdiction of the court that granted the petition ~~of~~ for adoption; provided, however, that the parties to a postadoption contact agreement may expressly waive the right to enforce, modify, or terminate such agreement under this Code section.

(5) Any party to the postadoption contact agreement may, at any time, file the original postadoption contact agreement with the court that has or had jurisdiction over the adoption if such agreement provides for the court to enforce such agreement or such agreement is silent as to the issue of enforcement.

(c) A postadoption contact agreement shall contain the following warnings in at least 14 point boldface type:

(1) After the entry of a decree for adoption, an adoption cannot be set aside due to the failure of an adopting parent, a ~~birth~~ biological parent, a birth relative, or the child to follow the terms of this agreement or a later change to this agreement; and

(2) A disagreement between the parties or litigation brought to enforce, terminate, or modify this agreement shall not affect the validity of the adoption and shall not serve as a basis for orders affecting the custody of the child.

(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'parties' means the individuals who signed the postadoption contact agreement currently in effect, including the child if he or she is 14 years of age or older at the time of the action regarding such agreement, but such term shall exclude any third-party beneficiary to such agreement.

(2) A postadoption contact agreement may always be modified or terminated if the parties have voluntarily signed a written modified postadoption contact agreement or termination of a postadoption contact agreement. A modified postadoption contact agreement may be filed with the court if such agreement provides for the court to enforce such agreement or such agreement is silent as to the issue of enforcement.

(e) With respect to postadoption contact agreements that provide for court enforcement or termination or are silent as to such matters, any party, as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of this Code section, may file a petition to enforce or terminate such agreement with the court that granted the petition ~~of~~ for adoption, and the court shall enforce the terms of such agreement or terminate such agreement if such court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the enforcement or termination is necessary to serve the best interests of the child.

(f) With respect to postadoption contact agreements that provide for court modification or are silent as to modification, only the adopting parent or parents may file a petition seeking modification. Such petition shall be filed with the court that granted the petition ~~of~~ for adoption, and the court shall modify such agreement if such court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the modification is necessary to serve the best interests of the child and there has been a material change of circumstances since the

current postadoption contact agreement was executed.

(g) A court may require the party seeking modification, termination, or enforcement of a postadoption contact agreement to participate in mediation or other appropriate alternative dispute resolution.

(h) All reasonable costs and expenses of mediation, alternative dispute resolution, and litigation shall be borne by the party, other than the child, filing the action to enforce, modify, or terminate a postadoption contact agreement when no party has been found by the court as failing to comply with an existing postadoption contact agreement. Otherwise, a party, other than the child, found by the court as failing to comply without good cause with an existing postadoption contact agreement shall bear all the costs and expenses of mediation, alternative dispute resolution, and litigation of the other party.

(i) A court shall not set aside a decree of adoption, rescind a surrender of rights, or modify an order to terminate parental rights or any other prior court order because of the failure of an adoptive parent, a birth relative, or the child to comply with any or all of the original terms of, or subsequent modifications to, a postadoption contact agreement.

19-8-28.

When a child is an orphan, the petitioner shall not be required to have a guardian appointed for such child in order for a guardian to execute a surrender of rights. Such child shall be adoptable without a surrender of rights."

#### **SECTION 2-2.**

Code Section 15-11-320 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to termination of parental rights, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

"(d) The court shall transmit a copy of every final order terminating the parental rights of a parent to the ~~Office of Adoptions~~ State Adoption Unit of the department within 15 days of the filing of such order."

#### **SECTION 2-3.**

Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-852.1.

A local board of education that permits paternity or maternity time off for biological parents following the birth of a child shall, upon request, make such time off available for individuals adopting a child, in the same manner and utilizing the same type of leave. If the local board of education has established a policy providing time off for biological parents, that period of time shall be the minimum period of leave available for adoptive parents. Requests for additional leave due to the adoption of an ill child or a child with a disability shall be considered on the same basis as comparable cases of such complications accompanying the birth of such a child to an employee or employee's spouse. Any other benefits provided by the local board of education, such

as job guarantee or pay, shall be available to both adoptive and biological parents on an equal basis. A local board of education shall not penalize an employee for exercising the rights provided by this Code section. The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to an adoption by the spouse of a custodial parent."

**PART III**  
**SECTION 3-1.**

Part II of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018. This part and Part I of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 3-2.**

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

Senator Tillery of the 19th moved that the Senate agree to the House substitute to SB 130 as amended by the following amendments:

Amendment #1:

Amend SB 130/HCSFA by striking line 3,510 and inserting in its place "shall become effective on Octobre 1, 2017."

Amendment #1a:

Amendment 1 to SB 130/HCSFA by striking the word "Octobre" and replacing it with the word "Octobee".

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd raised a point of order objecting to the amendments as frivolous and requested a ruling of the Chair as to the objection.

The President ruled Amendment #1a frivolous.

Senator Unterman of the 45th moved that SB 130 be placed on the Table.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

N Albers	N Hill, H	N Orrock
Y Anderson, L	N Hill, Ja	N Parent
Y Anderson, T	Y Hufstetler	N Payne
N Beach	Y Jackson	N Rhett
Y Black	N James	Y Seay
N Brass	N Jeffares	Y Shafer
N Burke	N Jones, B	Y Sims

N Butler	Y Jones, E	N Stone
N Cowser	N Jones, H	E Tate
Y Davenport	N Kennedy	Y Thompson, B
N Dugan	Y Kirk	Y Thompson, C
Y Fort	Y Ligon	N Tillery
Y Ginn	Y Lucas	N Tippins
N Gooch	Y Martin	Y Unterman
Y Harbin	McKoon	N Walker
Y Harbison	N Millar	N Watson
N Harper	N Miller	N Wilkinson
Y Heath	N Mullis	N Williams
N Henson		

On the motion, the yeas were 22, nays 31; the motion lost, and SB 130 was not placed on the Table.

Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd moved that SB 130 be recommitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

On the motion the yeas were 27, nays 17; the motion prevailed, and SB 130 was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Reilly, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill of the House:

HB 196. By Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Stephens of the 164th, Hawkins of the 27th, Frye of the 118th, Reeves of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to provide an exemption for royalties paid to musical artists; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following committee report was read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Engrossing and Journals subcommittee has read and examined the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate as correct and ready for transmission to the Governor:

SB 13	SB 14	SB 15	SB 16
SB 18	SB 41	SB 46	SB 47
SB 52	SB 69	SB 70	SB 78
SB 85	SB 87	SB 88	SB 95
SB 96	SB 102	SB 103	SB 104
SB 106	SB 108	SB 109	SB 117
SB 121	SB 124	SB 125	SB 126
SB 128	SB 132	SB 133	SB 137
SB 141	SB 143	SB 147	SB 149
SB 153	SB 156	SB 160	SB 168
SB 169	SB 173	SB 174	SB 175
SB 176	SB 180	SB 183	SB 186
SB 193	SB 200	SB 201	SB 205
SB 206	SB 211	SB 219	SB 222
SB 226	SB 242	SB 250	SB 258
SB 265	SB 267	SB 271	SB 281
SB 284	SB 292	SR 95	SR 204
SR 228	SR 229		

Senator Cowsert of the 46th moved that the Senate adjourn sine die.

The motion prevailed, and the President announced the Senate adjourned at 12:54 a.m., Friday, March 31, 2017.